

The Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban

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Dove Shooting Ban Supporters Kick-Off Statewide Door-to-Door Campaign

*Members of Coalition of Five Thousand Volunteers Began Grassroots
Campaign Efforts Today in Traverse City*

The Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban **kicked-off its statewide door-to-door campaign in Northern Michigan today, Wednesday, July 26.** Members of a coalition of 5,000 volunteers knocked on doors in Traverse City, advocating a vote 'no' position on Proposal 2, the mourning dove referendum, in the November 7 election. The door-to-door campaign will move to Cadillac tomorrow, Thursday, July 27.

"The statewide door knocking campaign is a huge part of our grassroots efforts to restore the ban on mourning dove shooting in Michigan. We may be outspent by our opponents, but we expect our coalition to generate a significant amount of support in the field and be highly influential in our victory in November," said Julie Baker,

"Our volunteers will be responsible for delivering our main message across the state," said Baker. "There's just no good reason to shoot doves. Shooting mourning doves, Michigan's official bird of peace, does not reflect Michigan's values. Shooting mourning doves doesn't make sense, especially since they pose no danger to people or property, are not a viable food source, and are not overpopulated."

The Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban is a grassroots coalition of humane and conservation groups representing Michigan-based organizations that boasts thousands of Michigan residents, such as the Michigan Audubon Society, Michigan Humane Society, The Humane Society of the United States (which alone has 300,000 Michigan members), Michigan State Grange, and dozens of other sportsmen, farmers', religious and business groups. The Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban seeks to restore Michigan's 100-year ban on the shooting of mourning doves by urging Michigan voters to **vote 'no'** on the mourning dove referendum in the November 7, 2006 election. The group collected more than 275,000 petition signatures to place a referendum to stop the shooting of mourning doves on the November ballot.

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