

# The Committee to Keep Doves Protected

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## The Committee to Keep Doves Protected Kicks-Off Statewide Radio Campaign

### *Radio Ad Encourages Michigan Residents to Vote 'NO' on Proposal 3*

(LANSING)—The Committee to Keep Doves Protected launched its first radio advertisement on more than 50 stations in every region of the state on Monday encouraging Michigan residents to vote 'NO' on Proposal 3. The ad gives reasons that mourning doves should remain protected, including that doves are not overpopulated, not harmful to people or property, and are shot for target practice, not food. The ads also cite quotes reflecting the opinions of newspapers across the state that oppose shooting doves.

“The grassroots support we’ve received is very gratifying and has allowed us to launch our advertising campaign that urges Michigan residents to keep doves protected by voting ‘No’ on Proposal 3,” said Julie Baker, Director of The Committee to Keep Doves Protected. “Polls continue to show that a vast majority of Michigan residents want to keep doves protected. Proposal 3 is just about protecting doves and nothing else, regardless of what our opponent’s ads might say.”

If approved, Proposal 3 would take away Michigan’s 100 year tradition of protecting doves and create a new dove shooting season. A majority “No” vote on Proposal 3 will keep doves protected. Baker said the Committee to Keep Doves Protected expects dove shooting proponents to attempt to confuse the purpose of Proposal 3.

“Dove shooting proponents know that polls show them behind, so we expect their ads to attempt to confuse this issue, when Proposal 3 is simply a choice whether to keep doves protected or to shoot them for target practice. Our paid advertising reflects the real issue of Proposal 3 and communicates why there is no good reason to shoot doves,” said Baker.

The Committee to Keep Doves Protected has only one goal—to keep Michigan’s 100-year tradition of protecting mourning doves, Michigan’s Official Bird of Peace. The Committee to Keep Doves Protected respects Michigan’s hunting heritage and represents a broad-based grassroots coalition of agricultural, conservation, humane, faith-based and community organizations and thousands of Michigan citizens who want to continue the protection of mourning doves as a traditional backyard songbird.

There’s **NO** good reason to shoot mourning doves:

- Doves are **NOT** overpopulated.
- Doves are **NOT** harmful to humans, property or crops.
- Doves are **NOT** shot for food, as they have little meat on their tiny bodies.
- Shooting doves amounts to **NOTHING** more than live target practice.
- There are already 40 game bird species in Michigan and there’s **NO** reason to add doves.
- Michigan traditionally protected mourning doves since 1905, and there’s **NO** reason to change that now.

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