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Final Numbers Show “No on 3” Campaign Was Supported by Nearly 7,000 Michigan Citizens

*Overwhelming Grassroots Support Was Major Reason for
Proposal 3’s Resounding Defeat*

(LANSING)— The Committee to Keep Doves Protected, the official ballot committee of the Vote “No” on Proposal 3 campaign, announced that its post-election campaign finance report filed today shows it raised a total of \$2,275,712.49 for its campaign. The Committee received 7,170 contributions over the course of the campaign, 6,906, or 96%, of which were from individual Michigan citizens.

Other contributions came from Michigan organizations such as the Michigan Humane Society and Michigan Audubon Society, national organizations such as The Humane Society of the United States (which alone has 300,000 Michigan members), and Michigan businesses such as restaurants and veterinary clinics.

“This extraordinary number of contributions from Michigan residents illustrates overwhelming grassroots support for the effort to keep Michigan’s 100-year tradition of protecting doves,” said Julie Baker, Director of the Committee to Keep Doves Protected. “Our campaign was victorious because of our thousands of grassroots supporters across Michigan who made financial contributions and went door-to-door to tell their neighbors that there is no good reason to shoot doves.”

Despite a very heavy radio campaign and some television advertising in support of Proposal 3, the measure went down by a crushing vote of 69% to 31%, a margin of victory for the “No” side of more than 1.3 million votes. In all approximately 2.5 million voters rejected a new dove season. Michigan voters in every part of the state rejected dove shooting, as at least 55% of voters in every one of Michigan’s 83 counties voted No on Proposal 3.

The Committee to Keep Doves Protected 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, Michigan State Grange, and dozens of other sportsmen, farmers’, religious and business groups.

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