



Michigan League of Conservation Voters --- Government Affairs Director

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters is seeking a full-time Government Affairs Director to serve as our lead lobbyist, advocating for land, air and water issues and building strong alliances to pass stronger environmental laws. The Government Affairs Director will develop policy positions for the organization, lead on legislative and administrative strategy, and manage relationships with key actors including elected and agency officials, primarily at the state level.

The ideal candidate will be a sharp strategist with government affairs experience, a proven track record of results advocating for policy change, and a network of bi-partisan relationships to bring to the work. They will be motivated to work in a fast-paced, campaign-like environment and collaborate with a broader team to get big things done. They will be excellent at building relationships and consensus in order to deliver positive policy outcomes on land, air, water and public health issues impacting Michigan communities. This position is an opportunity to directly impact environmental policy in Michigan, build important relationships with decision makers, and serve as a resource for our staff and board, as well as state, regional, and national partners.

About the Michigan League of Conservation Voters

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters is a statewide political organization whose mission is to elect pro-conservation candidates to office and to hold all decision makers accountable for protecting Michigan's land, air and water. We work closely with elected officials, business leaders, partner organizations and advocates from across the state, and we have built a reputation as the most-effective non-partisan political voice for Michigan's natural resources.

Michigan LCV is an equal opportunity employer. We assure equal treatment in hiring selection, promotion, transfer, compensation, benefits, training, discipline and other personnel practices and terms or conditions of employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, height, weight, marital status, genetic testing status, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, gender status, or any other protected class established by all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances.

Job Responsibilities

The Government Affairs Director, who is based in Lansing and reports to the Deputy Director, is responsible for the following:

- Representing Michigan LCV in Lansing from start to finish in decision-making processes, by communicating our position on proposals, attending and participating in committee meetings and legislative session, consistently meeting with decision-makers, hosting events, and being present and available to current and potential allies,
- Identifying opportunities for progress and key defensive plays on policy proposals and creating effective education, lobbying, and accountability strategies that deliver winning outcomes,
- Proactively briefing and reporting back to staff, board, donors and other partners about opportunities to get involved in decision-making processes, so that our team has the information they need to make the biggest impact possible,
- Researching new and proposed policy solutions on deadline, in order to develop and clearly communicate Michigan LCV's position internally and externally,

- Actively expanding Michigan LCV's relationships on both sides of the aisle by hosting events for lawmakers, attending fundraisers, and setting a consistent calendar of one-on-one meetings,
- Serving as a resource to in-state, regional, and national partners and coalitions on environmental policy in Michigan -- our history, current lay of the land, and opportunities,
- Leading a team, including managing and directing the work of our Government Affairs Manager, as well as a multi-client lobbying firm,
- Work with our Political & Outreach Director to develop PAC strategies,
- Keeping a steady pulse on all relevant activity in Lansing on land, air and water issues by tracking weekly legislative schedules and communications from elected officials and partners, and serving as a resource for those asking for the latest updates, intel, and opportunities to get involved.

Qualifications

We are seeking candidates who are **sharp strategists and skilled communicators** who can **build strong alliances across lines of difference**, and who want to **collaborate with a team and serve as a resource** to a broader network of advocates for stronger environmental protections. You should have:

- A clear understanding of what it takes to impact policy decisions in Lansing and how to navigate decision-making processes from start to finish,
- A track record of results advocating for policy change,
- A network of relationships that lend themselves to being effective in this position,
- A commitment to and belief in putting issues above party and working across the aisle to better protect our land, air, water and communities,
- An approach to management that is results-oriented, positive and direct, and experience managing people and multiple projects at once,
- A demonstrated commitment to meeting high expectations and a history of getting things done in the face of obstacles,
- A consistent approach to new ideas with a sense of possibility and a can-do attitude,
- A belief that who we elect matters and that the protection of Michigan's land, air and water should be a political priority.

Benefits and Compensation

Michigan LCV offers a competitive compensation and benefits package that includes the following: health and dental coverage, long-term and short-term disability coverage, life insurance coverage, a retirement savings program, reimbursements for business-related travel, a generous paid time off policy, and a team of smart, funny and kind colleagues working together to deliver on a mission that really matters.

How to Apply

Please send your cover letter and resume to jobs@michiganlcv.org and include "Government Affairs Director" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but priority will be given to those received before **December 1, 2017**.