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## **Republicans for Environmental Protection Endorses Rick Snyder in Republican Gubernatorial Primary Race**

**STURGIS, MI** - The Michigan Chapter of Republicans for Environmental Protection (REP) today announced its endorsement of Rick Snyder for Governor. Mr. Snyder is undoubtedly the only candidate in the Republican gubernatorial primary with clear, commonsense solutions to Michigan's problems and a dedication to protecting the state's priceless natural resources.

"Rick Snyder stands well above the crowded field for the Republican nomination in both his desire to protect Michigan's natural treasures and create jobs for Michiganders," said chapter president Mark Neisler. "His policies on the environment are fully developed and informed by his experience as an entrepreneur and as a leader with The Nature Conservancy—it is easy to envision him picking up the mantle of William Milliken as Michigan's next great conservation leader."

REP's national president, Rob Sisson, former mayor of Sturgis, added, "Rick is the only candidate who has addressed the connection between Michigan's environment and its struggling economy. Our state's natural resources support thousands of Michigan small businesses in some of our most important industries including tourism, outdoor recreation, and agriculture. Protecting our natural resources strengthens our economy."

Sisson, who was Michigan's Small Business Advocate of the Year 2000, added, "Rick is a proven job creator, with tremendous experience. He, better than any candidate in this race, understands the importance of attracting new businesses to our state and creating jobs for Michiganders. Under a Governor Snyder, I'm confident we'll see accelerating interest in the Great Lake State from companies across the nation and around the world. At the same time, Rick will work to assure prosperity for future generations by being a good steward of Michigan's out-of-doors."

Republicans for Environmental Protection is a national grassroots organization dedicated to restoring the GOP's great conservation tradition. For more information, please visit [www.rep.org](http://www.rep.org).

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