

Levin Too Liberal For Michigan

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TAKING OUT FULL PAGE AD IN MICHIGAN PAPER, NEW GROUP HITS "TOO LIBERAL LEVIN" ON SENATE RECORD, INCLUDING STOPPING MARINE GENERAL'S REAPPOINTMENT. CITES "SECRET OHIO STATE FAN" ANALOGY

Battle Creek, MI – There is a new group accusing incumbent Michigan Senator Carl Levin of "abusing" his power as Senate Armed Services Chairman. They're accusing him of using his power to wage partisan battles against the best leaders in the military and weaken national security on key issues like missile defense and foreign intelligence operations. Erik Diana is chairman of a new group called **Levin Too Liberal For Michigan**. "Carl Levin cares more about being popular with leftwing pressure groups that have been dominating congress than he does about representing the people of Michigan."

"The liberal national media has given Carl Levin a free ride on his Washington record so he has never been held accountable. I worked with other young conservatives on this ad in order to get that Washington record out to the people of Michigan" said Diana.

"Our hope is the media here in Michigan media will do the job the Washington media refuses to do. Carl Levin should be questioned about his record. He has tried to please leftist-pressure groups by using the power of his chairmanship to attack military and civilian leaders. He's consistently voted the wrong way on national security. "

The ad demonstrates that Levin caters to leftist groups like MoveOn.org in order to conduct "partisan smears of those with tough responsibilities." It also proves how Levin was "playing politics with national security" by trying to thwart missile defense efforts and weakening intelligence agencies ability to do surveillance of foreign terrorists.

In addition, the ad exposes how Levin savaged the reappointment of General Peter Pace as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, even though General Pace is a great military leader and Vietnam hero. Carl Levin put his brand of partisan malice first and what was best for national security second. Other categories in the ad reveal how Levin blocked the appointment of Peter Flory, a well-qualified public servant nominated to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy and smeared Douglas Feith—the under secretary of Defense for Policy—a brave man who challenged CIA presumptions and tried to develop sound intelligence about terrorist threats to the United States.

Pentagon General Counsel William Haynes and David Addington were also on the hit list, all because they simply did the difficult job right after 9/11 of trying to advise the

military and intelligence services on how to legally and humanely interrogate terrorists with vital information about more 9/11-like attacks.

"All our charges are backed up by the Congressional Record and by accounts printed on the Wall Street Journal Editorial Page -- the one national news organization that has reported on Levin's smears and abuses."

"It is late for the people of Michigan to be getting this information. But, it's not too late! Another poster boy of the far left groups -- Congressman Jack Murtha -- is now in trouble with his constituents in Pennsylvania. That has happened only in the last week or two. If Senator Levin is forced to address his record he is going to have a major problem with his constituents."

"I think the facts presented here about Carl Levin's vendettas and weakening of the military will outrage all of Michigan veterans. All this is being done by the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. It's like finding out the head of alumni at the University of Michigan is secretly an Ohio State fan."

Diana said he chose the Sunday edition of the Battle Creek Enquirer for the initial foray against Levin. "There are plenty of political contests underway in the area and we are aiming directly at independent and Reagan Democrats."

The group will shortly put up a Levin Too Liberal website that will sponsor a quiz on details of Levin's record. It will also seek contributions to "put this ad in every paper in Michigan."

Diana said he was also hoping to do a statewide radio buy.

Erik Diana is a long-time resident of Michigan, recently graduating from Central Michigan University.

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