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Footage of farmer on drought-stricken farmland		
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<p>Video of Benishek on panel: (:12-:18) [Michigan 1st congressional district debate, 10/16/12]</p>	<p>“Well frankly I’m not sure how significant global warming is.” [sounds of booing]</p>	<p>Benishek: “[F]rankly I’m not sure how significant global warming is.” During a 2012 debate, Benishek was asked, “Is global warming a major threat to the Great Lakes?” He replied, in part: “Well frankly I’m not sure how significant global warming is. ... I spent a lot of time in the sciences and you know I’m not exactly sure what’s happening with the climate.” [Michigan 1st congressional district debate, 10/16/12]</p>
<p>Cut to quick flash through images of weather disasters</p>		
<p>[NASA, Climate Change: Consensus; NASA, 1/16/13]</p>	<p>ANNCR VO: NASA, the US Military and climate scientists <i>are</i> sure.</p>	<p>97 percent of scientists agree on climate change. According to NASA, “Ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree that climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities, and most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position.” [NASA, Climate Change: Consensus]</p> <p>US Military Agrees on Climate Change. From a Quadrennial Defense Review Report, “Climate change will affect DoD in two broad ways. First, climate change will shape the operating environment, roles, and missions that we undertake. The U.S. Global Change Research Program, composed of 13 federal agencies, reported in 2009 that climate-related changes are already being observed in every region of the world, including the United States and its coastal waters. Among these physical changes are increases in heavy downpours, rising temperature and sea level, rapidly retreating glaciers, thawing permafrost, lengthening growing seasons, lengthening ice-free seasons in the oceans and on lakes and rivers, earlier snowmelt, and alterations in river flows. [Quadrennial Defense Review]</p>

		<p>Report]</p> <p>NASA: Extreme weather is increasing due to climate change. NASA reported on its website, “Get ready for more extreme weather and increasingly serious impacts on health, the economy and the environment, courtesy global climate change. Temperatures, rainfall, droughts, high-intensity hurricanes and severe flooding events all are increasing and projected to continue as the world's climate warms, according to the National Climate Assessment. ... The report was presented last Friday to the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). By law, the group conducts a national assessment every four years for Congress and the president. The USGCRP is comprised of 13 federal agencies, including NASA.” [NASA, 1/16/13]</p> <p>NASA: Climate change “will lead to more frequent and larger fires.” According to NASA, “Thousands of wildfires large and small are underway at any given time across the globe. Beyond the obvious immediate health effects, this "biomass" burning is part of the equation for global warming. In northern latitudes, wildfires actually are a symptom of the Earth's warming. ... And research suggests that a hotter Earth resulting from global warming will lead to more frequent and larger fires.” [NASA, 9/24/10]</p>
<p>Cut to image of Benishek</p> <p>CG: Call Congressman Benishek. Tell him it’s time to act on climate change.</p> <p>Paid for by the League of Conservation Voters.</p>	<p>Tell Congressman Benishek it’s time to act on climate change.</p>	