

Carl Levin gets a standing ovation

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: Senator Carl Levin: News Release.

Carl Levin got a standing ovation here tonight.

Rightly so.

The speech is linked above.

This is a day about integrity. I think he has it.

I expect a pile of right-wing commethn for saying that. But here's a man who is willing to stand up against that and against abuse and say:

Taxes are the price we pay for civilization. Those who seek to avoid their tax obligations are not just free loaders, they are weakening that civilization. But if we take the right steps, together across the globe, we can finally end the scourge of offshore tax abuse.

Absolutely. I was one of those who stood.