

The Michigan Brief

News from the Office of Senator Debbie Stabenow

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Senator Stabenow's initiatives are focus of President's speech



In his State of the Union speech last night, President Obama highlighted many of the ideas long championed by Senator Stabenow. From his call for a trade enforcement office, to the resurgence of Michigan's auto companies, to the future of clean energy technology, Michigan was featured on nearly every page of the speech. "I was pleased to hear President Obama embrace so many of my initiatives," Stabenow said. "He is laser-focused on what matters to Michigan: protecting American innovation and creating new jobs to lead us into the future."

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Trade Enforcement Unit modeled after Stabenow bill

Senator Stabenow is the author of the American Competitiveness Plan, which would require the U.S. to get tough on countries that cheat on trade agreements and cost America jobs. Last night, President Obama proposed creating a trade enforcement

office, which Senator Stabenow called for in her bipartisan bill, to go after these countries that break international trade rules.

Making us a leader in advanced batteries and other clean energy sources

Senator Stabenow believes that for our economy to be “built to last,” we need to make things and grow things in America. President Obama celebrated Michigan’s emerging leadership in clean energy manufacturing last night. He highlighted a Michigan worker, Bryan Ritterby, who was able to find work at a wind turbine plant in Holland. The company, Energetx, used to build only luxury yachts, but thanks to a tax cut written by Senator Stabenow, they now build wind turbines. Bryan said, “I’m proud to be working in the industry of the future.” To capitalize on Michigan’s emerging clean energy economy, Senator Stabenow wrote the Battery Innovation Act, the first comprehensive plan for advanced battery technology. Thanks in part to these efforts, there are now more than 30 Michigan companies investing in advanced energy storage.

Stopping insider trading by members of Congress

President Obama called on Congress to pass the STOCK Act, which was introduced by Senator Stabenow in November to apply insider trading laws to Members of Congress. Members of Congress often have access to information that is not publicly known, and this bill would prevent them from making money off this information. President Obama said he would sign the bill as soon as it reached his desk.

Happy Birthday, Michigan!

Tomorrow marks the 175th anniversary of Michigan’s statehood. On January 26, 1837, President Andrew Jackson signed the law admitting Michigan to the Union as the 26th state. For 175 years, Michigan has been critical to America’s success, from the Civil War, to the Arsenal of Democracy, to the creation of the middle class. Today, Michigan’s economy is coming back, with a focus on clean energy and advanced technology. Last month, Michigan actually led the country in economic growth, pointing to a bright future for our great state!

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