

# The Michigan Brief

News from the Office of Senator Debbie Stabenow

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## Senate moves to final vote on Stabenow's bill to ban insider trading by Members of Congress



Legislation co-sponsored by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow to prohibit Members of Congress from engaging in insider trading cleared a key hurdle in the U.S. Senate by a wide margin, 93-2, setting the stage for final passage later this week. The Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act redefines insider trading to include knowledge gained from Congressional work and services and also creates transparency rules and reporting requirements. "This bill makes crystal clear that Members of Congress must not be exempt from laws everyone else has to follow," said Senator Stabenow.

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## Senator Stabenow hosts Michigan business leaders at national job creation roundtable

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Co-Chair of the bipartisan Senate Manufacturing Caucus, hosted Michigan business leaders today at a national job creation roundtable in Washington D.C. P.J. Thompson, President of Holland battery component manufacturer Trans-Matic, and Tim Bryan, Chairman and CEO of Detroit IT innovator

GalaxE.Solutions, were on hand to discuss what their companies are doing to create jobs and what national efforts are working to support businesses. “Michigan businesses and entrepreneurs are leading the nation in clean energy patents, advanced battery production, and other high-tech industries helping to transform our economy to create new jobs,” Senator Stabenow said. “It’s only fitting then that Michigan business leaders had a seat at today’s national roundtable on job creation.”

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### **Stabenow meets with Northern Michigan family farmers**

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, addressed the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference in Grayling on Saturday. Chairwoman Stabenow discussed the importance of Michigan’s small farms and what her priorities are for the next Farm Bill. “My top priority as Chair of the Agriculture Committee is to make sure that you can be successful so that agriculture keeps creating jobs in Michigan,” Stabenow said. Agriculture is Michigan’s second-largest industry, supporting for 1 out of 4 jobs in the state.

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### **Stabenow visits Traverse City for Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner**

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow joined the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce for its annual dinner on Friday. After speaking at a pre-dinner reception, Senator Stabenow talked to reporters about the future of Michigan agriculture and her efforts to strengthen this vital part of Michigan’s economy. Agriculture contributes more than \$71 billion to the economy every year. Senator Stabenow also discussed initiatives she has championed to cut taxes and red tape for Michigan small businesses, including the elimination of overly burdensome “1099” paperwork for small businesses.

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