

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing) 117th Congress

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Elected: Stabenow is serving her fourth six-year term in the Senate after being elected in November 2000. Her current term expires on Jan. 3, 2025.

Committee Appointments: Stabenow serves as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. She is a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee, serving on its Subcommittees on Health Care and on International Trade and Global Competitiveness. She serves on the Senate Budget Committee, and on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, including Subcommittees on National Parks and Energy.

Experience in Congress: Stabenow has represented Michigan in the Senate for 20 years. She serves as chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, and as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Great Lakes Task Force and the bipartisan Senate Manufacturing Caucus. Stabenow has secured significant expansions in nutrition assistance for families through her work on Farm Bill reauthorizations. Stabenow also wrote the Bring Jobs Home Act to disincentive manufacturing moving to other countries; wrote the mental health parity reforms in the Affordable Care Act; and has secured bipartisan support for funding for community mental health and addiction services as well as tax cuts for families.

Political experience: Stabenow was first elected to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners when she was 24 years old. She served for 12 years in the Michigan House of Representatives (1979-90) and four years in the State Senate (1991-94), sponsoring the creation of the Michigan Children's Trust Fund to prevent child abuse and neglect and contributing to the passage of Proposal A school funding reform. Two years later, she was elected to serve Michigan's 8th Congressional District. In 2000, she became the first woman from Michigan elected to the United States Senate.

Biography: Stabenow was born and raised in Gladwin and Clare, graduating from Clare High School and receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University. She worked with youth before running for public office. Stabenow is a married mother of two adult children and a grandmother of five.

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