



U.S. SENATOR


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Road to Energy Independence


Senator Stabenow has authored a six point agenda to promote energy independence, lower gas prices and create jobs in Michigan:


 **Increasing the Use of Alternative Fuels.** Senator Stabenow fought for the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) included in the Energy Bill, which became law in August 2005. The RFS requires the use of 7.5 billion gallons of biofuels (made from crops like corn, soybeans and sugar) by 2012. In addition to decreasing our dependence on foreign oil, the RFS will create over 200,000 jobs nationwide and add \$200 billion to the U.S. economy.

 **Investing in the Future of U.S. Auto Manufacturing.** Senator Stabenow has co-authored S. 2829, the **Clean EDGE Act** which gives manufacturers a 35% tax credit to retool their plants to produce advanced technology vehicles and a \$150 tax credit for each flex-fuel vehicle they produce. The bill also provides advanced technology training programs to train workers for the next generation of manufacturing jobs.

 **Supporting Small Ethanol Producers and Farmers.** The Energy Bill also included tax credits to support small ethanol producers and farmers with biofuel production. The **Clean EDGE Act** extends these tax credits through 2014. As a result of these incentives, Michigan will have five ethanol plants running by the end of this year, refining 279 million gallons of corn-based ethanol and creating hundreds of new jobs.

 **Adding More Alternative Fuel Pumps at Michigan's Gas Stations.** Currently, there are only 12 gas stations in Michigan that sell ethanol. The **Clean EDGE Act** requires oil companies to have alternative fuel pumps at 50% of their stations by 2010 and 100% by 2015. The bill also gives a tax credit to gas stations to help offset the cost of adding the new pumps.

 **Creating a Market for Alternative Fuel and Hybrid Vehicles.** Senator Stabenow was an early champion for the consumer tax credits for hybrid and alternative fuel cars that became law in August 2005. These tax credits were an important first step in creating a new market and making these vehicles more affordable for consumers. The **Clean EDGE Act** doubles the amount of the consumer tax credits and requires the federal government to purchase more alternative fuel vehicles. The bill also requires 25% of all vehicles sold in the U.S. to be alternative fuel vehicles by 2010 and 50% by 2020.

 **Providing Families with Immediate Relief from High Gas Prices.** Senator Stabenow has authored S. 2636, the **Oil Company Accountability Act** to give families a one-time tax rebate of \$500 to help pay for high energy costs. The \$500 rebate is paid for by eliminating billions in tax giveaways to oil companies.