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Stabenow has earned another term in D.C.

While it is critical to support our troops and to find a way to win in Iraq, it's important to remember that the original case for the invasion was seriously flawed.

U.S. Sen. **DEBBIE STABENOW**, D-Lansing, was one of the few in Washington, D.C., to see that. Although she's steadfastly supported the troops since the war started, she was one of the minority to vote against the war because, as she put it recently to our editorial board, the evidence from Team Bush just wasn't there.

That alone is enough reason to endorse Stabenow in her bid Nov. 7 for a second term in the U.S. Senate. Republicans in Washington have largely shown that they are unwilling to provide the appropriate check on the executive power. They leave a legislative vacuum for senators such as Stabenow.

Her Republican opponent, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, provides no compelling reason to promote him or to fire Stabenow.

His claim that she has only authored one law is a blatant attempt to misrepresent the reality of the U.S. Senate, where freshmen senators of the minority party rarely sponsor legislation. When a politician has to use deception as his major strength, there is reason to be wary.

Stabenow is hard-working, well-versed and able to work with senators of both parties. She is an advocate for the working middle-class and her voice needs to be heard in Washington.
