

Just the Facts, Mike – “Changing Washington”

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Ad	Facts
<p>Bouchard: 289,000. That’s how many jobs we’ve lost since Debbie Stabenow took office. What’s she done about it? Voted for trillions in higher taxes ...</p>	<p><u>FACT: Mike Bouchard Is Another Vote For The Bush Administrations Economic Policies.</u></p> <p>“Still, Bouchard has not proven he would do a better job in the Senate than Stabenow. His campaign has focused too heavily on the aforementioned "law and order" issues, <i>and the outline of his economic policies sounds like it was copied from the national Republican Party's Web site.</i> (emphasis added)” [“Stabenow Deserves return To Senate,” Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 10/12/06; accessed at http://www.hometownlife.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061012/OPINION01/610120720&SearchID=73259656023156]</p> <p><u>FACT: The Bush Administration Policies Have Turned Record Surplus Into Record Deficit And Debt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Republican-controlled Congress Has Turned a 10-year \$5.6 Billion Surplus Into \$3.2 Trillion Deficit. [Analysis of the President’s Budget, 3/20/06]➤ Amount of US Debt Increased by 120 Percent Since Bush Took Office, to \$2.2 Trillion in January of 2006. [Treasury Department, 3/15/06]➤ Federal Debt Limit Increased by 53 Percent Since Bush Took Office, To \$8.6 Trillion At the End of 2006. [Bureau of the Public Debt, 3/15/06; Analysis of the President’s Budget, 3/15/06]

<p><u>Bouchard:</u> voted to give social security to illegal immigrants.</p>	<p><u>FACT: Senator Stabenow Does Not Support Social Security for Illegal Immigrants.</u> Senator Stabenow has never voted to give Social Security to illegal immigrants. Mike Bouchard is trying to score political points by intentionally misrepresenting her vote on an amendment to the 2006 Immigration bill. This myth has been refuted by the non-partisan political watchdog group FactCheck.org, which singles out Bouchard’s ad as an example of this fallacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “In Michigan, the National Republican Senate Committee and Republican challenger Mike Bouchard released an ad on the Sept. 29 saying of incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow, "while Michigan was losing jobs, she was fighting to give Social Security benefits to illegal immigrants." The charge misrepresents an amendment proposed during consideration of the Comprehensive Immigration Act that the Senate approved last spring.” [“Republican Campaign Theme Debunked: Social Security for Illegal Immigrants,” www.factcheck.org, posted 10/10/06] <p>Senators John McCain and Sam Brownback have campaigned in Michigan for Mike Bouchard. Both of them also voted the same way as Senator Stabenow on this amendment. Does Mike Bouchard really believe that John McCain and Sam Brownback are fighting to give Social Security to illegal immigrants? [S. 2611, vote # 130, 5/18/06]</p>
<p><u>Bouchard:</u> And a trash deal with Canada that just stinks.</p>	<p><u>FACT: Senator Stabenow Delivered Real Results on Canadian Trash.</u> “Although highly unusual, Stabenow did show imagination and initiative when she negotiated directly with the Ontario government to stop residential trash exports to Michigan landfills. It was the first movement in years on this stalled international issue.” [“Democrat Stabenow for a Second Term in the US Senate,” Bay City Times Editorial, 10/12/06; accessed at http://www.mlive.com/news/bctimes/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1160666188155520.xml&coll=4]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "Finally, Michigan residents are seeing some real progress toward curtailing imported Canadian trash..." "Many Michigan residents are rejoicing. That's especially so for those living on the route that sees hundreds of Canadian trash trucks rolling by daily on their way to Carleton Farms landfill in southern Wayne County..." "...The negotiated approach looks like it has a much better chance of working than the U.S. House bill." [Monroe Evening News, 9/10/06] ➤ “The Stabenow-Levin deal is a good step, worked out in cooperation with a longtime friendly government.” [Detroit Free Press, 9/1/06] ➤ “Nevertheless, the initiative and creativity of Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin are the first of several efforts in Washington, D.C., and Lansing over the past few years that seem guaranteed to cut the amount Ontario dumps in the state's landfills, including two in Genesee County.” [Flint

Journal, 9/3/06]

Just The Facts, Mike: Mike Bouchard And The GOP Have Based Their Entire Campaign On Negative Attacks And Distortions Of Senator Stabenow's Record:

Mike Bouchard's Attacks:

- **Over \$1 million dollars in misleading negative advertising that distorts Senator Stabenow's record while saying nothing about Michael Bouchard**
[Accessed at http://migop.blogs.com/blog/2006/09/nrsc_ad_attacks.html, 10/9/06]
- **73 negative press releases that are direct, misleading attacks on Senator Stabenow.**
[Accessed at <http://mikeformichigan.com/2/?cat=18>, 10/21/06]
- **11 web videos and ads produced by the Bouchard staff featuring misleading and negative attacks on Senator Stabenow.**
[Accessed at <http://mikeformichigan.com/2/?cat=20>, 10/21/06]

Michigan GOP Attacks:

- **63 negative press releases issued by Saul Anuzis and the Michigan GOP since November 24, 2004.**
[Accessed at <http://www.migop.org/pressreleases/articlelist.ASP?strWhom=all>, 10/21/06]
- **16 talking point memos offering nothing but negative attacks on Senator Stabenow.**
[Accessed at http://www.migop.org/talking_points.asp, 10/17/06]
- **1 Negative web ad attacking Senator Stabenow on a myriad of issues.**
[MI GOP Press Release 3/23/06]

National Republican Senatorial Committee Attacks:

- **115 misleading negative press releases the National Republican Senatorial Committee have issued attacking Senator Debbie Stabenow since March 1, 2005.**
[Accessed at www.nrsc.org, 10/17/06]
- **4 interactive websites developed and launched by the NRSC attacking Senator Stabenow.**
[Accessed at www.nrsc.org, 10/17/06]

Bouchard: Now she's falsely attacking me.

Bouchard: Maybe that's all she can do. But we can do better. I'm Mike Bouchard and I approve this message, because fixing Michigan starts with changing Washington.

FACT: Stabenow Is Fighting For Michigan Families.

Stabenow's Jobs Agenda. Stabenow led efforts to stop the exporting of American jobs overseas, create new high-paying jobs and invest in the future of Michigan's economy. Her six-point job creation agenda includes:

- Rewarding companies for creating jobs in US by passing Stabenow MORE JOBS NOW bipartisan amendment in July 2004 and closing tax loopholes that gives companies incentives to export jobs.
- Lowering health care costs by creating public/private partnerships to fund health care, co-authoring legislation to help health care providers invest in information technology, and allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug costs.
- Creating a level playing field for American manufacturers and workers by establishing a chief trade prosecutor to enforce trade laws, working to enforce international trade rules against currency manipulation, and stopping counterfeit auto parts and manufactured goods.
- Creating good paying jobs in Michigan through passage of transportation bill, repeal of monopoly of Federal prison industries, and bringing resources to Michigan communities.
- Protecting workers' pensions by fighting for pension reform bill and strengthening multi-employer pension funds.
- Promoting research and innovation by restoring funding for manufacturing technology and research programs and supporting funding for adult job training and dislocated worker training program. [[United States Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan](#)]