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## **Stabenow Endorsed by National Association of Police Officers**

**Lansing** – U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow today announced her endorsement by the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), which represents more than 2,000 police unions and associations, 238,000 sworn law enforcement officers, and 11,000 retired officers.

“Supporting law enforcement agencies and our first responders has been a top priority of mine in the U.S. Senate, and I am honored to receive the support of the National Association of Police Organizations,” said Stabenow. “I have led the charge in the Senate to fully implement the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission, particularly for reliable, compatible communications equipment. I will continue to fight until all our men and women on the front lines have the equipment they need.”

“On behalf of NAPO, representing 238,000 rank-and-file police officers from across the United States, I am very pleased to formally announce NAPO’s endorsement of Senator Stabenow’s re-election campaign for the United States Senate,” said William Johnson, NAPO Executive Director. “NAPO is pleased to support Senator Stabenow’s campaign and is confident of her continued support of America’s law enforcement in Washington, D.C.”

Senator Stabenow has fought against the President’s budget cuts to the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program and the Byrne grant program, both critical programs for Michigan law enforcement. COPS grants have paid for more than 3,500 additional police officers and school resource officers throughout Michigan. Byrne grants are used to support 21 drug task forces in Michigan, made up of police officers, prosecutors, and lab technicians, and to combat the Meth problem in our communities. In 2004 alone, these Michigan drug task forces rescued 423 children from drug houses and arrested 659 major drug traffickers.

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