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## **Stabenow for Senate Releases New Television Ad Ad Highlights Stabenow Results on Stopping Canadian Trash**

**Lansing**—The Stabenow for Senate campaign today unveiled their sixth television ad, entitled “Results.” The ad provides a clear contrast between Debbie Stabenow’s record of delivering results in the fight to stop Canadian trash and Mike Bouchard’s ten year record of keeping the trash flowing, taking campaign funds from trash company executives and even opposing Senator Stabenow’s successful effort to stop 2.78 million metric tons of trash from coming into Michigan over the next four years. To view “Results,” visit <http://www.stabenowforsenate.com/results>

### **Results:**

*Narrator*

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“Debbie Stabenow led the fight to stop the trash— with fees, inspections, and a tough new deal – that Bouchard opposed.

*Senator Stabenow*

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“The Congress could act - it hasn’t.

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“And I won’t stop until all the trash stops.

“I’m Debbie Stabenow and I approve this message.”

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Senator Stabenow recently brokered an agreement under which Ontario will completely halt the dumping of their municipally controlled waste in Michigan over the next four years. The agreement came on the heels of the passage of the Stabenow amendment that would have put a \$420 inspection fee on trash trucks entering Michigan from Canada, a move that would have cost the Canadians \$150,000 a day and that finally forced the Canadians into serious discussions on the issue. The city of Toronto has already taken concrete steps to implement the deal, recently announcing the purchase of a landfill to handle the trash they currently ship to Michigan.

“After years of inaction by President Bush and stalling by the Republican leadership in Congress, finally Michigan has a deal in place to help stop the flow of Canadian trash across our border. Senator Stabenow is proud of her record of results when it comes to fighting Canadian trash,” said Stabenow Spokesman Brent Colburn. “We can only assume Mike Bouchard is equally as proud of his vote to keep Canadian trash coming into Michigan.”

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<p><b>Narrator:</b> Canadian trash...In the legislature Mike Bouchard was the deciding vote that kept the trash coming</p>	<p><b><u>FACT: Bouchard Was The Deciding Vote On Allowing Canadian &amp; Out of State Trash to Be Hauled To Michigan, Even If Companies Transporting Trash Didn't Meet State Environmental Standards.</u></b> As a state Senator, Mike Bouchard was the deciding vote on a bill that allowed private companies to haul foreign trash into Michigan, even if they didn't meet state environmental standards. Since that vote, the amount of Canadian trash coming into Michigan has increased by 374 percent. [SB 941, DeBeaussaert amendment, Roll Call #470, 5/28/96; DEQ Solid Waste Report, FY96 and FY05]</p>
<p><b>Narrator:</b> Then took thousands from trash companies.</p>	<p><b><u>FACT: Bouchard Is Supported By Waste Companies That Profit From Bringing Trash Into State.</u></b> The owners of the same waste disposal companies that profit by bringing this trash into Michigan have given over \$12,000 to Bouchard over the past year. [Donations from Anthony Soave, 12/5/05; Donation From Darlene Soave 12/19/05, Donation From Michael Ferrantino 12/16/05; <a href="http://www.tray.com">www.tray.com</a> accessed 8/17/06]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Waste Company Executives Sit on Bouchard's Finance Committee.</b> Michael Ferrantino, CEO of the waste management company EQ, and Anthony Soave, head of Soave Enterprises and former owner of City Management, are both members of Bouchard's Finance Committee. [Press Release, Bouchard for Senate, 12/6/05]</li> </ul> <p><b>Waste Management Companies Gave Almost \$400,000 To GOP Campaign Committees During Bouchard's Time in State Legislature.</b> During Bouchard's time in the Michigan State Legislature (1990-1999), the Michigan GOP received \$300,000 in donations from waste management company employees or the company PACs. While he served as a Senator, (1991-1999), the MI GOP Senate Campaign Committee received \$71,890 in campaign donations. [<a href="http://www.followthemoney.org">www.followthemoney.org</a>; accessed 8/06]</p>
<p><b>Narrator:</b> Debbie Stabenow led the fight to stop the trash–</p> <p>With fees - inspections –</p>	<p><b><u>FACT: Senator Stabenow's Amendment Put High-Tech Inspection Equipment at the Border.</u></b> Senator Stabenow successfully authored legislation requiring that high-tech equipment be used to search Canadian trash trucks crossing Michigan's borders. Since May of 2003, this new law has resulted in trash trucks being regularly turned away at our border for carrying radioactive material, dangerous medical waste and record quantities of illegal drugs [P.L. 108-11, signed 4/16/03]</p>

- “Canadian trash shipments bound for Michigan are setting off recently installed radiation detectors at the Blue Water Bridge, resulting in two to three truckloads a week getting sent back to Ontario, U.S. Customs officials say. Radioactive medical waste inside the trash has been triggering the detectors that were activated in June in Port Huron as an anti-terrorism measure, said Kevin weeks, director of field operations for U.S. Customs in Michigan.” [Lansing State Journal, 9/8/03]

**FACT: Senator Stabenow Passed an Amendment to Put a \$420 Inspection Fee on Canadian Trash Trucks Crossing the Border.** Senator Stabenow led the Senate to unanimously pass an amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill to impose a \$420 inspection fee on Canadian trash trucks trying to cross our borders and dump their garbage in states like Michigan. [SA 4657, passed 7/13/06; AP, 7/14/06]

**FACT: Senator Stabenow Led a Recent Effort to Stop Municipally-Controlled Solid Waste from Ontario** Senator Stabenow, along with Senator Carl Levin, recently negotiated an agreement with Ontario officials to stop shipments of municipally controlled solid waste into Michigan over the next four years. Under the terms of the Stabenow-Levin agreement, there will be an immediate 20 percent reduction of municipally controlled solid waste within the first year, a 40 percent reduction within two years and a complete end to these shipments within four years. This represents the largest, most concrete victory yet in the battle to stop Canadian trash flowing into Michigan. [Port Huron Times-Herald, 9/5/04; AP, 8/31/06; Detroit News, 9/1/06]

- “The agreement with **Ontario's** Ministry of the Environment would phase out shipments of municipal **trash**, representing a reduction in out-of-state garbage and the trucks that carry it. Residents have long complained the **trash** trucks and waste clogs roadways and landfill space while raising health and safety concerns along the border.” [AP, 8/31/06]
- “Cities in **Ontario** will stop sending their residential solid waste to Michigan landfills before the end of the decade under an agreement announced Aug. 31 between the provincial government and Michigan's two U.S. senators. In addition, cross-border residential waste shipments will decrease by 20 percent by 2007 and drop another 20 percent by the end of 2008.” [Waste News, 9/11/06]
- “The deal will stop 2.78 million metric tons of Canadian municipal **trash** over the four years that otherwise would have been dumped in Michigan landfills.” [Detroit News, 9/1/06]

**FACT: Senator Stabenow’s Negotiations With Canada Have Been Widely Praised.** "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.

**Narrator:** And a tough new deal –

	<p>House bill." [Editorial, Monroe Evening News, 9/10/06]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The Stabenow-Levin deal is a good step, worked out in cooperation with a longtime friendly government.” [Editorial, Detroit Free Press, 9/1/06]</li> <li>• “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.” [Editorial, Flint Journal, 9/3/06]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Narrator:</b> That Bouchard <i>opposed</i>.</p>	<p><b><u>FACT: Mike Bouchard Has Consistently Spoken Out Against the Stabenow Agreement That Will Keep Trash Out Of Michigan.</u></b> Instead of considering what is best for Michigan, Mike Bouchard has consistently criticized a deal that will keep 2.78 million metric tons of Canadian municipal trash out of Michigan over the next four years and permanently stop the flow of municipally controled waste from Ontario. [AP, 9/3/06; Detroit Free Press, 9/2/06; Detroit News, 9/1/06]</p>
<p><b>Senator Stabenow:</b> The president could stop the trash - he won't</p>	<p><b><u>FACT: Under a 1986 Treaty the President Could Stop the Trash TODAY, and Senator Stabenow Has Called Upon The Bush Administration To Enforce Our Treaty and Stop Canadian Trash.</u></b> “Stabenow called on the Bush administration to start enforcing a 1986 treaty with Canada that allows the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to shut down the garbage shipments. Ontario shipped approximately 3.2 million tons of trash, using 100,000 trucks, into Michigan in 2005.” [“Canadian Trash Trucks Pose Terrorist Threat,” Faith Bremner, Gannett News, 3/2/06]</p>
<p><b>Senator Stabenow:</b> The Congress could act - it hasn't.</p>	<p><b><u>FACT: The Republican-Controlled Congress Has Allowed Several Bills To Stop Canadian Trash Die in Committee.</u></b> In 2003, Senator Stabenow sponsored a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit the importation of Canadian municipal solid waste without State consent. This bill was left to die in committee. [S.383, introduced 2/12/2003]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Stabenow co-sponsored a bill that would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain authorities relating to the importation of municipal solid waste under the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada. This bill died in committee. [S. 199, introduced 1/21/03]</li> </ul> <p><b><u>FACT: The Canadian Trash Bill In The Republican-Controlled House Languished For 14 Months And Was Not Guaranteed A Vote.</u></b> “Rogers' bill has languished in the House for more than a year. There also is no guarantee it will pass. As important as this legislation is to Michigan, where about 350 trucks a day haul Canadian garbage into the state, other states don't want to see their ability to export trash restricted. Given these circumstances, Stabenow, Levin and Dingell did what they</p>

could to bring Michigan some measure of relief.” [“Our View: Lawmakers’ deal slows trash influx,” Port Huron Times Herald, 9/1/06]

- “Hopping on the suddenly popular anti-Canadian-trash bandwagon, the U.S. House passed a bill Wednesday that could allow Michigan and other states to keep more foreign garbage out. The bill moves to the Senate, where a companion bill has languished for months. With fewer than four weeks left before Congress adjourns for the Nov. 7 election, there may not be enough time. If the bill doesn't pass the Senate this year, it dies. It also would need President George W. Bush's signature.” [“House OK's Bill To Stop Trash; Senate Urged To Take Quick Action,” Tina Lam, Detroit Free Press, 9/7/06]
- “The bill passed a House committee 14 months ago and hadn't won a full House vote until now.” [“House OK's Bill To Stop Trash; Senate Urged To Take Quick Action,” Tina Lam, Detroit Free Press, 9/7/06]

**FACT: The Republican-Controlled Senate Had No Intention Of Moving Forward On A Canadian Trash Bill.** “After Wednesday's House vote, Levin noted that he and Stabenow introduced a Senate bill in June 2005 similar to the House measure. ‘The Senate bill has been buried in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for over a year without so much as a hearing,’ he said. A spokesman for the committee told a Washington newspaper this week that the committee *does not plan to hold hearings on the bill.*” [Detroit Free Press, 9/7/06]

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