

# The Truth About Debbie Stabenow



## She supports the Bush war agenda

Stabenow makes much of her vote against the resolution authorizing the Iraq War in 2003, but voted for every authorization to fund it since then – 7 times!

June of 2006: voted AGAINST an amendment (4422) requiring the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq by July 2007. Later that same day, for political cover, voted for a NON-BINDING amendment (4320) “urging” President Bush to withdraw the troops, with no deadline.

September 2006: voted in favor of broadening the definition of “enemy combatants,” suspending the writ of habeas corpus, the right to an attorney and the right to trial by jury - in fact, the right to any public trial at all - instead authorizing military commissions. The Military Commissions Act (S.3930) also grants Bush and his cronies immunity from domestic prosecution for war crimes.



## She is beholden to special interests

This year, Stabenow managed to raise \$7.5 million, more than a million of it coming from business PACs. (Political Action Committees) Nearly another million came from the combined interests of real estate, business, investment and banking industries. (her son, Todd, is a banking lobbyist) Another of her patrons is the Zionist lobby. Only two U.S. Senators have received more money from pro-Israeli interests in 2006. Also of note is her percentage of campaign funds (45%) from out of state, ninth-highest of all U.S. Senate candidates.

## She votes against working people, civil rights and public safety

March, 2005: for a bill (S.256) making it harder for people to get a fresh start by declaring bankruptcy, despite the lack of exceptions in that bill for those who face divorce, disease, job loss and other crises.

March, 2005: the Senate passed a bill (S.686) to shamelessly intervene in the private affairs of the family of Terry Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged Florida woman whose case gained national media attention. Stabenow failed to show up to stop this abuse of federal power.

July, 2005: for (HR 6), to give away \$14.5 billion in public money to oil & gas companies under the pretense of encouraging research & development. In July 2005 Exxon-Mobil reported near-record profits of \$7.6 billion. Total oil industry profits from 2002 to July 2005 were \$125 billion.

February, 2006: in favor of a measure (S.852) barring ALL civil lawsuits brought by victims of asbestos exposure and allowing only employment-related claims through an administrative process stacked in favor of violators.

March, 2006: to re-authorize the notorious PATRIOT Act. (HR 3199) Though she voted against an earlier renewal attempt, after a few procedural fights resulted in a handful of cosmetic changes, the act was largely intact when she voted for it.

June, 2006: against freedom of speech and in favor of a constitutional amendment (SJ RES 12) that bars physical desecration of the U.S. flag, and the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act (S.193), increasing penalties for transmission of “obscene, indecent and profane” language.

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