

Stabenow Clean Energy Partnerships Act

Working with other senators from key manufacturing and agricultural states, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow has introduced the Clean Energy Partnerships Act. The bill makes America's manufacturers and agriculture part of the solution in the debate over clean energy. It will create partnerships among manufacturing, utilities, agriculture, and forestry to reduce costs now, creating a bridge to a clean energy economy tomorrow. The bill seizes the opportunity in this clean energy debate not only to protect the environment, but to create jobs and revitalize our economy.

The legislation "offsets" our use of fossil fuels by investing in practices like sustainable agriculture and forestry projects that capture and store carbon. It will encourage and reward conservation efforts by farmers and landowners while at the same time helping manufacturers make investments in advanced technology here at home.

Senator Stabenow serves on the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee as well as the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Support

The Clean Energy Partnerships Act is co-sponsored by Senators Max Baucus (D-MT), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Tom Harkin (D-IA), Mark Begich (D-AK) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH). The legislation has the broad support of organizations and leaders in manufacturing, business, agriculture, forestry, and conservation.

Summary:

This legislation creates incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for manufacturing and agriculture. It does this through the following initiatives:

- A voluntary, domestic emission-reductions program to earn carbon credits
- A carbon conservation program to achieve additional emission reductions while protecting land and water resources.
- Expanded funding for rural energy and bioenergy initiatives
- Investments in agriculture and forestry research to reduce greenhouse gasses