



Senate set to vote on Stabenow's Bring Jobs Home Act

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DETROIT, MI- The U.S. Senate is scheduled to vote on Sen. Debbie Stabenow's [Bring Jobs Home Act](#) tomorrow morning, according to officials.

The Democratic senator from [Michigan](#) said she hopes for bipartisan support for the bill, but there are no guarantees – particularly in an election year.

"We are working very hard to reach across aisles to get our colleagues (Republicans) to support this effort," [Stabenow](#) said during a media conference call Wednesday afternoon. "For the life of me, I don't understand how anybody could oppose this."

The "Bring Jobs Home Act," which is [No. 1 on President Barack Obama's "to do" list](#), would pay American companies for businesses costs – and provide a 20 percent credit on expenses – when they close operations abroad and bring work back to the U.S. It would also close a "loophole" that allows employers to obtain a tax credit when shutting down operations here and shipping jobs overseas.



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U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow discuss the Bring Jobs Home Act at GalaxE.Solutions' office at 1001 Woodward Ave. in Detroit with the company's CEO Tim Bryan (right) on May 2.

Matt Friendewey, [Michigan Republican Party](#) communications director, said some have raised concerns about how the bill would affect international companies headquartered in the U.S., such as the [Detroit Three](#) automakers.

"The lifeblood of Michigan is routed in global companies like Ford, Chrysler, GM – companies that have to operate internationally," he told [MLive.com](#). "Companies like that could be hurt by this bill because they have to operate in foreign companies in order to compete globally."



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With the once shimmering Port of Detroit in the background, more than 100 union members and protesters rallied in Detroit Tuesday to support U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow's Bring Jobs Home Act.

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Stabenow didn't say how many jobs could be created. She was on the conference call with [GalaxE.Solutions](#) CEO Tim Bryan, whose New Jersey-based IT company opened a development center in downtown Detroit in 2010, and [United Auto Workers](#) Region 1A Director Rory Gamble.

"The Bring Jobs Home Act is essential for the final renaissance of the American manufacturing workforce in Michigan and the United States," Gamble said.

Stabenow [introduced the bill in May with Bryan at GalaxE.Solutions' office](#) in downtown Detroit. She said the

company is a perfect example of what can be done by bringing jobs back from overseas.

Bryan has led efforts to bring IT jobs to Detroit with the company's "[Outsource to Detroit](#)" campaign that looks to bring jobs back from overseas to the U.S.

Officials on the call said the election should not play into passing the proposed legislation.

"The timing of this has nothing to do with an election," said Bryan, adding the act makes sense from a business standpoint. "This is going on based on business cycles and the fact of the matter is this is the right time to be focusing on understanding what we can be doing as a country to bring jobs back to the United States."

Frendewey said the bill seems "to be more of a political stunt than a serious policy."

"If she's serious about helping job creators, she needs to repeal Obamacare," he said.

Stabenow and Gamble echoed Bryan's comments about the scheduled vote tomorrow.

"It shouldn't make any difference," Stabenow said. "Jobs are going overseas. We need jobs now!"

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