

Congresswoman Haley Stevens

118th Congress

2024

YEAR IN REVIEW



FROM CONGRESSWOMAN HALEY STEVENS



Dear Friend,

It was another consequential year for Michigan's 11th Congressional District. We welcomed home our community member, Paul Whelan, after more than 2,000 days of wrongful detention in Russia, my team and I brought nearly \$14 million in congressionally-directed funding to our communities, and I introduced 31 pieces of legislation to make America more affordable, competitive, secure, and just. It has been the privilege of my lifetime to do this work on behalf of the amazing people of our beloved Oakland County, MI.

I carried on my Manufacturing Monday program visiting 19 shop floors of all different sizes, from mom and pop small businesses to international companies with a presence in Oakland County. It was amazing to see the continuing tradition of innovative manufacturing excellence that allows us to keep the world on wheels. With more than 200 unique visits under my belt since becoming your Congresswoman in 2019, I will continue to visit our amazing manufacturers across the District in 2025.

I also continued my work with the Congressional Hostage Task Force. Watching on CNN like so many of you as the aircraft carrying Paul Whelan touched down at Andrews Air Force base will always stand out as one of the monumental moments of my time in the Congress. In honor of Paul and the dozens of other Americans detained, we marked the first annual U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day on March 9th with the newly designated official flag flying over the Capitol and the White House. Made possible by my legislation President Biden signed into law as part of the FY2024 National Defense Authorization Act. I pray that the same tenacious, whole of government approach that secured Paul's release can get every wrongfully detained American home.

On the home front, this year I brought home nearly \$14 million in investment to our communities for municipal and non-profit projects as diverse as a LGBTQ+ community center to an upgrade of the Detroit Zoo's century old drainage infrastructure. I visited several of these exciting project sites as well as several funded through appropriations in previous years. It is miraculous to see the great projects I fought for throughout my career in Congress begin to come to fruition.

I can't wait to continue representing you all in 2025, making what my former colleague and legend of the Civil Rights fight, John Lewis, called "good trouble" – fighting to make Michigan and America more affordable, more just, and more competitive. I will always have your back.

2024 By the Numbers



5 Town Halls & Roundtables



19 Manufacturing Mondays Visits



49 Public Events in District



500 Tours for Constituents



1,345 Federal Issue Cases Resolved



60,815 Letters & Emails to Constituents



\$4,980,426
Returned to MI-11 Families



\$126,312,626
Returned to MI-11 Families Since 2019

Constituent Service Highlights



Congresswoman Stevens joined friends and constituents at the Walk to End Alzheimer's at the Detroit Zoo in November. The event was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together in the fight against this devastating disease.



Congresswoman Stevens has always been motivated by the outpouring of support from so many strong women. In August, she had the pleasure of attending the Spirit of Sisterhood Luncheon, where she joined women who uplift and support each other, no matter what.



At the start of her first term in 2019, Congresswoman Stevens launched her Manufacturing Monday program, visiting local facilities to understand their needs and how the federal government can support growth and job creation. She has visited more than 200 facilities in Michigan.



Constituent Service Highlights

"I submitted a benefits claim to the VA on behalf of my father, a very proud Korean War veteran, in December 2022. My dad passed away in April. I then submitted a claim on behalf of my mother. Months went by, still no response. My mother was running out of money. In desperation, I contacted Haley Stevens' office. Within a day, her office responded to me with the promise they would do what they could. Well, let me tell you! They certainly delivered on their promise. Within a week, the VA sent me requests for what they needed and my mom got approved. Her office was awesome. I cried when the Representative called me with the good news. Thank you!"

- Adele Wenn on behalf of Dorene Levine, Commerce Township

"I lost my Medicare due to an error. I had tried to get it back by interacting with Medicare, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Social Security, and my retirement agency for a month, with no resolution. I have many health concerns and not having insurance was terrifying. I contacted the office of Congresswoman Haley Stevens and they were exemplary advocates. They were professional, knowledgeable, efficient and kind. What I could not accomplish in over a month, her office accomplished in less than a week. I have now gotten my Medicare back and I am no longer experiencing sleepless nights. So thankful!"

- Linda Denniston, Royal Oak

"With the delays of the USCIS processes that have occurred, my mother had a significant delay on her Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card which impacted her from working, driving and more. When we reached out to Haley Stevens, the immediate action that occurred with frequent updates throughout the process was shown! Their intervention solved some of our crucial problems faster resulting in receiving the EAD in under 30 days. It also further solidified my trust as a U.S. citizen in Haley Stevens. Their advocacy and prompt action on this matter show how important it is to serve your constituents' and residents' needs."

- Kevin Hong, Farmington Hills

"After three months of daily emailing and calling Medicare and Social Security to correct the start date of my Medicare Part B, I was ready to give up. I contacted Haley Stevens' office in hopes that she could help me. I cannot put into words the relief and happiness I felt when I received the call that she had been able to cut through the red tape and successfully accomplish what I could not. Without her stepping in to help me, I would be responsible for \$5,500 in medical bills. I cannot express my gratitude I feel for receiving her help."

- Judith VonBoncel, Wixom



Constituent Service Highlights



Congresswoman Stevens is committed to supporting our talented and motivated students in pursuing viable career paths in advanced manufacturing. Her visit to the Hammerhead Robotics team in Troy was a wonderful opportunity to engage with the team as they oversaw the First Robotics Competition for middle school students. This event served as a testament to the innovative spirit of Michigan and its ongoing leadership in technology and manufacturing.



Congresswoman Stevens had a full room during her visit to Walled Lake Villa Senior Housing in July. She enjoyed answering questions and sharing the work she is doing as their representative in Congress.



In April, Congresswoman Stevens spoke with kids from Green Schools in the Tri-County area at the Detroit Zoo. Michigan's Green Schools program helps students in the 11th District learn about environmental responsibility, climate change mitigation, and conservation. It was an amazing opportunity to discuss and learn more about the important role we all play in protecting the environment.



Constituent Service Highlights

"I am immensely grateful to Congresswoman Haley Stevens' office and her team for their invaluable assistance. As a teacher tasked with a trip for my students overseas, I encountered a significant hurdle when my passport renewal was delayed. I was advised to reach out to Congresswoman Stevens' office for help. To my astonishment, not only did they ensure the timely delivery of my passport, but they also provided personalized attention throughout the process. They personally reached out to me and promptly responded, offering support during a moment of desperation when hope seemed dim. Their exceptional service and individualized care surpassed my expectations, a rarity in today's world. My school and I are profoundly thankful for their remarkable efforts. Congresswoman Stevens has earned my utmost respect and I will forever appreciate their role in facilitating this unforgettable experience."

- Maria Fernanda Gavaldon, West Bloomfield

"Two years after my husband's passing, Social Security still had not started paying me survivor benefits. Visits to Social Security provided no answers or progress. The financial stress was something I did not need while coping with the sudden loss of my husband of almost 50 years. I decided to reach out to Congresswoman Stevens. Within the hour of submitting an email to her office, a response was received. They kept me informed as efforts were made to figure out the reason for the hold-up on my payments. At last, I received an email letting me know my back payments were on the way. I am confident I would still be waiting and stressing about my finances were it not for the assistance of Congresswoman Stevens' office."

- Sheila Lipschutz, West Bloomfield

"Congresswoman Stevens and her staff helped address clerical errors made by my student loan servicer in my pursuit of Public Service Loan Forgiveness. After failing to correct errors in counting my payments made toward loan forgiveness, Congresswoman Stevens brought the issue directly to the attention of the Department of Education. Her staff maintained communication with me and let me know that [an inquiry] had been sent on my behalf and my case was given the attention it deserved. My loan count was corrected and I earned my loan forgiveness, a process that could have dragged on for many months. Thanks to Congresswoman Stevens, my case was freed from bureaucratic entanglement."

- Justin Bean, Oak Park



Constituent Service Highlights



Congresswoman Stevens had a great discussion with SMART Transportation, Local 80 about supporting the Federal Railroad Administration. Unions built the middle class and Congresswoman Stevens is dedicated to making sure that Michigan's best-in-the-world workforce builds the mobility solutions of tomorrow.



Congresswoman Stevens had the opportunity to tour the Commerce Fire Department in March. During her visit to the updated Firehouse 3, they discussed the \$260,000 funding she secured for a new training facility. This training facility will better equip firefighters to keep themselves and the community safe—ensuring nothing but the best for Oakland County.



Congresswoman Stevens had a great visit to Valentine Distilling, where she toured their state-of-the-art facility and learned about their customized approach to producing award-winning vodka and bourbon. During her visit, they provided valuable feedback on her Prolonged Power Outage Relief Act, which aims to assist businesses like Valentine that suffer from extended power outages by providing access to SBA loans. These loans can be used to replace damaged equipment, cover losses, or purchase generators.

Fighting for Michiganders



NAM Shop Talk Series: Meet Rep. Haley Stevens



FEDSCOOP

House panel advances bill to supplement NIST funding with public-sector partnerships

A bill passed by the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology on Thursday aims to supplement the National Institute of Standards and Technology's funding levels by creating a nonprofit foundation to fund private-sector and philanthropic partnerships.

The bipartisan Expanding Partnerships for Innovation and Competitiveness (EPIC) Act ([H.R. 8013](#)) would establish and provide seed funding for a Foundation for Standards and Metrology focused on helping the Department of Commerce agency collaborate with academic, industry, and other organizations.

It takes a page from similar nonprofits that already exist to create such public-private partnerships in other federal science agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It's just a proven model and one that NIST could absolutely benefit from in the face of what we have evaluated on this committee [as] their significant underfunding, particularly heading into the next budget year," Rep. Haley Stevens, D-Mich., the lead sponsor of the bill, said at the Committee on Science, Space and Technology markup.

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Singapore Airlines Flight Puts Focus on Rising Turbulence Danger

Authorities say they are investigating the accident that injured more than 100 and led to one death.

In the U.S. last week, Congress passed a bill that included a provision requiring the Federal Aviation Administration to enhance its monitoring and understanding of severe turbulence.

U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens (D., Mich.), who introduced the provision, has said that turbulence is the top cause of injuries to airline passengers and flight crews. Stevens said more research is needed into the effect that climate change may have on turbulence.

"Do we need to consider having access to helmets, especially if there are things that fly all around and fall from the ceiling?" she said in an interview Wednesday. "We don't want fear and alarm. On the other hand, we need to understand the risk."

2024 Legislative Successes

- 1. 31 Bills Authored and Introduced**
- 2. H.R.4082 - FAA Severe Turbulence Research and Development Act of 2023 and H.R.1522 - Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day Act of 2023 signed into law by President Joe Biden.**
- 3. Key elements of H.R.10255 - Countering Wrongful Detention Act of 2024 to protect American hostages and wrongful detainees signed into law.**
- 4. Four bills passed through the House of Representatives:** *H.Res.272 - Calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan, H.Res. 793 - Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during October 2023 attack on Israel, H.R.2980 - DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act, and H.R.4755 - Privacy Enhancing Technology Research Act*
- 5. One Bill Passed out of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee:** *H.R.8673 - Expanding Partnerships for Innovation and Competitiveness Act*, which establishes a non-profit organization, the Foundation for Standards and Metrology, to support NIST in advancing measurement science and technology



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