2020 END OF YEAR REPORT

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HALEY STEVENS

PROUDLY SERVING MICHIGAN'S 11TH DISTRICT

FROM CONGRESSWOMAN HALEY STEVENS

Dear Residents of Michigan's 11th Congressional District,

It was the honor of a lifetime to represent you in the United States House of Representatives during the 116th Congress. The last year has been among the most difficult in our nation's history. The COVID-19 pandemic upended our lives, creating a serious public health crisis and unprecedented economic downturn.

Despite the challenges we have faced, I remain as proud as ever to call myself a Michigander. When the nation plunged into crisis, Michigan stepped up. We became the Arsenal of Public Health, retooling our supply lines to create masks, gowns, and ventilators to protect frontline workers and save lives. In December 2020, we saw a Michigan manufacturing facility produce and ship the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

From our heroic healthcare professionals, to our students and teachers adjusting to the virtual classroom, to the essential workers who stocked shelves and prepared food for their communities, and more, there are so many Michiganders who should be incredibly proud of their perseverance and dedication over the past year.

Better days are ahead. Help is on the way. I will continue doing everything I can to support families in Michigan's 11th District as we get through these difficult times, together.

As always, my office stands ready to help resolve any issues you have regarding a federal agency. We have helped thousands of Michiganders and recovered millions of dollars for families in the 11th District, and we are just a phone call away.

In this report, you will find information on my legislative work, my outreach in Michigan, and a few highlights from my first term in Congress. I hope you will take a few minutes to learn more about what I have been up to.

I also want to hear from you! If you have a question, concern, or want to sign up for our e-newsletter, you will find everything you need to get in touch with our office on the last page of this report.

Thank you for placing your trust in me. I look forward to another productive term serving you in Congress.

Sincerely,
Haley Stevens

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

58,832
RESPONSES TO CONSTITUENT'S LETTERS, EMAILS, AND CALLS

167
PUBLIC EVENTS IN DISTRICT

16
TOWN HALLS, COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS, AND COFFEE HOURS

76
MANUFACTURING MONDAYS AND BUSINESS VISITS

19
BILLS, AMENDMENTS, OR RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

387
BILLS, AMENDMENTS, OR RESOLUTIONS CO-SPONSORED

9
BILLS, AMENDMENTS, OR RESOLUTIONS PASSED

$1,262,301.55
MONEY RETURNED TO MI-11 FAMILIES IN 2020

$2,006,355.36
MONEY RETURNED TO MI-11 FAMILIES IN THE 116TH CONGRESS

2,743
FEDERAL ISSUE CASES RESOLVED

2,711
FEDERAL ISSUE CASES OPENED

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CASEWORK TESTIMONIALS

"Congresswoman Haley Stevens and her office got more done in five weeks than five years of arguing with Social Security. She is exactly what we need. She works for us, as it should be."
-Mr. William McCusker, Northville

"I am so grateful and happy that this service is available."
-Dr. Martha Sturgeon, Auburn Hills

"This was an excellent example of the government working well for the people. I was a constituent in need of urgent help and my Congresswoman was able to help when no one else could. Thank you so much!"
-Mr. Bennett Hartley, Commerce Township

"Within one week [Congresswoman Stevens' office] was able to get results that no one else has been able to do in the past year."
- Ms. Nancy Morey, Waterford

"Representative Stevens' office responded to our request for help right away and was able to contact and follow-up with the SBA office so that our approved paperwork came through for signature. It makes that total difference in our business' ability to function and move forward through these challenging times. I sincerely appreciate the work that Representative Stevens has done in putting her constituents first."
-Mr. Mike Madigan, Troy

"Her staff was able to successfully investigate the problem, cut the red tape and help my client get the additional compensation he was entitled to for his service. I know she will move heaven and earth to help one of her fellow veterans."
-Mr. David Foust, Waterford

"I am very grateful for their courtesy, proficiency and care for my plight as a constituent. Thank you again SO much."
-Kathryn Serra, Novi

"Congresspeople get a bad rap and many deservedly. I was shocked that her office got right back to me, and fixed it. She is exactly what we need."
-Mr. William McCusker, New Hudson

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SERVING MICHIGAN FAMILIES

Protecting the Affordable Care Act and Passing Sweeping Legislation to Lower Drug Prices

As Michiganders face both the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting severe economic downturn, Congresswoman Haley Stevens (MI-11) has focused on expanding and increasing access to healthcare for Michiganders. Congresswoman Stevens has worked tirelessly to pass legislation to lower healthcare costs, and increase access to care. This year, Congresswoman Stevens voted to pass the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, which will provide much needed relief by making health care and prescription drugs more affordable during this unprecedented public health and economic crisis.

"As Michiganders face a global pandemic, it is more important than ever to defend and strengthen the Affordable Care Act," said Congresswoman Stevens. "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act will lower health costs and prescription drug prices, expand coverage, and strengthen protections for people with pre-existing conditions. While the Trump Administration pushes to strike down the entire Affordable Care Act, I am proud to support this pragmatic legislation to make healthcare more affordable for middle class families."

Congresswoman Stevens also helped pass the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, which will help Michiganders by negotiating lower drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries and all consumers, and capping out-of-pocket costs for seniors enrolled in Part D plans.

Preserving the Child Care Sector and Working For Universal Paid Family and Medical Leave

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced many child care providers to close temporarily, Congresswoman Stevens helped craft legislation that eventually passed the House to create a $50 billion Child Care Stabilization Fund to prevent the permanent closures of these essential businesses.

"We cannot talk about reopening our economy without having a conversation about how families will care for their children," said Rep. Stevens. "Child care providers in Michigan and across the country are facing serious challenges, with many providers shut down or operating well under capacity for the duration of the pandemic. We need these businesses to stay afloat, both to provide safe and affordable child care for frontline workers right now and to ensure that child care services will be available to families as our economy reopens."

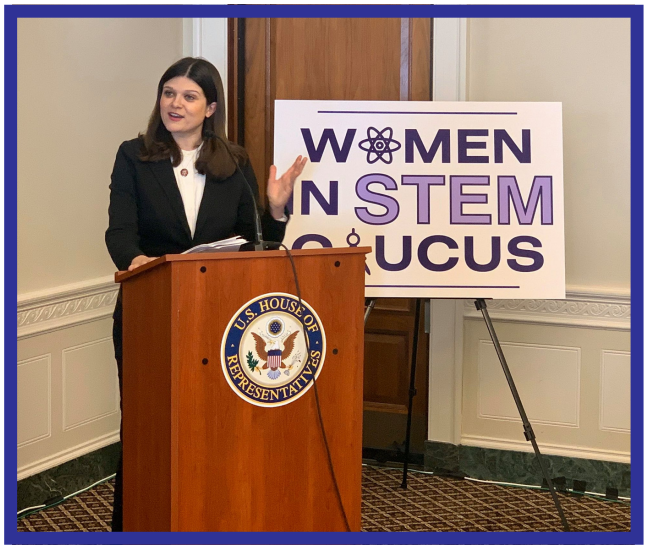
Congresswoman Stevens has also joined efforts in Congress to pass universal paid family and medical leave. Paid leave benefits became even more important during the COVID-19 pandemic, because access to paid leave prevents workers from choosing between their job and their health. Congresswoman Stevens was proud to help enact emergency paid leave benefits at the beginning of the COVID crisis, and she has been fighting to make those benefits permanent because paid leave saves jobs, and saves lives.

"The United States remains one of the only countries in the industrialized world where workers still have to choose between their jobs and health, between their paychecks and caring for their family and between potentially infecting others or facing financial ruin," Congresswoman Stevens wrote in a CNN.com op-ed. "These are impossible scenarios that no American should be forced to consider. This crisis calls for a substantive, pragmatic response from Congress. The only question before us now is whether or not we can answer that call by finally passing paid leave for all."

26 Towns Tour

In both 2019 and 2020, Congresswoman Stevens embarked on a district-wide tour over the summer, with the goal of visiting every single community in Michigan's 11th District in less than a month. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rep. Stevens continued the tour with a mix of virtual and socially-distant events. During both tours, Congresswoman Stevens toured downtown business districts, met with municipal officials, spoke with students, and visited libraries, parks, farmers' markets, and other local landmarks.

LEADING WITH INTEGRITY



Passing Bipartisan Legislation to Improve STEM Education in Early Childhood and Close the Gender Gap in STEM

Congresswoman Stevens is a fierce advocate for American students and STEM education. The first piece of legislation Congresswoman Stevens introduced was the Building Blocks of STEM Act, a bipartisan bill to strengthen STEM education for young learners and address the gender gap in STEM fields. The Building Blocks of STEM Act was signed into law by President Trump at the end of 2019.

Congresswoman Stevens has also worked to advance STEM education and close gender disparities in the field by voting for the STEM Opportunities Act and the Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act through the Science Committee. Stevens also sent a letter to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to express her concern with gender disparities in research grant awards and request a response detailing the actions that the NIH is taking to address this gap.

"For too long, a career in STEM has felt unattainable for women, minorities, and other underrepresented groups," Congresswoman Stevens said. "A lack of transparency and accountability in the scientific community has also led to disturbing industry-wide culture of permissiveness toward sexual harassment. We must address these challenges and work to develop a diverse, inclusive STEM workforce that will help us compete in the global economy by cultivating talent from a wide range of backgrounds."

Co-Founding the First-Ever Congressional Women in STEM Caucus

At the beginning of 2020, Congresswoman Stevens co-founded the first-ever Congressional Women in STEM Caucus. The Congressional Women in STEM Caucus was designed to help support and increase the number of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) building a foundation for a diverse talent pipeline and advances innovative, groundbreaking research. The Caucus gives a permanent voice to women in the fields of STEM on Capitol Hill and encourages policy solutions that promote women and other underrepresented minorities in STEM education and careers.

"As a Member of the House Science Committee, and as someone who previously worked in a manufacturing research lab, I have seen and learned about the discrimination and institutional barriers for women in STEM fields," said Congresswoman Stevens. "Women and girls everywhere need to know that they can succeed in the STEM fields, and that our country and our economy won't succeed without them. That's why I am so proud to serve as a co-chair of the new Congressional Women in STEM Caucus. I look forward to working with the other co-chairs to grow this bipartisan caucus into a powerful force for change, and to ensure that women are given equal opportunities to conduct research, innovate, and discover the next great technological breakthrough."

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A CHAMPION FOR SCIENCE & INNOVATION

Chairing the House Science Subcommittee on Research and Technology

Congresswoman Haley Stevens was elected to serve as the Chairwoman of the Research & Technology Subcommittee of the House Science, Space & Technology Committee.
As part of the Research & Technology Subcommittee, Congresswoman Stevens hosted a bipartisan field hearing in Livonia, Michigan, to explore the use of smart technology to improve the ability of small towns and suburban communities to provide safe and efficient mobility options. Stevens' subcommittee heard from experts from Michigan and across the nation on best practices for integrating this technology into our communities. Congresswoman Stevens also convened a hearing examining emerging recycling technologies and the technology gaps that prevent more of our plastics from being recycled. Today's hearing was the first Science Committee hearing about recycling in a decade.

"As the new Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Research and Technology, I look forward to working with the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and our nation's great research universities to promote innovation and investment in critical research and development efforts to maintain our global competitiveness right here in southeastern Michigan," said Congresswoman Haley Stevens.

Creating the Congressional Plastics Solutions Task Force to Address Our Plastic Waste Crisis

After convening the first Science Committee hearing focused on plastics recycling in over a decade, Congresswoman Haley Stevens launched the Congressional Plastics Solutions Task Force, a coalition of lawmakers working together with state and local officials and industry representatives to facilitate investment in recycling technologies and promote education on plastics generation and recovery. Congresswoman Stevens decided to prioritize plastics recycling after hearing from municipal leaders in Michigan's 11th District that recycling costs were on the rise in their communities. After launching the Task Force, Congresswoman Stevens introduced bipartisan legislation to reduce plastic waste and improve the global competitiveness of the United States plastics recycling industry.

"We can no longer deny that we face a plastic waste crisis," said Congresswoman Stevens. "In 2018, the U.S. woke up to the fragile predicament of our plastic waste management system. No longer able to ship our plastic waste to international markets, U.S. cities were forced to cut longstanding recycling programs. Instead, they had to resort to incinerating recyclables or tossing them in landfills. There are plenty of reasons for why and how we got here; however, a major factor is because we failed as a nation to invest in domestic recycling infrastructure and policies to account for the growing demand for plastic. As a result, today, the U.S. recycles just 9% of its plastic waste. The Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act will help develop a world-leading U.S. industry in advanced plastics recycling technologies, and unleash the innovative potential of our nation to address our plastic waste crisis and generate greater value from the plastics we do produce."

STRENGTHENING THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

Launching the Manufacturing Monday Initiative

After taking office in 2019, Congresswoman Stevens launched her Manufacturing Monday initiative. Each week, Congresswoman Stevens visited a different business, training facility, or other location that contributed to Michigan's manufacturing economy. As a former manufacturing executive, Rep. Stevens was able to use these visits to learn more about the regional economy in Michigan's 11th District and how the federal government can help local businesses thrive and create more good-paying jobs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rep. Stevens continued the Manufacturing Monday initiative with a mix of virtual or socially-distant events. By the end of 2020, Congresswoman Stevens had completed over 75 Manufacturing Monday events.

Boosting Manufacturing Workforce Development with the American Manufacturing Leadership Act

Congresswoman Haley Stevens is a passionate fighter for Southeast Michigan's regional economy and best-in class workforce. Through her work on the House Education and Labor Committee and the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, she has focused on skills training, workforce development, and passing bipartisan legislation that boosts the regional economy. This year, Congresswoman Stevens introduced the bipartisan American Manufacturing Leadership Act, which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill will boost the manufacturing sector in Michigan and around the country by strengthening our nation's largest investment in advanced manufacturing – the Manufacturing USA Program.

"This bill will ensure that the Manufacturing USA program can continue to contribute to the growth of our domestic advanced manufacturing industry and an advanced manufacturing workforce to fill the high-skills jobs of the future," said Congresswoman Stevens. With bipartisan support in the U.S. Senate, the American Manufacturing Leadership Act is on track to become law in the coming weeks."

Working Across the Aisle to Get a Better Deal for Michigan Workers and Businesses

In 2019, Congresswoman Stevens was one of the first Democrats to call for a vote on the United States - Mexico - Canada Trade Agreement, a much-needed and long-overdue renegotiation of NAFTA. Rep. Stevens met with Trump Administration officials to make sure the agreement would help level the playing field for manufacturers in Michigan's 11th District and included sufficient standards for our workforce. She also convened a summit between the Trump Administration's top trade negotiator and other freshman Members of Congress, which helped solidify key improvements and was critical to eventually securing House passage of the agreement.

"The USMCA is a better deal for Michigan workers and businesses," said Congresswoman Stevens. "Trade with Canada and Mexico supports 36,000 jobs in Michigan's 11th District, and more than $3.6 billion in goods and services from Michigan's 11th District were exported to Canada and Mexico in 2017. I am proud of our bipartisan work to get a better deal that rights some of the pain of NAFTA and puts workers first."

Securing Federal Funding to Help Michigan Manufacturers Respond to COVID-19

As the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act was being negotiated, Congresswoman Stevens led a bipartisan group of 34 Members of Congress in a letter to House leadership calling for increased funding for the MEP program to assist small and medium-sized manufacturers. The CARES Act ultimately included $50 million in new funding for grants to MEP Centers across the country. As a result, the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, based in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, received a $2,118,000 federal grant to help small and medium-sized manufacturers in Michigan respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This funding will help Michigan manufacturers adapt to the challenges they are facing, while avoiding layoffs and improving their competitiveness. I have been meeting with and visiting manufacturers across the 11th District as they adjust to the coronavirus, and I know how helpful these services from the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will be in the months to come," said Congresswoman Stevens.

STANDING UP FOR MICHIGANDERS

Saving Thousands of Michigan Jobs by Supporting and Improving the Paycheck Protection Program

In March 2020, Congresswoman Stevens voted to create the Paycheck Protection Program, which was included in the CARES Act to help businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Paycheck Protection Program provided aid directly to businesses to keep Americans employed. In Michigan's 11th District, over 10,000 businesses utilized the Paycheck Protection Program to retain over 132,000 jobs.

After meeting with local businesses who reported concerns with various aspects of the Paycheck Protection Program, Congresswoman Stevens voted for the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act, a bipartisan bill to make the program more impactful for the businesses who needed it most. Congresswoman Stevens also brought concerns relayed by her constituents directly to Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin and Administrator of the Small Business Administration Jovita Carranza to urge the Trump Administration to make the Paycheck Protection Program more transparent.

Standing Up to the DeVos Agenda, Fighting for Public Schools, and Defending Student Borrowers

As a Member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Congresswoman Stevens held Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos accountable for her harmful agenda, particularly her support for ineffective for-profit charter school programs and the Department's failure to help defrauded students during the Trump Administration.

Congresswoman Stevens has been a fierce defender of students who have been ripped off by predatory for-profit institutions or scammers who robocall student loan borrowers until they agree to pay unnecessary and exorbitant fees for services that are often already available for free.

"Millions of Americans are working hard to pay off their student loan debt, and they deserve to be protected from scammers who want to take advantage of them for financial gain," said Congresswoman Stevens. "Furthermore, nearly eight thousand Michiganders have been defrauded by predatory for-profit colleges, left with crushing debt and useless degrees through no fault of their own. Secretary DeVos has lined the pockets of these failed for-profit colleges at the expense of our students, instead of getting them the relief they need to get back on their feet."

Leading the Charge to Fix the Multi-Employer Pension Crisis and Protect Hard-Earned Retirement Benefits

During her first term, Congresswoman Stevens became a leader in the push to address the multi-employer pension crisis, which threatens the hard-earned retirement benefits of more than 1.3 million Americans, including over 40,000 Michiganders. To stabilize these pension plans, Congresswoman Stevens led the charge to pass the Butch Lewis Act, a bill that would protect workers and retirees by creating a Pension Rehabilitation Administration (PRA) within the Treasury Department, and allow failing pension plans to borrow money from the PRA to remain solvent. The bill passed the House, thanks to Rep. Stevens relentless advocacy, and she has continued to call for Senate passage of the legislation.

"The multiemployer pension crisis is not some distant event to prepare for years from now," said Congresswoman Stevens. "It is happening today. If we do not act now, the problem will continue to get worse. Over 100 multiemployer pension plans are projected to run out of money within the next 20 years. If we allow these plans to fail, retirees will see their pension benefits cut by 90 percent or more. These are benefits that our retirees have worked hard for and earned, and this outcome would devastate our middle class."

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