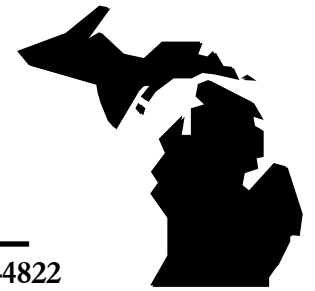


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Stabenow Statement on Dow Kokam Lithium Ion Battery Plant Groundbreaking

WASHINGTON- U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) today made the following statement after the groundbreaking of the Dow Kokam lithium ion battery manufacturing facility in Midland. As a member of Senate Finance Committee, Stabenow led the effort to encourage the production of advanced batteries here at home through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“Today’s groundbreaking of the Dow Kokam lithium ion battery manufacturing facility is the culmination of a private- public partnership to create hundreds of clean-energy jobs in the Midland area. When we passed the Recovery Act last year, Michigan companies received over half of the national battery funding available. Now Michigan ranks third in the country for clean energy patents. I want to thank Vice President Biden for his commitment to a 21st Century manufacturing strategy that creates Michigan jobs and moves us closer to energy independence.”

– U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

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