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## **EMILYs List Endorses Elissa Slotkin for Election to the United States Senate**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today EMILYs List, the nation’s largest resource for women in politics, endorsed Rep. Elissa Slotkin for election to the United States Senate. EMILYs List President Laphonza Butler released the following statement:

“EMILYs List is proud to endorse Elissa Slotkin for election as the next senator from Michigan. Rep. Slotkin’s commitment to reproductive health care access and the strength and security of our democratic freedoms is unparalleled, and her experience protecting our national security and championing economic opportunity for Michiganders makes her a legislator we can count on. EMILYs List is confident that Slotkin will continue to deliver for Michiganders in the Senate, and we are thrilled to support her campaign.”

Rep. Elissa Slotkin is a national security leader and a life-long public servant who is running for the U.S. Senate. A third-generation Michigander, she learned the importance of hard work on her family farm in Holly, Michigan. Following the 9/11 attacks, she was recruited to join the Central Intelligence Agency as a Middle East analyst. Working alongside the U.S. military, she served a total of three tours in Iraq over a span of five years. Rep. Slotkin has held a variety of defense and intelligence roles — under both President Bush and President Obama — at the White House, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the State Department, and the Pentagon. The reason she first ran for office was personal: her mom. Her mother died of ovarian cancer in 2011. She struggled to afford health care for years because insurance companies had gouged her based on a pre-existing condition. “The same week and the same month that we were desperately trying to get her life-saving care was the same week and month that we filled out the paperwork for her to declare bankruptcy,” Rep. Slotkin has said. “I took a leave of absence, came home to Michigan, and her enduring gift to me was the way the community came together for us — friends, family, strangers — in our hour of crisis. But that’s what we do in Michigan. Those are our values.” Rep. Slotkin was elected to

Congress in 2018 with EMILYs List support, and brings her straightforward, commonsense approach to tackling the toughest problems facing her community and our country. Now she's ready to fight for all of Michigan's working families in the U.S. Senate.

*EMILYs List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, works to elect Democratic pro-choice women up and down the ballot and across the country with a goal of fighting for our rights and our communities. Our work is centered around a fundamental vision: Run. Win. Change the World. EMILYs List has raised \$850 million in service to that vision and has helped Democratic women win competitive elections by recruiting and training candidates, supporting and helping build strong campaigns, researching the issues that impact women and families, running one of the largest independent expenditure operations for Democrats, and turning out women voters to the polls. Since our founding in 1985, we have helped elect the country's first woman as vice president, 175 women to the House, 26 to the Senate, 20 governors, and over 1,500 women to state and local office. More than 40% of the candidates EMILYs List has helped elect to Congress have been women of color. Visit [www.emilyslist.org](http://www.emilyslist.org) for more information.*

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