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VoteVets PAC Endorses Slotkin for Senate

Lansing, MI - The largest progressive group of Veterans in America, VoteVets PAC, representing over 1.5 million Veterans, Military Families and their civilian supporters is today endorsing Elissa Slotkin for Senate.

“When you’re talking about someone who has a deep understanding of the threats we face from across oceans and within our borders, and a plan to keep us safe, Elissa Slotkin is someone who immediately comes to mind,” **said Jon Soltz, Iraq War Veteran and Chairman of VoteVets PAC.** “She’s a strong voice for our national security but understands that our Troops must never be used as anything but as a last resort. She’s been a strong friend to the Veterans’ community and is a patriot through and through. She also never forgets where she came from and who she’s there to serve. Michigan will have a true champion in Elissa Slotkin, and we’re proud to endorse her for Senate.”

Rep. Slotkin has spent her career in national service. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which took place during her first week of graduate school in New York City, Rep. Slotkin knew that national service would define her career. She was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to be a Middle East analyst and went on to devote her career to protecting the United States from national security threats. In her role at the CIA, Rep. Slotkin worked alongside the U.S. military during three tours in Iraq as a militia expert. In between her tours in Iraq, Rep. Slotkin held various defense and intelligence positions under President Bush and President Obama, including roles at the White House and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. In 2011, Rep. Slotkin took a senior position at the Pentagon and, until January 2017, she served as Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. In this role, Rep. Slotkin oversaw policy on Russia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa at the Pentagon

and participated in negotiations on some of the country's most pressing national security issues.

It is this same mission-focus that Rep. Slotkin brings to issues affecting citizens of Michigan's 7th congressional district. For Rep. Slotkin, this means ensuring that everyone has access to healthcare they can afford, lowering the price of prescription drugs, protecting access to clean water and Michigan's Great Lakes, and returning decency and integrity to politics. Rep. Slotkin's background in national security contributes to the urgency and passion she brings to increasing government integrity and accountability and passing campaign finance reform. To learn more about Rep. Slotkin's legislative priorities, [click here](#).

A third-generation Michigander, Rep. Slotkin spent her early life on her family farm in Holly, Michigan. The generations of Slotkins before her worked in the family business, Hygrade Foods, which was headquartered in Detroit and produced iconic foods loved by Michiganders, like the Ballpark Frank first sold at Detroit's Tiger Stadium. The values that made the family business successful instilled in Rep. Slotkin an enduring commitment to integrity, decency, and hard work that guided her to a career of service. The Slotkin family business is well represented in Rep. Slotkin's office, with hot dog figurines and artwork proudly displayed. Rep. Slotkin attended Cornell University (BA) and Columbia University in the City of New York (MA).

Backed by over 1.5 millions supporters, VoteVets PAC (Political Action Committee) has been helping veterans and national security experts win elected office at the Federal, state and local levels since its inception in 2006. Prior to VoteVets' existence, conservatives and Republicans were viewed as the pro-military, pro-security party, for decades. Through its award-winning, blunt ads, and relentless work in the field, VoteVets helped change that dynamic, with the help of the amazing candidates it supports.

To help its candidates win, VoteVets PAC runs aggressive independent spending campaigns (over \$100 million to date), raises and donates millions of dollars, and runs one of the most innovative and exciting texting programs in electoral politics in order to connect veterans and military families with other veterans and military families to get out the vote.

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