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From: Greg McNeilly [mailto:Greg@migop.org]

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Subject: APwire: 6th Circuit Ads

Conservative legal group takes on Stabenow in ad

The Associated Press

5/2/03 2:18 PM

Details of a radio ad paid for by the Michigan Legal Foundation.

Title: "Strong Judges"

Time: 60 seconds.

Where airing: Grand Rapids, Traverse City and Kalamazoo.

When airing: Began May 1.

Cost: Not disclosed.

Text: (Woman's voice.)

In these uncertain times, America needs strong judges on the bench. Judges who will uphold the Constitution and help law enforcement keep dangerous criminals off our streets.

President Bush has nominated four respected judges from Michigan to fill vacancies on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Each judge has received high marks from the American Bar Association. But Senator Debbie Stabenow is refusing to allow the Senate to vote on their nominations.

Stabenow won't let her Senate colleagues hold a hearing on Michigan's judges. If Stabenow keeps playing politics, Michigan could lose its voice on the second highest court in the land.

That's right, Michigan's positions on the Sixth Circuit Court could end up being filled by judges from Kentucky or Tennessee. And that would be a travesty of justice for Michigan.

Call Senator Stabenow today at (616) 975-0052. Tell her to stop playing politics.

Paid for by the Michigan Legal Foundation.

Analysis: This is the second ad on the issue of judicial nominees that the Midland-based Michigan Legal Foundation has run in the last month. The first criticized U.S. Sen. Carl Levin as well as Stabenow. Both are Michigan Democrats.

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But Levin and Stabenow are blocking the hearing process for those judges, invoking a privilege given to home state senators.

Both Levin and Stabenow have said they will not consider Bush's nominees because President Clinton's Sixth Circuit nominees were never granted hearings. While Clinton was president, the Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee kept his nomination of Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Helene White for more than four years, longer than any nominee in Senate history.

Levin and Stabenow have proposed allowing one of Clinton's nominees to take a spot on the court, but Bush rejected that proposal.

Stabenow, who was first elected to the Senate in 2000, doesn't face re-election until 2006. But the ad indicates that Republicans are keeping a close eye on her seat. The recently formed Michigan Legal Foundation is a conservative organization which has described itself as an answer to the traditionally liberal American Civil Liberties Union.

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