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**Stevens Was Chief Of Staff On President Obama's Auto Rescue Task Force.** "It's been a whirlwind decade for new Congresswoman Haley Stevens. From being the former chief of staff for President Barack Obama's auto bailout team to the halls of Congress, to also being elected co-president of the Democratic freshman class in the House, along with Rep. Colin Allred of Texas, Stevens is quickly getting her arms around her new world." [Detroit Free Press, [1/19/19](#)]

**President Obama Called Stevens "A Critical Part Of My Team" During The Auto Rescue, Which "Helped The American Auto Industry Come Roaring Back."** "'And Haley Stevens, by the way, she was there. She was a critical part of my team that helped the American auto industry come roaring back,' Obama said at the 2018 rally." [Detroit News, [5/29/22](#)]

**PHOTO: Stevens Said Working For President Obama Was One Of The Honors Of Her Lifetime.** "Happy 60th Birthday President Obama! Working in your administration was one of the honors of my lifetime. Seeing you in action and your discipline in serving the American people continues to inspire me to this day."



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## HALEY HAS PROUDLY BEEN ENDORSED FOR SENATE BY FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN BRENDA LAWRENCE

**FORMER REP. BRENDA LAWRENCE ENDORSED HALEY'S SENATE CAMPAIGN, CITING HER RECORD SUPPORTING BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES AND STANDING UP TO TRUMP**

**HEADLINE: “Brenda Lawrence and 14 Members of the Black Congressional Caucus Endorse Haley Stevens”**  
[Deadline Detroit, [2/26/26](#)]

**Stevens Was Endorsed By Former Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, Who Cited Stevens’ Record Supporting Black-Owned Businesses And Standing Up To Trump.** “Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and former Rep. Brenda Lawrence are endorsing U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens for U.S. Senate. Lawrence, who served in the U.S. House from 2015–23, praised the work of Stevens, D-Birmingham, including her work during former President Barack Obama’s administration to preserve the automobile industry. In a statement, she said Stevens has been a strong supporter of Black businesses and pushing back on President Donald Trump’s administration.” [Gongwer, [2/26/26](#)]

- **Lawrence: From Helping Save 200,000 Jobs On The Auto Rescue To “Fighting For Black-Owned Businesses In Congress And Standing Up To Donald Trump’s Chaos, I’ve Seen Haley Fight And I’ve Seen Her Win.”** “A group of Congressional Black Caucus members, along with former Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, has endorsed Stevens’ U.S. Senate campaign. [...] ‘Her entire career, Haley Stevens has been a fighter for Michigan, bringing experience, compassion, and a deep commitment to the people she serves,’ said Lawrence, who retired from Congress in 2023 after serving Metro Detroit for four terms. ‘From helping save 200,000 Michigan jobs as Chief of Staff during President Obama’s auto rescue to fighting for Black-owned businesses in Congress and standing up to Donald Trump’s chaos, I’ve seen Haley fight and I’ve seen her win.’” [Michigan Chronicle, [2/26/26](#)]

## **HALEY INTRODUCED THE IDEA ACT TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO CAPITAL**

### **HALEY WROTE THE IDEA ACT TO HELP BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES GROW BY EXPANDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND BUILDING NETWORKS**

**Michigan Chronicle: Stevens Introduced The Increasing And Developing Entrepreneurship Access Act To “Create A Network Of Small Business Accelerators Designed To Lift Minority-Owned Firms.”** “Haley has written legislation to expand opportunities for Black-owned businesses by improving access to capital, networks, and supply chains. She introduced the Increasing Developing Entrepreneurship Access (IDEA) Act, which would create a network of small business accelerators designed to lift minority-owned firms. She drew on her own private-sector experience, where she helped create one of the first online job training programs in the country, to push for apprenticeships and shop classes that prepare students for good-paying jobs, whether or not they go to college.” [Michigan Chronicle, Joe Tate Op-ed, [10/16/25](#)]

**Stevens’ IDEA Act Was Designed To Help Black-Owned Businesses Grow By Expanding Access To Capital, Building Networks, And Increasing Opportunities To Win Federal Contracts.** “When the Trump administration attempted to gut the MBDA, Haley stepped up and wrote her IDEA Act, legislation designed to help Black-owned businesses grow by expanding access to capital, building networks, and increasing opportunities to compete for federal contracts. Through her MI HOPE Agenda, Haley has laid out a vision to create opportunity—expanding access to capital for Black entrepreneurs, strengthening pathways to good-paying jobs, and investing in the small businesses that power our local economies.” [Deadline Detroit, Lavora Barnes Op-ed, [3/11/26](#)]

- **Telegram News: Stevens’ IDEA Act Would Ensure “Black And Minority Owned Businesses Can Have Secure Financial Backing.”** “Stevens helped to pass the first major gun safety legislation in decades, secured four million dollars in funding for the Martin Luther King Bridge in Pontiac, and introduced the IDEA Act, which ensured that Black and minority owned Businesses can have secure financial backing.” [Telegram News, [3/12/26](#)]

**HEADLINE: “COMMUNITY VOICES: When Trump Fails Small Businesses, Local Communities Feel It First. Haley Stevens is Working to Help”** [Michigan Chronicle, Byron Nolen Column, [1/25/26](#)]

- **Inkster Mayor On Stevens’ Bill: “While Trump Has Rolled Back Federal Support For Minority-Owned Businesses, She Has Worked To Expand Opportunity Instead.”** “Congresswoman Haley Stevens is one example. While Trump has rolled back federal support for minority-owned businesses, she has worked to expand opportunity instead. Her IDEA Act would create a network of small business accelerators designed to help Black-owned and minority-owned businesses access capital, build networks, and compete for contracts. For entrepreneurs who have struggled to access traditional financing, that kind of support can determine whether their business grows or shuts down. [...] In Congress, she has worked hard to bolster economic empowerment in underserved communities. Which is why I know in the Senate, she will continue to support minority-owned business incubators, workforce development programs, and technical training initiatives to create wealth.” [Michigan Chronicle, Byron Nolen Column, [1/25/26](#)]