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The Honorable Elissa Slotkin  
Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Michigan  
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Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

I'm Elissa Slotkin and I'm honored to be your U.S. Senate nominee in the great state of Michigan!

My life in service began in New York on September 11th. As the smoke cleared, I knew my career would be spent protecting the country we love.

I was recruited by the CIA and served three tours in Iraq alongside our military. And I worked at the White House under presidents of both parties, and as an acting assistant secretary of defense under President Obama.

I want to talk tonight about national security. Because the choice in November is stark: America retreating from the world, or leading the world. Trump wants to take us backwards. He admires dictators, treats our friends as adversaries, and our adversaries as friends. But our vision is based on our values.

We believe America should inspire and lead at home and abroad. We recognize that it's not just about having a strong military, but about tackling global challenges like AI and climate change together. And that takes friends!

Vice President Harris understands our strength abroad is linked to our strength at home. Our schools. A strong middle class. And the health of our democracy. So claim your patriotism. Proudly!

Don't give an inch to pretenders who wrap themselves in the flag, but spit in the face of the freedoms it represents. This November, let's elect a president who will lean forward to embrace the future.

America doesn't follow. We don't retreat. We are the United States of America. We lead.

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