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Congresswoman Betty McCollum

"Serving Minnesota's Families"



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Hot News!

New Overtime Regulations Still Mean Longer Hours, Less Pay and Fewer Jobs

This week, the Bush Administration released the final regulations on overtime pay. These regulations cut the pay and lengthen the hours for workers at a time when household incomes are down, prices are up, and the country is struggling with a 2.6 million jobs deficit.

"Middle-class families are already financially-pressed, and now many will lose their overtime," said Rep. McCollum. **"Over the last two years, real median household income dropped by more than \$1,400, while the costs of health care, education and gasoline are rising. It is unthinkable in this economic climate that the Administration is proposing pay cuts for middle-income Americans, when millions of workers depend on overtime pay to make ends meet."**

- **Bush Administration regulations would strip overtime rights and pay from workers.** The proposed regulation would immediately deny overtime pay to more than 100,000 workers who currently receive it – a number likely to be grossly understated. Over the past year, the Administration has repeatedly misrepresented the proposal and its effects on workers, claiming that only 644,000 would lose overtime protection, when economic analysts concluded that 8 million would be harmed.
- **Bush Administration regulations mean a pay cut.** The Administration has actually made the regulations worse for some workers making \$23,660 to \$100,000 – denying overtime protection to claims adjusters, and computer network, internet and database administrators. Other occupations that appear to be adversely affected include some journalists, mortgage loan officers, funeral directors, and physical trainers.
- **Bush regulations mean longer hours and fewer jobs.** The workers denied overtime protection under the proposal would no longer be paid anything for their overtime work. If employers no longer have to pay extra for overtime, they will have an incentive to demand longer hours and workers will have less time to spend with their families.

McCollum has voted for Democratic amendments to block the Bush Administration regulations that would deny overtime pay to millions of employees.

Minnesota Vietnam Veterans of America Meets with McCollum



Mr. Jerry Kyser, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Minnesota State Council, recently met with Congresswoman McCollum to discuss veterans health and services for soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 25th — Rep. McCollum will lead the Minnesota delegation in the March for Women's Lives.

Monday, April 26th — Meeting with the Minnesota Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice to discuss women's health.

Tuesday, April 27th — Meeting with the World Health Organization on the Roll Back Malaria Program in Africa.

Wednesday, April 28th — Rep. McCollum meets with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce to discuss issues of importance to the Minnesota business community.

Thursday, April 29th — A delegation from the Irish parliament will meet with Rep. McCollum to discuss international family planning.

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