



# Minnesota's 4th District E-Report!

## Congresswoman Betty McCollum

*"Serving Minnesota's Families"*



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### Hot News!

#### McCollum Assigned to Second Subcommittee

Rep Tom Lantos (D-CA), Ranking Member of the Committee on International Relations announced that Rep. Betty McCollum has been named to the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights. The panel has jurisdiction over the United States' efforts to manage and coordinate international programs to combat and prevent terrorism, and is also responsible for implementing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"American foreign policy leadership is essential to extinguishing terrorism, preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and promoting human rights. Minnesota will have a strong voice on this important Subcommittee," said Rep. McCollum.

#### Child Tax Credit

Recent passage of the \$350 billion Republican tax cut included an increase of the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1000 per child - but excluded that provision for 12 million low-income children. The Senate approved a measure earlier this month that was originally intended to expand the eligibility of low-income families for the child tax credit. Their \$10 billion plan would extend expiring Customs user fees to entirely offset its cost. The House version, however, expands the tax credit to low-income families *and* to families making \$110,000-\$150,000 while providing no avenue for funding, other than increasing the national deficit.

"There are 17,000 working families - 32,000 children - in my district that are waiting for this help. The House had an opportunity to pass a clean bill for the president's approval this week. Instead, House Republicans muddled this legislation that will deprive the most needy families and their children of these benefits, while further exploding the national deficit," said Rep. Betty McCollum.

McCollum voted against this measure that passed the House by a vote of 224-201.



Rep. Betty McCollum is pictured with Luke Kuhl, an intern in her Washington office this summer. Luke is a graduate of North St. Paul High School, and is currently a law student at Hamline University in St. Paul. Internships are available in both Minnesota and Washington. For more information, applicants should contact the Intern Coordinator in the office of choice, or check Rep. McCollum's website at: [http://www.house.gov/mccollum/intern\\_descript2003.pdf](http://www.house.gov/mccollum/intern_descript2003.pdf).

#### Global AIDS - Speech Excerpt

"The AIDS pandemic in Africa is unlike any other issue the U.S. or the world community is confronting today. For me, fighting AIDS is about: preventing HIV infection, treating sick people so they can return to productive lives, providing compassionate comfort and dignity for the dying, and it is about saving hundreds, thousands, and possibly millions of lives because we can - if we choose to act. This fight against AIDS must not be delayed or diminished by bureaucratic battles, political gamesmanship, or good intentions not acted on."

**World Vision Advocacy Day Speech: "American Evangelicals Respond to Global AIDS Crisis"**  
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