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Congresswoman Betty McCollum

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McCollum Commemorates 19th Amendment

Women have come a long way in our country. I am amazed at our progress when I consider that women did not have the right to vote when my grandmother was born.

Generations of women worked tirelessly to win the right to vote during the 72 years between 1848, when a resolution calling for women suffrage was adopted at the Seneca Falls Convention, and 1920, when a suffrage amendment was finally ratified. Many did not live to see their success. Despite differences among supporters, suffragists were united by one principle: Women in the United States deserved the right to vote freely.

This month we celebrate the 83rd anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. The Nineteenth Amendment not only granted women the right to vote in the United States, it empowered them politically. The voices of women could finally be heard.

Minnesota has always had strong female voices. In 1954, Coya Knutson became the first woman elected to Congress from Minnesota. Muriel Humphrey selflessly agreed to serve out her husband's Senate term after his death in 1978. Today, many others serve at every levels of government in Minnesota. As the only female Member of Congress currently representing Minnesota, I am committed to furthering this tradition in our state.

We should be grateful for the sacrifice and perseverance of generations of women who dedicated themselves to seeking a woman's right to vote. They were able to achieve justice and equality for today and for future generations. As we remember the accomplishments of the strong women who won this important right, we should celebrate their success by continuing to work for women's equality and by exercising our right to vote.



Rep. Betty McCollum joined her Democratic House Leadership colleagues to address the need for affordable prescription drugs. McCollum recently hosted a meeting with senior citizens and the disability community in St. Paul to discuss the need for a comprehensive, affordable prescription drug benefit under Medicare. By one vote, GOP leaders passed a Medicare overhaul that fails to provide prescription drug coverage for seniors and disabled Americans under Medicare.

GOP Leaders in St. Paul to Push Medicare Overhaul

This week, Surgeon General Carmona and other Bush administration officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Federal Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health toured Regions Hospital in St. Paul to sell the GOP Medicare overhaul that replaces Medicare as millions of seniors know it with a private voucher program by 2010.

Rep. Betty McCollum stated, "I strongly oppose any effort to dismantle Medicare. I stand by my support for a comprehensive, affordable and guaranteed plan that strengthens Medicare and provides meaningful prescription drug coverage for seniors and persons with disabilities *within* Medicare – not a separate, privatized plan."

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