

Minnesota's 4th District  
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**Congresswoman Betty McCollum**

*"Serving Minnesota's Families"*



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**Hot News!**

**McCollum Spends Day in South St. Paul**

Rep. Betty McCollum visited her hometown of South St. Paul today to kick off the first in a series of daylong visits in cities across the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Among her stops today were South St. Paul's Police Department, Fire Department and High School and Common Sense, an adult daycare center.

McCollum discussed the status of hometown security needs, K-12 education, making prescription drugs affordable and efforts to redevelop Brownfields and reconnect with the Mississippi River.

"I enjoyed spending a day visiting old friends in South St. Paul. Unfortunately, the great things I remember about growing up here - the excellent schools, safe streets, high quality of life and thriving businesses - are now being threatened by a lagging economy and misplaced budget priorities. I heard directly from the community about their concerns, and how we need to make our priorities the top priorities in Washington," said Rep. McCollum.

As the economy continues to falter, President Bush and the Republican controlled Congress have ignored the needs of families in Minnesota, while pushing massive tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. The Republican budget fails to invest in job creation, quality education, or making health care affordable. This week, the president signed into law a \$350 billion tax cut - the second debt-financed tax cut of his presidency.

"These tax cuts will not benefit children, families, senior citizens, displaced workers or college students. These are the people that will end up paying for it - because every penny of it is borrowed from their future," McCollum said



*Pictured from left to right are Susan Lynch Vento, Rep. Martin Sabo (MN05) and Rep. Betty McCollum in front of the Mississippi River and St. Paul skyline. The three joined a celebration on progress protecting land for the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary.*

**Next Week**

- June 2 - Field Hearing on Health Care Coverage Rollbacks**
- June 3 - Meeting with Minnesota Credit Union Network**
- June 3 - Meeting with The Hope for African Children Initiative**
- June 4 - Meeting with Minnesota Council of Nonprofits**
- June 6 - Field Hearing on Head Start Reauthorization**

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