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Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum is supporting political change in Egypt after rampant protests and unrest in Egypt.

Egyptians have been protesting in the streets throughout the past week, demanding that President Hosni Mubarek step down as head of the country. Mubarek has been ruling the country for more than three decades.

Here's a statement issued by McCollum's office today:

"The street protests across Egypt are clear evidence of a people seeking the opportunity to live in a pluralistic, democratic society in which human rights are respected and economic opportunities are more widely available. Congress should support the process of peaceful political change in Egypt. Such an approach should include open, free elections, while maintaining our important bilateral relationships with Egypt's professional military, civil society, and business community."

Mcollum serves Minnesota's 4th Congressional District.