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Dear Friend,

This Labor Day week, Minnesota faces more troubling news of lay offs and plant closures. In St. Paul, 170 Rock-Tenn employees learned that they will lose their jobs when the company closes its carton folding plant in December. Meanwhile 1,600 workers at the city's Ford plant found out that they will be laid-off for three weeks this fall. Disappointing [unemployment numbers](#) from Washington today add to the cloudy economic picture -- working families are getting squeezed in Minnesota. [Click here for full information](#) on middle class squeeze.

Democrats in the House of Representatives have a plan to help the middle class. We want to provide incentives for employers to create and keep jobs in the U.S.; remove obstacles for workers to form and join a union; restore overtime pay eligibility to all workers that once had it; and raising the minimum wage. We need to reduce the federal debt, make college more affordable, and deal with the rising cost of health care.

If you have not signed up for my e-newsletter, please [click here to stay updated](#). Please visit [my website](#) for the latest information on the work I do on behalf of Minnesota families. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum
 Serving Minnesota's Fourth District

McCollum Meets with Local Youth



Young people from St. Paul visited Congresswoman McCollum's district office to learn more about Congress.

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 6th:

- Labor Day Celebration at Harriet Island in St. Paul

Tuesday, September 7th:

- Congress reconvenes

Wednesday, September 8th:

- Meeting with delegation of political leaders from Mozambique
- Government Reform Subcommittee on hearing assessing the status of interoperable communication between

News Alert:**Americans Deserve Real Leadership to Boost Jobs & Economic Security**

August economic numbers released today showing fewer than expected new jobs, lagging retail and automobile sales and dropping consumer confidence are disappointing for American workers. The policies of the Bush administration which are giving huge tax breaks for corporations that ship our jobs overseas and cutting overtime are not 'getting the job done' for America's families.

[Read the full statement on Jobs and the Economy.](#)

local, state, and federal responders

Thursday, September 9th:

- Government Reform Committee hearing reviewing border security and the Department of Homeland Security

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