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Dear Friend,

Below you will find an update on the [Assault Weapons Ban](#) and [Housing for Military Families](#). If you have not signed-up for my E-Newsletter, please [click here to stay updated](#). You can also [visit my website](#) for the latest information on the work that I do on behalf of Minnesota families. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Minnesota's 4th District

McCollum Calls on Hastert and Delay to End NRA Control of Congress



Congresswoman McCollum called on House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Tom DeLay to schedule a vote to renew the Assault Weapons Ban before Congress adjourns until September. [To read the full statement on the Assault Weapons Ban, click here.](#)

News Alert:

Americans Deserve a Vote on the Assault Weapons Ban

Earlier this week, I called on House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) and Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX) to schedule a vote to renew the Assault Weapons Ban before Congress adjourns until September. The decade-old law is set to expire on September 13th unless Congress acts to renew the ban. House Republican leaders, pressured by the National Rifle Association (NRA), are blocking a vote to renew the law.

The Assault Weapons Ban keeps our families and communities safe. The law prevents weapons of war that belong on battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan from ending up on our neighborhood streets. President Bush supports renewing the Assault Weapons Ban, the American people support it and they deserve a vote in Congress on this common-sense law before the August recess.

[Read more about the Assault Weapons Ban.](#)

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Protect Military Family Housing

This week, I voted to protect military family housing from a Republican measure to cap housing funding. Republican leaders used the rule to strip the funding bill of a bipartisan provision that would provide military families with decent and affordable housing. Republicans held open a 15 minute procedural vote for 23 minutes until they corralled enough votes to prevail. The rule passed by a vote of 212 to 211.

This is a slap in the face to every military family, especially those whose loved ones are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Housing for more than 50,000 military families will be put on hold during a time of war. This is an injustice against the men and women who serve this nation in uniform.

[Read more about the Military Family Housing.](#)

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