



September 29, 2006

Dear Friends:

On Monday, the U.S. House unanimously passed the *Mississippi River Trail Study Act* (H.R. 1796). As the author of this bill, I am proud the House passed this legislation that will begin the process of establishing a national trail along the Mississippi River. Read more about [the passage of the Mississippi River Trail Study Act](#).

Earlier this week, the National Intelligence Estimate, which is conducted by 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, was released to the public. The NEI ([Declassified Key Judgments](#)) found that the American invasion and occupation of Iraq has “become the ‘cause celebre’ for jihadists, breeding a deep resentment of U.S. involvement in the Muslim world and cultivating supporters for the global jihadist movement.” This analysis underscores how President Bush's Iraq policy is creating more terrorists and making America less safe. [View my full statement delivered on the House floor on the NEI and the failed war in Iraq](#).

Please join me on **Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at Roseville Area High School** for a discussion about important issues facing K-12 education, including the upcoming Congressional reauthorization of the *No Child Left Behind Act*. This meeting in Roseville is the third in a series of education discussions I am convening for 4th District residents.

This meeting is open to everyone, especially parents and educators. I hope to see you on October 11th!

**WHAT: Education Town Hall Meeting with special guests:**

- Ms. Cathy Miller, School District 622 School Board (North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale)
- Dr. Jill Thelen, Director of Schools from the Superintendent's Office of White Bear Lake Area School District 624
- Ms. Cindy Moore, Director of Curriculum and Assessment from the Superintendent's Office of White Bear Lake Area School District 624
- Mr. Richard Skinner, Principal of Bel Air Elementary School from Mounds View School District 621
- Ms. Filix Yargici, Teacher at Roseville Area High School from Roseville Area School District 623

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** Roseville Area High School  
1240 West County Road B2



Rep. McCollum meets with a delegation of women Members of Parliament from Argentina on Wednesday, September 27, to discuss urban issues, higher education, and agricultural issues in Argentina.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum  
Serving Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

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