



Congresswoman Betty McCollum - Minnesota's 4th District

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Dear Friend,

A report issued this week by the Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Science gives the Bush Administration a "D" grade when it comes to science, and an F on supporting technological innovation necessary to create good paying jobs. [Click here](#) to read the report.

Half of all economic growth over the past few decades can be traced to technology, and our government should be supporting policies that put America back in the right direction. We need tax incentives for companies that create jobs here, including small businesses. We need a new commitment to science, and to creating the economy of the future. And we need pay-as-you-go budget rules that let us make crucial investments while reducing the deficit and holding down the cost of capital for firms trying to expand. [Click here](#) to read more.

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Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum visits with Lynn Elling at Como Park High School



Congresswoman Betty McCollum visits with Lynn Elling, founder of World Citizen, Inc. at Como Park High School, which was designated as a World Peace Site this week. Since 1982, World Citizen has worked with students, teachers and community leaders who are dedicated to promoting non-violent conflict resolution in classrooms and communities. More than 200 schools and community gathering places throughout Minnesota are designated World Peace Sites.

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News Alert:

Supporting Technological Innovation to Spur Jobs and Economic Growth

Fifty percent of U.S. economic growth over the past few decades can be traced to technology, so this country's future is closely linked to our science and technology policies. The Clinton Administration was creative in these policies - forming new partnerships, kick-starting new fields like nano-technology, and providing a sound fiscal basis for future growth in research funding. But Republican stewardship of science and technology has been disastrous.

According to the report, the Bush Administration has provided inadequate support for two Reagan-era programs, the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership. These programs help small manufacturers in all 50 states, with technical assistance and help for attempts to commercialize promising new technologies.

While more and more nations are pinning their future economic hopes on advanced science and technology, and producing an increasing number of scientists to help them realize these hopes, Republicans running this Administration and this Congress have no new ideas and continue to dig a deeper fiscal hole for us. Our country needs the leadership to help our economy rebound with the kind of high-paying jobs that depend on effective

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science and technology policies.

Since President Bush took office in January 2001, America has lost 2.5 million manufacturing jobs, which have been only partially offset by growth in the service sector. Overall, 1.6 million private-sector jobs have been lost, the first time since the Great Depression that the economy has not only stopped growing, but has actually lost jobs, during a President's term in office.

Click here to read the House Committee on Science report.

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