



Rep. Tom Emmer on First Six Months in Congress

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Hi, Tom Emmer here, speaking to you from my office in Washington, D.C. at the end of another busy week. I'm looking forward to getting home to work in the district, and more importantly, to work in the garden with Jackie. But before closing out another week, I thought I'd focus this week's video message on what we've been doing and what we've actually accomplished in the first six months of this 114th Congress. It's been busy and productive in the past six months, both here in Washington and back at home. I had the opportunity to speak to the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition about my trip to Africa, and to alumni of St. John's and St. Ben's Universities about the importance of building relationships. We introduced three pieces of legislation, and I was a Republican lead on trade. In addition to my work on the agriculture and foreign affairs issues, I've been appointed to the Financial Services Committee. Now, the Financial Services Committee is incredibly important to our state. In fact, in our district, we have 146 financial institutions, and nearly 60,000 constituents are employed in financial-related fields. The schedule in Washington allows me to actually spend the majority of my time working in the district. In fact, of the first 191 days of this Congress, we've been in session for 83 days, or 40 percent of the time. This leaves us 60 percent of our time to work at home in the district. And with that time, we have been very active. In just the past month, I attended the Wright County Breakfast on the Farm, spoke at the Blaine and Ham Lake Rotary Club meeting, and participated in local Chambers of Commerce Congressional Forums. I also presented a Hubert Humphrey Public Leadership Award to the 3M Company, toured the Ridgeview Medical Center, and visited the Highway 10-Armstrong Boulevard interchange. And most importantly, I personally, and my staff as well, met with our constituents – you. In just six months, we've already held seven town halls. The participation has been incredible. If you have joined us, thank you for being there and sharing your concerns and issues with us. This is how we can do the best possible job for you and for the district. If you haven't joined us yet, please consider attending one of our town halls in the future. Remember, hearing from you helps me to do the best job possible for you and our district. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of our offices, or if you'd like to submit a question for us to answer on one of our weekly videos, visit [emmer.house.gov slash asktah](http://emmer.house.gov/slash/asktah). In closing, thank you for all your kind words, I appreciate your support, and remember, you always have mine.

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