



Rep. Tom Emmer on the August District Work Period

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Hi everyone, Tom Emmer here. The kids are back in school and Congress is back in Washington. This week was our first week back in Washington after a busy month in Minnesota during what I like to call the August District Work Period. And what a work period August was. Whoever thought it should be called an August Recess? Believe me, no one in our office took a recess. As people hear me say all the time, the main role of a congressman is service, constituent service. We are here to serve you. During August, I traveled throughout Minnesota's 6th District meeting with the people I work for, organizations, and business leaders. The purpose of our meetings? To listen and learn. My staff and I personally worked with people from every corner of the district. I met with the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, the Associated Builders and Contractors, and the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants, just to name a few. I had the opportunity to tour Wake Park's mail processing facility, and I met with the management and toured Becker's coal-fired power plant, which we all know as Sherco. I also toured the nuclear power plant in Monticello, and I had a first-hand look at the status of the new bridge over the St. Croix in Stillwater. In addition to all that, we participated in town halls and other meetings where a wide variety of transportation issues were discussed, including needed highway safety improvements to Highway 212, Highway 5, Highway 10, I-94, and the County Road 97 bridge over 35W in Columbus. I had the opportunity to speak with several groups, including with the Coalition for a Secure Energy Future, the Waconia Chamber Forum, Hazelden's Pain Pill Problem Summit, and we dedicated the Cold Spring Post Office to Officer Tommy Decker. I even managed to make it to the Minnesota State Fair. Now everyone in Minnesota knows that an August in Minnesota is not complete without a stop at the Great Minnesota Get-Together. Actually, I think at one point we visited the fair five days in a row. We also hit a bit of a milestone in August when we held our 10th town hall since January. I love town halls. They give me the opportunity to be with you, to hear what questions you have, any concerns you have on current legislation, and what issues matter to you most. We're going to do more. In fact, by the end of the year, we plan to have held at least one town hall in each of the counties I represent. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend yet, please check [emmer.house.gov slash coffee](http://emmer.house.gov/slash/coffee) where you'll be able to find information on upcoming town halls. A huge thanks to everyone that we saw in August. Hope to see the rest of you soon. Thanks and have a great day.

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