

DISTRICT 8



Joe Radinovich
DEMOCRAT



Pete Stauber
REPUBLICAN

He has [expressed a willingness](#) to work with the president if elected. However, Radinovich has [taken issue](#) with the administration's decision to cut short [a study](#) of the impact mining in the region could have on the environment.

ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

He [voted for Donald Trump](#). Both President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have visited Minnesota to endorse Stauber. During Trump's visit, Stauber expressed his support of the president, [thanking him](#) for his work improving the economy and for "putting America and the American worker first."

He [has advocated for universal background checks](#), raising the minimum age to purchase a gun and the [elimination of bump stocks](#) as ways to help curb gun violence in the U.S.

GUN CONTROL

He says he is committed to [protecting the 2nd Amendment](#). During a [forum earlier this year](#) Stauber said he would support a national database of people who should not own guns due to issues like mental illness or a history of domestic abuse.

He supports [single-payer, universal health care](#), calling it a human right. Radinovich has said with our current system too much money goes to "[middlemen and special interests](#)."

HEALTH CARE

He supports "[patient-driven and physician-guided](#)" health care and said he would support [free-market principals](#) in our health care system.

He [supports the legalization of marijuana](#) both for medicinal and recreational purposes, in addition to farmers' right to grow agricultural hemp. He has also called for those who have been convicted of marijuana-related charges to have those incidents expunged from their criminal records.

MARIJUANA

He does not support the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes, pointing to a desire to [keep all drugs away from Minnesota's youth](#).

Students should have [free access](#) to apprenticeships, trade and tech schools and community college, Radinovich says. We can achieve this by looking at where special interest groups are influencing policy and giving the advantage to the super-wealthy through tax cuts, he said.

HIGHER EDUCATION

He has pointed to students not knowing all their options as a problem with higher education and that technical colleges are sometimes overlooked as an option. He says he would advocate for [making sure industrial arts programs are offered in high school](#). He also said public repayment programs might be necessary to keep higher education affordable.

His stance on the environment mostly focuses on mining in the region, promoting a strong regulatory process for any projects. He also supports funding for the state to meet its CO2 emission goals and the move toward a [“clean energy economy.”](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE

Stauber believes the U.S. shouldn't rejoin the Paris climate deal and favors an [“all-of-the-above” policy for energy](#) over what he considers burdensome, job-killing regulation.

Creating a [pathway to citizenship](#) for those who are in the country illegally should be a priority, Radinovich said. He does not support President Trump's plan for a wall at the border.

IMMIGRATION

Stauber says there is a need to secure America's borders to include walls in some places. He did call the Trump administration's policy of separating children at the Mexico border [“heartbreaking and an unfortunate consequence of when parents disregard the law.”](#)

Technology and globalization are causing our job market to [change quickly](#), he said. He believes investments in infrastructure can help create and support jobs and we should focus on paying a fair wage to people who are in high demand jobs.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

He says he wants to keep young workers in the region by supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs. He supports [making lending systems more accessible](#) so aspiring businesses can get their start.

He says [he supports the endeavor](#), but only if Polymet is able to meet all the environmental standards in place. In a debate he also talked about the importance of making sure the company is held accountable to the business plan they have laid out should the mine go bankrupt and need to close.

COPPER-NICKEL MINING

He [supports Polymet's plans to mine near the boundary waters](#) and is adamant that there can be a balance between supporting mining and protecting the environment. Stauber says technology used to prevent pollution will ensure the project is safe. He has been critical of moves that stall the project's approval process.

He opposes the law, saying it [favors the super-wealthy](#) and that it will make the country's current deficit worse.

TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

He strongly supports the tax law, crediting it with bringing [essential tax cuts to average families in the 8th District](#) and with providing opportunities for businesses to invest in their workforce.