

DISTRICT 4



Betty McCollum
DEMOCRAT



Greg Ryan
REPUBLICAN

“My top priority is to use the power of Congress to hold President Trump and his administration accountable for their harmful actions and policies. The blatant level of corruption and profiteering in this White House demands extensive congressional investigation.” She has co-sponsored articles of impeachment against the president.

ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

Ryan is “in full support” of the president and his administration.

She supports universal background checks and wants to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

GUN CONTROL

He doesn't want changes in federal law and says states have rights to change their own laws on guns.

McCollum supports the Affordable Care Act and wants a public option added.

HEALTH CARE

He's critical of the Affordable Care Act, including how long and complicated it is. He has said he wouldn't sign a bill longer than five pages. He says there should be more choice in health care and that a Medicaid-for-all plan is “not good because it really gives us zero choice.”

“The most important role the federal government can play in K-12 public education is to provide full funding to school districts for special education — the Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA). The failure to fully fund IDEA shifts the funding burden to local school districts which then diverts limited resources away from classroom instruction and a high-quality education.”

K-12 EDUCATION PRIORITIES

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

McCollum says “our planet is in peril” due to climate change and said she supports “strategic investments” in clean energy. She has also backed emissions reduction efforts.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

McCollum wants to [address the cost of college](#) by “reducing tuition for working families, protecting a strong Pell Grant program and enforcing protections for student loan borrowers.”

HIGHER EDUCATION

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

McCollum [supports a pathway to citizenship](#) for some immigrants, including those brought across the border as children. She also criticizes the Trump administration refugee and asylum policy, saying the U.S. should “resettle no less than 75,000 refugees per year.”

IMMIGRATION

Ryan says the U.S. should [fully enforce existing immigration laws](#) before considering other changes to immigration policy.

McCollum [supports](#) abortion rights.

ABORTION

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

She says the Trump administration’s “[trade war](#)” with China and tariffs will likely hurt agriculture, manufacturing and other sectors. She says the government must create a “[fair playing field](#)” for workers and businesses.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Ryan [backs the Trump administration’s tariffs](#), calling them “a tool to bring the playing field down to a level game.” He also says “people from the private sector [do the dirty work and create the jobs](#),” and [said those in “the 1 percent”](#) are the people hiring small businesses and investing in new technologies.

McCollum has [opposed](#) copper-nickel mining near the Boundary Waters. “If we make a mistake in the Boundary Waters and [these] toxic, heavy metals and acid leak into the water, it is generations and generations that will pay for our risky behavior to jump for quick profit.”

COPPER-NICKEL MINING

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.

She [opposed](#) the recent Republican tax cut and says they’ll “only stimulate income inequality.” She supports spending on [infrastructure improvements](#).

TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

He says he [would’ve voted for the Republican tax plan](#) and that it “didn’t go far enough.” Ryan also wants to [cut federal spending](#).

She has supported [states’ rights](#) to legalize marijuana.

MARIJUANA

The candidate appears to have no public position. MPR News has reached out for comment.