

U.S. Congress, District 8 – Vote for one

Pete Stauber (R)



Throughout my life, I've worn a lot of uniforms: professional hockey player, small business owner, law enforcement officer ... none more important than husband and dad. A few years ago, when my wife, Jodi, was overseas with the Duluth Fighter Wing fighting in Iraq, I had a lot of time to think. When I would put the kids to bed each night, my prayer was that Jodi would come home safely and our children would be able to enjoy the same hopes and dreams that we had. I am running for Congress because I want the next generation to have those same opportunities and freedoms.

I believe my opponents are good, well-intentioned people. We just completely disagree on how the federal government can best serve Americans.

I believe in affordable, accessible, patient-centered health care that protects

the sacred relationship between a patient and their doctor. My opponents believe a bureaucrat in Washington should be managing a \$33 trillion one-size-fits-all health care system that would cost you thousands more each year, lead to the largest tax increase in modern history, abolish employer-covered health insurance and kick seniors and veterans off their health care altogether.

I believe Minnesotans in our part of the state are part of the fabric of what makes America great. My opponents believe the federal

government should be the sole job creator picking winners and losers.

With 21st century technology we can have productive and clean mining. We can preserve our pristine lands while providing an economic boom to the region. My opponents support the job-killing, outdated, over-reaching regulations that have stifled our region of Minnesota and kept some mines closed or put them out of business altogether. I will fight to ensure anyone who wants a job can get one.

I am running for Congress because I am committed to being part of the solution. I believe federal policies should encourage - not inhibit - job creation. I am committed to pursuing policies that will help working families in the region, provide endless opportunity and greater prosperity for everyone and unleash the economic engine in the Eighth District.

Joe Radinovich (D)



I am a fourth generation Cuyuna Iron Ranger, raised in a family of miners, electricians and health care workers and avid outdoorsmen. I've dealt with personal tragedy, including losing my mother to gun violence - an experience that has taught and instilled in me the importance of community, public education and strengthening the middle class in hard times and economic uncertainty. These were values I took to the state legislature when I represented Aitkin in St. Paul and look forward to continuing in Washington.

I am running for Congress to champion policies that will give working families in Aitkin and the surrounding region better opportunities to thrive in times of economic changes and personal challenges. The simple truth is that as our nation grows wealthier and more productive than ever, workers are not shar-

ing in that increased productivity and, in fact, have experienced stagnant wages for the better part of the last 40 years. To address this challenge, we need to make investments in skills training and re-training, protecting the rights of workers to unionize, and fortifying complementary systems and services that make work possible - like broadband, universal healthcare through a Medicare for all

approach, childcare, paid family leave and public education - which will give all of us the stability, employability and safety we need to build our futures.

My priorities also include protecting retirement security - Social Security, Medicare, pensions and the unions that fought for them. Another reason for running is to change the way we do politics in this country by removing the corrosive influence of dark money flowing into our elections. This system makes elected officials more accountable to millionaires and billionaires, instead of focusing on the voters who elect them. I think that's wrong and I'm fighting to take back our government from special interests.

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Ray Skip Sandman (Ind.)

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Editor's note: Ray Skip Sandman did not submit a response to the MNA 2018 Political Questionnaire.

State Representative, District 10B – Vote for one

Phil Yetzer (D)



My wife and I live in Fairfield Township, Crow Wing County, and we have two school-aged children. I am a graduate of St. Cloud State University. Following a career in the trucking business, I have been a licensed building contractor, restaurant owner and real estate agent. My civic involvement includes serving as chair of Fairfield Township board, volunteer firefighter for the City of Emily and current vice president on the Emily Coop Telephone board of directors.

I am running to improve the lives of regular people in District 10B. Incomes of our citizens have not kept pace with the basic cost of living.

I see the main issues we need to address as a state include support for educa-

tion, reducing health care costs and providing a sound business climate.

Education is the vehicle for increasing wages and providing the skilled workforce our employers need to grow. I will support investment in public schools and technical training as well as fixing the student debt crisis, all of which will pay us back over the lifetime of the individual while improving lives.

We must come together to find a way to free our economy from the burden of high cost health insurance. I will support any solution that provides affordable access to everyone regardless of age or pre-existing condition and that realizes savings by group negotiations and directing more of our dollars toward care and less toward administrative costs.

State budgeting process must provide a stable and predictable economic environment and long term infrastructure planning so that our business community can enjoy sustainable growth and innovation. We need legislators who will balance the state budget without shifting costs to schools or other units of government and who will work together to bring resolution without threats of government shutdown.

Dale Lueck (R)

we face today.

My wife of 49 years, Linda, and I raise beef cattle and I currently serve as the state representative for District 10B, which includes Aitkin and a major portion of Crow Wing County. Linda and I have two grown children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Currently, I serve as vice chair of the Mining, Forestry and Tourism Committee, member of the Ag Policy, Capital Investment, Environmental and Natural Resources, and Veteran's Committees, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board and chair the Legislative School Fund Commission. I also previously served as an Aitkin County Commissioner. I am a 28-year U.S. Navy veteran.

I ask for your support so we can continue to build economic opportunities for all the citizens of District 10B. As an experienced leader, I will work hard to resolve the many challenges

It's about listening carefully, asking the right questions, tapping into the wealth of knowledge that already exists and applying common sense to develop a lasting solution.

I will continue to work on reducing health insurance and health care costs, reduce taxes, eliminate unwarranted regulations and enhance a job-creating business climate. I will also ensure we maintain excellent education systems.

Statewide priorities include, health care including strengthening our local, regional and state mental health services, protecting recently enacted state tax reductions for our seniors, young families, students and businesses and investing in our roads and bridges.

Local priorities include resolving the issues with the Mille Lacs Lake walleye fishery, ensuring public safety during the construction of the recently approved replacement of Enbridge Line 3, continuing to protect our



environment with an emphasis on aquatic invasive species and requiring that our state agencies serve our citizens in a timely, courteous and effective manner.

My focus is on doing the right thing for the citizens of our district and the State of Minnesota. I have a strong record of getting bipartisan legislation passed and signed by the governor. It's about putting partisan differences aside and doing what's right for the people. I am about solutions, not who gets the credit!

For more info, visit www.VoteDaleLueck10B.com

Governor (Lieutenant Governor) – Vote for one team



Jeff Johnson (Donna Bergstrom) (R)

My top priority is making state government accountable to taxpayers again and changing the culture in some of our state agencies from that of controlling and directing us to actually serving the taxpayers. Time and again we have seen important functions of government completely fail. Elder abuse, child care fraud, the failures of the MNSURE website and the MNLARS disaster. Real Minnesotans are getting harmed by government failures, and hundreds of mil-

ions in taxpayer dollars are being wasted or even stolen. Balancing the state budget is important, but instilling a service culture back into government and ensuring that tax money is actually helping Minnesotans is even more so.

Jeff was born and raised in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota and graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1985, Concordia College in Moorhead in 1989 and Georgetown Law School in Washington, D.C. in 1992. Jeff and Sondri (Crookston) have been married for 25 years. They have two boys, Ihor (20) and Rolf (17), and one bulldog, Chester (9).

Jeff has been self-em-

ployed for 18 years, providing workplace investigations and training to employers throughout the country. He served six years in the Minnesota House and is now in his third and final term as a Hennepin County Commissioner.

Jeff has taught Sunday School and confirmation and been active in his church's music program. He has coached youth football, baseball and soccer, has tutored homeless children in Chicago and Minneapolis and has served on a number of volunteer community boards and organizations including Young Life, Plymouth Christian Youth Center and Concordia's Alumni Board.

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Editor's note: Jeff Johnson's response was gathered from the MNA 2018 Political Questionnaire.



Tim Walz (Peggy Flanagan) (D)

Peggy and I are running to build One Minnesota. A Minnesota where every child has the opportunity to succeed and hope for the future. A Minnesota with fair wages, fully funded

Chris Wright (Judith Schwartzbacker) (G)

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public schools, and affordable health care. A Minnesota where we protect our environment, invest in renewable energy and jobs, and maintain our roads, bridges, and transit across the state. We want to bring this vision to the governor's office by bringing everyday people - no matter where they live or what they look like - who are impacted by

Josh Welter (Mary O'Conner) (L)

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policy decisions into the decision-making process.

I am a teacher, coach, 24 year National Guard veteran, and a Congressman. I have a proven track record of working across the aisle to get things done. In fact, I have been rated a leader in bipartisan lawmaking by the Lugar Center, an independent Washington-based research group. I want to take my experiences and create One Minnesota, where we all have a seat at the table and work to improve the lives of all Minnesotans.

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