

“Leader”
Ad Back-Up
Tim Walz For Congress
 TV (:30)

<i>SCRIPT</i>	<i>FACTS</i>
<p>ANNCR: Tim Walz. A teacher and a veteran.</p> <p>ANNCR: He’s an independent leader...</p> <p>CG: “against the party line” Endorsed by: New Ulm Journal, 10/22/08 [HR 3997, Vote #674, 9/29/08; HR 1424, Vote #681, 10/3/08]</p> <p>ANNCR: Who’s gone “against the party line” on the Wall Street bailout...</p>	<p><u>FACT: New Ulm Journal Endorsed Walz.</u></p> <p>New Ulm Journal Wrote Walz Went “Against Party Line.” In their endorsement of Congressman Walz, the New Ulm Journal wrote, “His recent vote against the economic bailout package went against the party line.” [New Ulm Journal, 10/22/08]</p> <p><u>FACT: Walz Voted Against The Wall Street Bailout.</u></p> <p>Walz Voted Twice Against The Wall Street Bailout, Because It Didn’t Help Southern Minnesotans. Congressman Walz bucked his own party and voted against Wall Street Bailout legislation twice because it didn’t help Minnesotans. [HR 3997, Vote #674, 9/29/08; HR 1424, Vote #681, 10/3/08]</p> <p>Because It Didn’t Help Southern Minnesotans, Walz Voted Against The Wall Street Bailout Legislation. Congressman Walz voted against the majority of his own party and opposed the Wall Street bailout legislation. He said, “Wall Street got us into this mess, and I hope that the Congressional leadership will go back to the drawing board and write a bill that holds Wall Street accountable, both through sensible regulation and oversight and by restricting the excessive golden parachutes for CEOs who got themselves in trouble.” He continued, “I voted against this bill because it wasn’t a good deal for taxpayers. Lawmakers need to go back to the table immediately and come up with a much better deal for taxpayers and the middle class.” [Austin Daily Herald, 9/30/08]</p>
<p>CG: “long-term” energy plan</p>	<p><u>FACT: Albert Lea Tribune Endorsed Walz.</u></p>

**Endorsed by: Albert Lea Tribune, 10/20/08
HR 6709**

ANNCR: And worked across the aisle to help write a “long term” energy plan that includes more drilling and real investments in renewables.

Albert Lea Tribune Wrote Walz Thinks “Long-Term.” In their endorsement of Congressman Walz, the Albert Lea Tribune wrote, “The attribute we like best about Walz is his ability to think long-term. The pioneers thought that way. Our grandparents thought that way.” [Albert Lea Tribune, [10/20/08](#)]

- **Endorsement Said Supports More Drilling And Developing Alternative Energy.** The endorsement stated, “For instance, on energy, many Republicans say ‘drill, baby, drill,’ but it rings hollow when the oil companies won’t drill on federal land they already have rights to. The Democrats, with Walz vocal among them, say drill, baby, drill on the land you’ve already got first. Walz isn’t opposed to opening more land to drilling, but he is no fool. He is smart enough to know giving more rights to the oil companies doesn’t necessarily mean the oil companies will drill. Naturally, oil executives want to limit supply so gas prices will rise. Further, Walz says the drilling for oil needs to produce revenue for developing viable alternative energy sources so America can transition away from oil addiction. See, he is thinking long-term.” [Albert Lea Tribune, [10/20/08](#)]

Walz Energy Bill Expands Drilling and Funding For Renewables. Walz’s energy bill will expand drilling and funding for renewable. The “bill reflects the results of a growing bi-partisan coalition of lawmakers who believe in putting aside partisan bickering and finding common-sense solutions that will speed up America’s transition to an energy independent future,” said Rep. Tim Walz. “This bill expands drilling and increases domestic production of oil, helps consumers by releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and provides a reliable and significant source of new funding for renewable energy research and energy conservation that will allow us to speed up the development of next-generation renewable fuels.” [HR 6709, introduced 7/31/08; Walz Congressional Press Release 7/30/08, 8/8/08]

- **Bipartisan Energy Groups Meets Without Party Leadership.** It was reported that the bipartisan energy group meets without party leadership. “The coalition, which Walz said was made up of 14 Republicans and 10 Democrats, has been meeting for about one month without the blessing or participation of House leaders from

either party.” [Mankato Free Press, 7/30/08]

CG: Endorsed by:
Veterans of Foreign Wars PAC
Minnesota Nurses
Minnesota Police
Minnesota Firefighters
National Rifle Association
National Farmers Union PAC
Alliance For Retired Americans

FACT: Walz Was Endorsed By the VFW PAC.

Congressman Walz Was Endorsed By The VFW PAC. In a letter to the Congressman, the VFW expressed their support in an endorsement. “This letter is official notification that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Political Action Committee (VFW-PAC) Board of Directors has endorsed you for re-election to the United States House of Representatives. In addition to comments received from VFW leaders in your state, this endorsement is based on your strong support for veterans, national security/defense, and military personnel issues.” [Veterans of Foreign Wars, PAC, letter to Congressman Walz, received 9/15/08]

FACT: Walz Was Endorsed By Minnesota Nurses Association.

Minnesota Nurses Association Endorsed Walz. In a letter announcing their endorsement to the campaign, the Minnesota Nurses Association stated, “The Minnesota Nurses Association is pleased to endorse you in your 2008 election campaign.” They continued, “Thank you for your commitment to making nursing issues a priority in congress as well as advancing health care reform.” [Minnesota Nurses Association Endorsement Letter, 9/16/08]

FACT: Walz Was Endorsed By the Minnesota Police & Peace Officers Association.

Minnesota Police & Peace Officers Association Endorsed Walz. In a letter announcing their endorsement to the campaign, the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers stated, “the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Police & Peace Officers Association extends its endorsement of your candidacy for election to the United States Congress.” [Minnesota Police & Peace Officers Association Endorsement Letter, 7/31/08]

FACT: Walz Was Endorsed By The Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters.

Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters Endorsed Walz. In an endorsement letter to the campaign, the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters stated, “At our August 5th Executive Board meeting, the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters voted unanimously to offer our endorsement for your election bid to District 1 of the United States House of Representatives.” They continued, “After review of your race, we feel you are the most qualified candidate and would best represent the ideals and positions of the fire fighters. Our endorsement is not easily obtainable and only those who have shown their concerns for the fire fighters issues and the citizens we protect earn this honor.” [Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters endorsement letter, 8/18/08]

FACT: Walz Was Endorsed By the NRA.

NRA Gave Walz an “A” Rating. In a 2008, Chris W. Cox, Chairman of NRA-PVF stated, “Because of his unwavering pro-gun support, Tim Walz earned an ‘A’ rating and an endorsement from NRA-PVF.” [NRA Political Victory Fund Press Release, [9/9/08](#)]

FACT: Walz Was Endorsed By the National Farmers Union PAC.

National Farmers Union PAC Endorsed Walz. In a letter to the Congressman from the Chairman of the National Farmers Union PAC it was stated that, “I am pleased to inform you that the National Farmers Union Political Action Committee (NATFARMPAC) has endorsed your candidacy for the United States Congress. NATFARMPAC seeks to support candidate for federal office who are committed to ensuring that the public policy needs of family farms, ranchers and the communities in which they live and address. You have demonstrated that commitment, and we thank you.” [NATFARMPAC letter to Congressman Walz, 7/03/08]

FACT: Walz Was Endorsed By the Alliance For Retired Americans.

Alliance for Retired Americans Endorsed Walz. In their endorsement letter to the campaign the Alliance for Retired Americans stated, “Your positions demonstrated a strong commitment to improve the quality of life for older Americans. Your leadership on issues such as fighting Social

Security privatization and strengthening the Social Security and Medicare systems exhibits that commitment. In addition, our members can support your candidacy because of your belief in the need to provide more affordable health care for older Americans, to create a Medicare drug program that benefits seniors, not insurance and drug companies, as well as the need for stronger retirement and pension security, and quality long term and nursing home care.” [Alliance for Retired Americans, Endorsement letter, 10/3/08]

ANNCR: He’s fought to change Washington.

Cutting through red tape for our veterans...

Rebuilding Main Street...

Working for our farmers.

FACT: Walz Fought For Veterans.

Congressman Walz Urged the VA to Open a Clinic in Mankato.

“Congressman Walz wrote a letter in May to Secretary Peake expressing his strong support for a potential VA clinic in Mankato and urging VA to approve the Minneapolis’ VA Medical Center’s proposal for the clinic. When the clinic was in fact opened in early June, Congressman Walz made a congressional visit on its first day, in order to survey it, to help spread the word about it, and to urge VA to move quickly on its plans to expand the clinic from a mental health clinic to a full primary care clinic.” [[Walz Congressional Website](#)]

- **Walz Applauded the Opening of the VA Clinic in Mankato.** On the opening of the VA Clinic Congressman Tim Walz said, “There was always a desire to have it done, the Veterans knew there was a need for it, but it was very hard to mesh up the public will, the political will, and the funding that was needed to get it, so this is a testament that people stuck with it.” [KEYC.com, 6/16/08]
- **Walz Said the VA Clinic Was a Step in Taking Care of Veterans.** In a press release Walz stated the VA clinic was a step in taking care of veterans. “This is an absolutely critical step in taking care of our veterans,” said Walz. “There is clearly a need for more services for veterans in the area, and expanded mental health services will provide our veterans with more options for care. I am proud of the local partnership that has made this clinic possible.” [Walz Congressional Press Release, 6/16/08]

Walz Supported New GI Bill. In 2008, Walz voted for an amendment that would create an expanded educational benefit for veterans, imposing a surtax on the very wealthy to offset the costs of the new veterans' program

and suspend implementation of seven Bush administration Medicaid regulations. The amendment appropriated \$21.2 billion for domestic programs, military construction and foreign aid programs. The amendment would provide a permanent expansion of education benefits for post-Sept. 11 veterans, offset with a 0.47 percent surtax on modified adjusted gross income above \$500,000 per year for individuals and \$1 million for couples. It also would temporarily extend unemployment insurance benefits and place a moratorium through March 2009 on seven Medicaid regulations proposed by the administration. The amendment passed 256-166. [HR 2642, Vote #330, 5/15/08; Congressional Quarterly, Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 5/16/08]

- **Walz Applauded the Passage of the GI Bill.** Walz stated in a press release, "The legislation will give our returning troops the tools they need to continue their success in their civilian lives, will make military service more attractive, and will pay future dividends as it strengthens our sagging economy," said Rep. Tim Walz. "I think it is fitting that this restoration of GI Bill benefits is included in a supplemental war spending bill because we often forget that caring for our soldiers and veterans after they return from the battlefield is a real, measurable cost of war." [Walz Congressional Press Release, 5/16/08]

FACT: Walz Fought For the Southern Minnesota.

Walz Proposed Bill To Allow Middle Class To Keep More Of The Money They Earn. According to the *Rochester Post-Bulletin*, in July 2008, Walz "...unveiled a package of tax-relief proposals on Monday that he said would bring immediate help to the beleaguered middle class." Walz' plan "...would essentially allow middle class taxpayers to keep more of the money they earn through an assortment of tax cuts and tax credits, including a doubling of the standard deduction for taxpayers. To pay for it, Walz would raise taxes and close loopholes that benefit hedge-fund managers and highly paid corporate executives, as well as repeal subsidies for major oil and gas companies." Walz's proposal was slated to have a limited life span, and would most likely apply only to the 2008 and 2009 tax years. [Rochester Post-Bulletin, 7/29/08]

Walz's Plan Would Create Jobs In Southern Minnesota. According to his

website, “We need to invest in renewable energy research and development so we can jump-start our economy, create millions of new green-collar jobs and move America towards energy independence. That’s why Congressman Walz helped write a bi-partisan energy bill that uses oil company royalty payments generated from expanded offshore oil drilling to finance our country’s transition to energy independence. The plan invests the royalty payments in speeding up development of renewable energy and new, clean affordable fuels to power our vehicles and heat our homes and businesses.” [Walz Campaign Website, accessed [10/10/08](#)]

FACT: Walz Fought for Farmers.

Walz Supported Programs to Encourage Young Farmers in the Farm Bill. Walz said programs and incentives to get young people involved in farming were included in the farm bill such as tax credits. Walz said, “Well I thank Senator Day for that great lead in because I’ve got just the programs for you that went into this year’s farm bill...And the beginning Farmer and rancher initiatives that we all know implement costs land costs are a part of it health care costs for making the determination of workers stay on the farm...We need to incentivize these programs like the 10% set aside we set for conservation programs to make sure beginning farmer and ranchers can get in there. Some creative solutions we’ve put in this farm bill to allow people who have CRP acres coming out of production be able to offset their loss if they could sell that to the highest bidder sell it and take a tax credit if you get it into the hands of cheaper new beginning farmer and rancher...” [Farm Fest 2008 Transcript, 8/5/08]

Walz Worked to Create Veto-Proof Majority on Farm Bill. The *Rochester Post Bulletin* reported, “Walz, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, was pleased to see the bill include his proposal to allow farmers to divert up to 75,000 acres to the production of fruit and vegetables and not lose future eligibility for crop subsidies on those acres. He also backed beginning farmer incentives, increased conservation program flexibility provisions, and a study on the impact of freight railroad consolidation on rural communities.” [Rochester Post Bulletin, 5/14/08]

**CG: “he’s one of us”
Endorsed by: Rochester Post Bulletin, 10/25/08**

FACT: Walz Endorsed By Rochester Post Bulletin.

ANNCR: Tim “isn’t afraid to get his hands dirty” because “he’s one of us.”

WALZ V/O: I’m Tim Walz and I approve this message.

Rochester Post Bulletin Said Walz Was One Of Us. In their endorsement of Congressman Walz, the Rochester Post Bulletin stated, “And ultimately, when Walz says he understands and appreciates the concerns of the struggling middle class, we believe him. He's one of us -- a hard-working Minnesotan who's served his country, taught young people and isn't afraid to get his hands dirty, both literally and figuratively.” [Rochester Post Bulletin, [10/25/08](#)]