

Mankato, MN – Rep. Walz released the following statement one year after the Recovery and Reinvestment Act was passed in Congress:

“Southern Minnesotans have been clear: the Recovery Act has created jobs and is helping bolster economic growth in our communities,” said Walz. “Our kids have teachers because the Recovery Act helped local school districts make ends meet. Working families and local businesses are getting a tax breaks because of the Recovery Act. We are laying the ground work long-term economic prosperity.”

In southern Minnesota, 250,000 families are benefiting from a tax break, according to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

What have southern Minnesotans been saying about Congressman Tim Walz’s work on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the impact it has had on their communities?

August 31, 2009 – Spring Valley, MN City Administrator Deb Zimmer:

Deb Zimmer, City Administrator of Spring Valley said, “We are very excited to expand this industrial park. Not only will we see construction jobs as we begin to expand, but we have one business that was looking to move without this expansion, so that will save about 20 jobs in our community. The city of Spring Valley has had less revenue in recent years due to the economy and the floods; we would not have been able to move forward without this grant.”

September 1, 2009 – Mankato City Administrator Pat Hentges:

Pat Hentges, City Administrator of Mankato, said, “This is a prime example of a stimulus program that will help with the economic woes of the small private contractors and help make energy improvements that have a long lasting effect or payback to our communities.”

November 30, 2009 – Mayor Roy Srp of Waseca, MN:

“I am pleased that Congressman Walz is coming to Waseca to see the upgrades we’re making to our aging wastewater infrastructure and see firsthand the quality jobs being created in our area.” said Mayor Roy Srp. “The Congressman’s work on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in Congress helped our community secure \$6 million in funding for this project which has created 30 jobs. We all know that this money churns in our local economy providing benefits to our local materials providers, hardware stores, gas stations, restaurants and main street shops.”

November 13, 2009 – Mayor Mike Murtaugh of Albert Lea, MN:

“We were pleased to host Congressman Walz today to demonstrate Recovery Act funding at work in the city's airport runway expansion project,” said Mayor Mike Murtaugh. “This was a project that readily met the definition of "shovel ready" and so was among the early projects across the country to receive funding and construction is well underway. We thank the Congressman and his staff for work on securing funding for this and other area projects. Looking to the future, we also want to recognize his work along with Representative James Oberstar on drafting the new Surface Transportation Bill currently being written by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, of which Rep. Walz is a member, and Rep. Oberstar is the chairman.”

February 12, 2010 – President of South Central College (Mankato) Keith Stover:

“This grant will allow South Central College the ability to offer a broader selection of needed health care programs to prospective students in a thirteen county region throughout South Central Minnesota,” said Keith Stover, President of South Central College. “SCC’s certificate offerings will be expanded to offer additional pathways into higher level career fields. These new programs are designed to provide Southern Minnesota with the education necessary to achieve high-wage positions within the health care sector. SCC is pleased to provide support to our regional healthcare employers and expand options for our students.”