Collin Peterson is America’s most independent Congressman. As a farmer, hunter and National Guard veteran, Collin always puts Western Minnesota first. As the head of the Agriculture Committee, Collin brings together Republicans & Democrats to do more for farmers and rural communities. For example, Collin led the fight to successfully pass Trump’s Farm Bill. And Collin wrote the law that is keeping dozens of Western Minnesota’s rural hospitals open.


2017: Rep. Peterson Had Highest Bipartisan Legislation Score. “Rep. Collin Peterson, a Democrat serving in his 27th year in the U.S. House, had the highest bipartisan legislation score in 2017, according a study by Georgetown University. The nonpartisan analysis shows Peterson’s track record of working across the aisle on a variety of issues for his congressional district and to rural America. Peterson represents most of farm and lakes country in all of western Minnesota.” [Twin Cities Pioneer Press, 12/18/19]

Rep. Peterson Served In The North Dakota National Guard From 1963 To 1969. “Congressman Peterson grew up on a farm near Glyndon, Minnesota and was educated in the local public schools. He graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead in 1966 with a double major in Business Administration and Accounting, and also served in the North Dakota National Guard from 1963 to 1969. Before being elected to the House of Representatives, he was a Certified Public Accountant and small business owner in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and also served for ten years in the Minnesota State Senate.” [Office of Congressman Peterson, 9/3/20]

Rep. Peterson Is A Hunter. “Peterson is a private pilot who often flies his own single-engine plane to get around his large district and visit with his constituency. He also is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and fishing whenever time permits.” [Office of Congressman Peterson, 9/3/20]

Rep. Peterson Is A Farmer. “Rep. Collin Peterson, the outspoken House Agriculture Committee chairman who has emerged as a key figure in the climate debate, is used to rocking the house. […] Along the way, the 65-year-old former farmer, rock musician and accountant has clashed with environmentalists, the Obama administration and members of his own party in Congress.” [New York Times, 6/17/19]

Rep. Peterson Helped To Facilitate A Conference Committee Between Republicans And Democrats That Reached A Compromise On The 2018 Farm Bill. “A conference committee that included U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., ranking member of the House agriculture panel, finally reached a compromise this month as a bipartisan mix of lawmakers decided it did not want to crack down on SNAP and sought to support farmers amid sagging commodity prices and tariffs arising from a trade war with China. The House passed the bill 369-47.” [Star Tribune, 12/12/18]

In December 2018, President Trump Signed The Farm Bill Into Law. “President Trump signed into law Thursday an $867 billion farm bill that provides billions in aid to U.S. farmers while rejecting deep cuts to the federal food stamp programs sought by some House Republicans.” [Washington Post, 12/20/18]