



Congressman James Oberstar's Office
Wednesday - May 12, 2010 at 10:30 AM

Met with:

In Attendance: Neil (Toll Company), Sue Crocket, Missy McManigle, Steve Storkan and Jennifer Morton

Congressman John Kline's Office
Thursday - May 13, 2010 at 1:30 PM

Met with: Molly Conway – Legislative Assistant

In Attendance: Sarah Niklaus, Steve Storkan, Missy McManigle and Jennifer Morton



Congresswoman Betty McCollum's Office

Thursday - May 13, 2010 at 3:00 PM

Met with: Anthony Jones

In Attendance: Jennifer Morton, Sarah Niklaus, Missy McManigle and John Brower (Gray Plant Mooty)



Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann's Office

Thursday May 13, 2010 at

Met with: Brian Looser

In Attendance: Steve Eide, Jennifer Morton, Sarah Niklaus, Missy McManigle and Neal Smith

We discussed H.R. 3586 and the newly introduced H.R.5207 in all of our meetings and briefly pointed out the difference between the two bills. We talked about how ESOP's benefit employees and their retirement plans. Jenn and I both talked about our years with Walman Optical and the stability and successes of our company in a very competitive and fluctuating market.

The Kline visit was most disappointing after our great visit with the Congressman last year! Maybe that's why I didn't get a picture from that one...pretty much just a blank stare for 10 minutes.

None of us in attendance actually live in Oberstar's district, but Walman Optical has two branches there (Duluth and Bemidji.)

My favorite visit was with Betty McCollum's aid. We actually just happened to run into Congressman McCollum on the way into her office and got to talk to her for just a few minutes and get a picture! Anthony was well informed on ESOPs and had a lot of great questions. He was very enthusiastic about the bills and seemed hopefully about the Congresswoman's support.