



Ian Todd
DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 6



Tom Emmer
REPUBLICAN

He has spoken out against the president on a number of issues, [including his “deal making” skills](#).

ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

He [endorsed Trump](#) when he first secured the party nomination in 2016. Ahead of that election, Emmer stressed a need for the GOP to unify behind him. Since then, Emmer has said it’s not his job [to defend the president’s character](#) and that Trump’s style might be rubbing Minnesotans the wrong way. According to the vote tracking service [FiveThirtyEight](#), Emmer has voted in line with the president 89 percent of the time.

He supports [universal background checks](#) and an electronic system for registering firearms. He’s also in favor of repealing legislation that hinders research on gun violence.

GUN CONTROL

He supports the Second Amendment and has introduced legislation laying out an appeals process for those [previously denied purchase](#) of a gun due to misinformation. He says [mental health](#) should be the focus when talking about preventing gun violence.

He supports a [Medicare for All](#), single-payer system. Todd says health care is a right and the quality should not be determined by what you do for a living.

HEALTH CARE

He says health care models like the Affordable Care Act are “[unworkable and unfair](#).” He supports more choices for people seeking health care and voted in favor of the latest attempt to replace the ACA.

He supports subsidized, universal child care as well as more federal funding for public schools in Minnesota by way of a “[fair progressive tax rate](#).”

K-12 EDUCATION PRIORITIES

He supports [localizing control of education](#) and advocates for more choices for parents when deciding where to send their children to school. He says we should focus on innovative teaching tools so teachers are better equipped to educate students as individuals.

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He favors [changing the current support structure](#) for higher education, saying public and community college could be free for students “if Pell grants were redirected to making college free.”

HIGHER EDUCATION

He says: “Congress must also work to protect students from the looming student debt crisis.” He has advocated for more support for students studying in the STEM disciplines. He also supports a bigger focus on apprenticeships in the technology sector.

He supports immigration reform that [simplifies the system](#) for becoming a U.S. citizen, which would also be available to those who have already entered the country illegally.

IMMIGRATION

He advocates for [increased vetting](#) of people entering the U.S. He says he supports welcoming immigrants and refugees, pointing to a need for workers in open jobs.

He [supports abortion rights](#). He is also in favor of increased focus and funding for birth control and sex education.

ABORTION

He is [against abortion rights](#) and opposes using federal funding on abortion services.

He supports unions and says the working class has “[valid demands that we can only reasonably make when we organize](#).” He opposes corporate tax cuts and supports more funding for [social security and jobs programs](#).

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

He has said barriers [hindering global trade](#) and high taxes on businesses are negatively affecting the job market — he suggests eliminating some of those barriers and [lowering individual taxes](#).

He supports the [fight against climate change](#), saying the key is investing in clean energy and training for people to work clean energy jobs.

CLIMATE CHANGE

He supports Trump’s decision to [rescind the Clean Power Plan](#), saying Minnesota companies are reducing carbon emissions without the federal government interfering. Environmental groups rank him as one of the [top climate deniers](#).

He opposes mining in northern Minnesota, saying “we must protect our precious Boundary Waters and not waver for corporate interests.”

COPPER-NICKEL MINING

He supports mining in Minnesota, saying the U.S. needs to [end its dependence on foreign materials](#). He is confident in the [environmental rules](#) currently in place for these kinds of projects.

He supports the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes. “We should legalize cannabis, release non-violent drug offenders, and treat drug abuse as a public health concern instead of a criminal offense,” [he told CBS](#).

MARIJUANA

He [opposed the legalization of marijuana](#) for medical purposes, but has co-signed a letter [opposing federal interference](#) in states setting their own rules on marijuana.