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Pete Stauber has taken millions in donations from special interests and lobbyists	**2025-2026: Stauber Took $1,153,043 In Donations From PACs, Including Mining And Other Industry Special Interests.** [OpenSecrets, Accessed 10/26/26] **2023-2024: Stauber Took $990,800 In Donations From PACS, Including Mining And Other Industry Special Interests.** [OpenSecrets, Accessed 10/26/26] **2023-2024: Stauber Took $920,599 In Donations From PACS, Including Mining And Other Industry Special Interests.** [OpenSecrets, Accessed 10/26/26] **2025-2026: Stauber Took More Than $100,000 In Donations From Lawyers And Lobbyists, Including $56,440 From Lobbyists And Trade Groups** [OpenSecrets, Accessed 10/27/26]
Stauber sides with special interests over everyday Minnesotans – giving sweetheart deals to big foreign corporations	**Stauber Introduced Successful Legislation To Overturn A Ban On Mining Near The Boundary Waters. "**The Senate on Thursday narrowly voted to overturn former President Joe Biden's mining ban in northern Minnesota, agreeing with the House of Representatives and sending the bill to President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it. The move reverses Biden's 20-year block on mining across 225,504 minerals-rich acres (91,200 hectares) in the Superior National Forest and gives a major boost to Antofagasta's Twin Metals copper, cobalt and nickel project, as well as other proposed mines in the region bordering Canada. Environmentalists have long worried that the mine could damage the water-rich region, which is visited by more than 200,000 hikers and canoeists each year. Mining companies have said they believe minerals can be extracted safely. The Senate voted 50-49 to send the measure to Trump, who campaigned in 2024 on overturning the ban. The House approved the bill in January." [Reuters, 4/17/26] **Stauber Introduced H.J. Res 140, Which Overturned A Ban On Mining Near The Boundary Waters.** Stauber the sponsor of H.J. Res 140. This joint resolution opens approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties in Minnesota to mineral and geothermal leasing. Specifically, the joint resolution nullifies Public Land Order 7917, which withdrew such land from mineral and geothermal leasing for 20 years beginning in 2023. The Bureau of Land Management issued the order to protect and preserve the Rainy River Watershed, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Mining Protection Area, and the 1854 Ceded Territory of the Lake Superior Chippewa from potential adverse effects of mineral and geothermal exploration and development. The joint resolution removes such protections and allows such land to be leased for the exploration and development of minerals and geothermal energy. The bill was enacted as Public Law No. 119-85. [H.J.Res.140, Congress.gov, Accessed 10/27/26] **Stauber's Bill Was Described As A "Sweetheart Deal" For Antofagasta, A Subsidiary Of A South American Mining Company.** "Trump acolyte Pete Stauber rammed legislation through the U.S. House of Representatives that would force the reinstatement of cancelled federal mineral leases for the benefit of one foreign corporation, Antofagasta, which is owned primarily by one of South America's richest families. Stauber's bill blocks judicial review of reinstated illegal leases, because Stauber knows that a court would throw out the leases. The Stauber bill would also rescind the 20-year ban on sulfide-ore copper mining in the headwaters of the Boundary Waters and compel rapid approval of a dangerous mine plan […]Trump's plans for America include quitting international climate treaties, doubling down on fossil fuels, gutting America's civil service and replacing it with political cronies and sycophants, and giving foreign mining conglomerates sweetheart deals that would irreparably damage America's greatest canoe country." [Op-Ed, Mesabi Tribune, 5/25/24]
Trina Swanson is a daughter of Northern Minnesota who has spent her life serving others, including	**Trina Swanson Grew Up In Hermantown, Minnesota. "**Trina Swanson didn't grow up in politics. She grew up in Hermantown, Minnesota—in a house where her mother worked as a nurse and her father built things with his hands, first in construction, then at the paper mill. The kitchen table conversations weren't about policy papers. They were about making ends meet, looking out for neighbors, and believing that if you worked

representing America overseas.	hard enough, you could build a good life." [Trina For Congress, Campaign Website, Accessed 10/28/26] **Trina Swanson Represented America Overseas In Roles With U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services. "**Her expertise earned her posts in Germany and Kenya, where she represented the United States Government on the world stage. In these roles, she led international operations, combated national security and criminal threats, and ensured immigration benefits were granted lawfully—all while working across administrations of both parties to keep Americans safe." [Trina For Congress, Campaign Website, Accessed 10/28/26]
Trina can't be bought – she doesn't accept corporate PAC money, and only answers to the people of Minnesota.	**Trina Swanson Pledged Not To Accept Corporate PAC Money.** [Trina For Congress, Facebook, 10/23/26]