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The use of methamphetamines has become pervasive in our country, and especially in rural areas.

~Collin Peterson

I am personally saddened and stunned by the tragic events that took place in Red Lake.

~Collin Peterson

The [Democratic] party's become an urban party, and they don't get rural America. They don't get agriculture.

~Collin Peterson

I think we are starting to get some information that will allow us to get to the bottom of this, and I hope we continue to work on this until we get to the bottom of it.

~Collin Peterson

I fought NAFTA when it passed; it has been a big disaster for us, in my opinion. If we can renegotiate that, it would be wonderful.

~Collin Peterson

The New York Federal Reserve is a tool of the big banks.

~Collin Peterson

The banks run the place.

~Collin Peterson

There's no question that [Donald] Trump got elected because of rural America. And our party still is in denial. They don't get it.

~Collin Peterson

I've tried to maintain my independence in Congress. Sometimes that has meant opposing my own party leaders.

~Collin Peterson

It appears to me that no one has learned a thing; that Wall Street is still operating as if 2008 never happened.

~Collin Peterson

[Rural voters] have a different view of the world than people do in these urban centers.

~Collin Peterson

Republicans have spent a lot of money redistricting and everything, getting control of these governorships and statehouses.

~Collin Peterson

I always run ahead of the ticket [compared to Democratic presidential candidates]. But this time there were a lot of people that just voted party line, a lot more than usual.

~Collin Peterson

What's happened is the Republicans have been smart.

~Collin Peterson

[People] don't like the government telling them what to do or telling them how to live their lives.

~Collin Peterson

When it [NAFTA] was sold, we were supposed to get two or three times more exports to Canada or Mexico than they exported to us. It's been the exact opposite.

~Collin Peterson

NAFTA's been a big problem for sugar.

~Collin Peterson

It was clear that [the number] just kept growing, and there were no [Hillary] Clinton signs. People were fed up.

~Collin Peterson

The only thing I can think to do is if the Democratic Party can do what the Republicans have done, which is go in there and take control of these legislatures and governors' areas.

~Collin Peterson

It was kind of interesting: [People] didn't really want to talk about it too much. And then after the election, it's kind of like they've been unleashed.

~Collin Peterson

A lot of it is backlash against all this political correctness that's going on.

~Collin Peterson

[People] think [the government is] coddling people, like when people's feelings are hurt at the colleges and they send somebody in to make them feel better. Stuff like that drives [voters here] crazy.

~Collin Peterson

I heard a lot about the Affordable Care Act, too. About how people in the individual market were getting clobbered with all these increases, which is a legitimate issue.

~Collin Peterson

You know what the economics are like in Red Lake County. There's no way a family can pay \$15,000, \$20,000 a year for health insurance and make it work. You just can't do it. It's got to change.

~Collin Peterson

[Rural people] have a different lifestyle, and they don't want to change it. They're happy with the way things are. It's causing the party political problems.

~Collin Peterson

Pushing gun control drives people [in my district] crazy, gay marriage, abortion, deficit spending. All of that stuff adds up to be a problem for Democrats.

~Collin Peterson

[Trade] was clearly a factor. That was a complete reversal of where things are normally at. Usually Republicans are all for free trade.

~Collin Peterson

[Bernie] Sanders tapped into that [trade issues]; that was part of his support. And then when he didn't make it, some of those Sanders people went to [Donald] Trump.

~Collin Peterson

I agree with [Donald] Trump: These trade agreements have not been good deals for America, and they need to be fixed.

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