

## Easier access to passport services

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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, along with officials from the U.S. State Department officially open Minnesota's first Passport Agency office yesterday at 212 South Third Avenue, Minneapolis. Klobuchar's office said the senator has strongly advocated for a Passport Agency office in Minnesota.

Before the office opened in May, the closest office for Minnesotans was in Chicago. The new Passport Agency in Minnesota is designed to provide in-person passport services to American citizens throughout the North Central border region. The office will be able to serve U.S. citizens who have urgent or emergency travel needs, with the capability to issue passport books and passport cards on-site to qualified applicants.

Klobuchar will tour the new office and meet with U.S. State Department officials including, Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary of State for Management, Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, and Bob DeWitt, Minneapolis Passport Agency Regional Director.