CHICAGO – Yesterday, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) decided to see for himself if, as the saying goes, making sausage was like making laws when he toured and worked at the Vienna Beef headquarters on Chicago's north side. The visit was part of his Undercover Congressman program, where Quigley works alongside 5th district constituents to better understand their daily lives and concerns.

"To be *frank,* I *relish* the opportunity to work alongside my neighbors at our great local businesses," **Quigley quipped**. "In all seriousness though, rolling up my sleeves and encountering firsthand what companies and employees face every day is more valuable than any memo, because I never forget these experiences."

Quigley met with Vienna Beef Chief Executive Officer Jim Bodman, Vice President of Marketing Tom Pierce, and dozens of employees as he toured the company's manufacturing and distribution headquarters at Damen and Fullerton Avenues. Quigley also donned a hairnet and hopped behind the counter in the Vienna Beef Factory Store & Café, where he helped make sandwiches for the lunch crowd.

Vienna Beef CEO Jim Bodman shows some premium brisket to Mike at the Vienna Beef headquarters in Chicago.

Mike usually prefers to ride his bike to meetings, but this might be an interesting way to travel as well!

Corned beef? Pastrami? Polish sausage? Mike contemplates his favorite sandwiches while

working "undercover" in the Vienna Beef Café.

As an " Undercover Congressman ," Quigley has worked with several local organizations delivering mail and pizzas, assembling pinball machines at the Stern pinball factory, assisting guests at a veterans hospital and food pantry, spending the day as a zookeeper at the Lincoln Park Zoo, and picking up garbage and recycling with the Department of Streets and Sanitation, among other jobs.

Quigley's "Undercover Congressman" program was recently featured in *Roll Call* and has previously appeared in the
New York Times
and on
NBC5 Chicago
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Vienna Beef was founded in Chicago at the Columbian Exposition in 1893. Many of the employees have worked at the Chicago plant for decades and been with the company for generations. Vienna employs hundreds of people at its local facility and cranks out more than 250 million hot dogs each year, among a variety of other products. For more information, visit
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