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Greetings from your
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Rick Hansen

Dear neighbors,

The 2023 legislative session was one of the most productive and successful sessions in our state's history. With a unified government, we were able to come together and pass the priorities we have been hearing from Minnesotans for years. Whether it is taking bold action to protect our environment, investing in our education system, or helping working families thrive, we passed legislation that will improve our district and our state.

I am honored to represent our communities at the Capitol and was proud to deliver millions of dollars in funds for District 53B, including aid to city governments and police departments, wastewater infrastructure and road repair projects, education funding, and green infrastructure.

Though the legislative session has come to an end our work is not finished. I will continue working and meeting with the community this summer and fall and I encourage you to reach out to my office if there is anything I can assist you with. Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

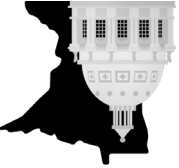


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State Representative



Rep. Rick Hansen
DISTRICT 53B

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Please stay in touch about the issues important to you and our community. Feel free to reach out to me at rep.rick.hansen@house.mn.gov or 651-296-6828

I also invite you to subscribe to my legislative updates at <https://www.house.mn.gov/53b>

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DISTRICT 53B

Community Investments

- Over \$5 million in local government aid to cities in our district
- \$4.6 million in direct aid to police departments in our communities
- Almost \$1 million for local affordable housing
- Funding a tech and business center at Inver Hills Community College
- Improving 3rd Street in St. Paul Park and funding for an accessible playground in IGH
- Inflow and Infiltration funds for Newport and lighting and improvements to the Swing Bridge

Environment and Natural Resources

I served as Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and author of our budget bill, which is the largest investment in protecting our environment in state history, and includes:

- Banning harmful PFAS chemicals in products
- Preserving and enhancing our parks and natural resources including the Grey Cloud SNA
- Expanding pollinator habitat and regulating dangerous pesticides
- Replanting trees killed by emerald ash borer
- Comprehensive chronic wasting disease response
- Protecting communities from air and odor pollution

Health Care Reform

- Protecting reproductive freedom
- Mental health funding and new 988 suicide and crisis line
- Expanding MinnesotaCare
- Capping insulin and epi-pen costs
- Combatting the opioid epidemic

Helping Workers and Families

- Earned Sick and Safe Time
- Paid Family and Medical Leave
- Investing in child care and nursing homes
- My bill strengthening protections for meatpacking workers

Education

For our communities, this year's education budget provides South Washington County and Inver Grove Heights schools funding increases of \$814 and \$898/pupil respectively, and South St. Paul schools will receive an increase of \$1,009/per pupil.

- Increasing funding for special education and mental health resources
- Providing a free breakfast and lunch to all students
- Free state college tuition for families under \$80,000 annual income.

Gun Violence Prevention

- Enacting red-flag laws
- Criminal background checks

Tax Reform

We are helping workers, families, and seniors while ensuring the wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share. That's why we passed a tax bill that includes:

- Child tax credits to reduce childhood poverty
- Property tax reductions and renters refund increase
- No taxes on Social Security for 75% of seniors
- Increased state funding for transit and transportation infrastructure

I continue to serve as Chair of the Legislative Audit Commission, ensuring that tax dollars are used responsibly.

