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### 2025 Legislative Report



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Greetings from your

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

## Liz Reyer

Dear Neighbor,

This message comes at a challenging time for our state. It's hard to know how to move forward after the assassination of our leader and friend, Melissa Hortman, and her husband Mark. But honoring them means continuing the work they dedicated themselves to: serving the people of Minnesota. More tragedy followed with the brutal mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church and School. Though we'll always have differences, it's critical to reject hate and dehumanizing language that can fuel political violence.

In the 2024 election, Minnesota voters delivered a rare 67-67 tie in the House. This result required Democrats and Republicans to govern together. While the legislative session was not always smooth, I'm proud we got our job done and passed a balanced budget. Democrats also defended nearly all of the major progress we made in 2023 to improve people's lives: paid family and medical leave, universal school meals, gun violence prevention, clean energy, and more.

These aren't just policy wins; they're investments in human infrastructure. Just like roads and bridges keep us connected, priorities like affordable health care, quality education, and time to care for loved ones keep our communities strong and resilient. From housing to public safety, from child care to clean air and water, I remain focused on the well-being of Minnesotans no matter where they live, how much money they have, where they come from, how they worship, the color of their skin, or who they love.

Of course, there is much more to do. If we didn't believe it before, the events of 2025 demonstrate conclusively that we need to limit access to weapons of war in our community. And, while we celebrate the successes, I'm already hard at work on my plans for 2026 to make life more affordable for you and your family, and ensure government runs effectively for all. I thank you for your partnership and the many emails, calls, and visits I received. I look forward to more work for the state we all love.

All the best,

Liz Regar



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MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 52A

### Increasing Health Care Coverage, Lowering Costs

Everyone deserves quality health care when they need it, regardless of race, income, employment, or legal status. Yet too often, our current system falls short.

As Vice Chair of the Health Committee, I've authored legislation to make care more affordable and accessible, from expanding treatment for rare diseases and protecting access to dental care, to holding private equity accountable when they drive up costs and cut quality.

I'm also tackling rising health insurance costs for educators by authoring a bill to create a statewide insurance pool for school employees. By joining all districts together, we can lower costs, cut waste, and provide better, more reliable coverage for everyone—from teachers to bus drivers. Watch for this bipartisan bill to pass in 2026!

### Making Our Lives More Affordable

Every Minnesotan deserves the peace of mind that comes with a stable home, economic security, and a fair shot at a good life. This session, we worked to ease the pressure on working families and small businesses, especially as rising costs and federal cuts create uncertainty. We secured \$15 million to support housing stability, affordability, and supply and expanded grants to help local governments and nonprofits build and preserve affordable homes. We strengthened and secured pension benefits for hardworking public employees, and invested over \$100 million to help Minnesotans with disabilities find and keep good jobs. We enhanced early retirement benefits for our teachers and increased cost-of-living adjustments for police officers and firefighters.

### **Investing in Our Community**

As a member of the Capital Investment Committee, I worked to secure millions of dollars in funding to invest in our local community. We're prioritizing our children's futures with funding for education. We've invested in safer roads, bridges, and trail connections, strengthened clean water protections with over \$11 million in environmental improvements, and maintained essential public facilities that support services our neighbors rely on. We also delivered critical funding for food security and affordable housing.

#### **HIV/AIDS Bill of Rights**

Everyone deserves to age with dignity, safety, and respect, no matter who they are or who they love. That's why I authored a first-of-its-kind bill that affirms the rights of LGBTQIA2S+ older adults and people living with HIV in long-term care and senior living settings. Too often, these communities face discrimination, isolation, or denial of care at a time when they are most vulnerable. This bill sets clear standards to prevent discrimination, ensures inclusive staff training, and strengthens transparency and accountability. Minnesota has the opportunity to lead the nation in creating a senior care system rooted in equity, belonging, and compassion and I'm proud to help move us in that direction.

### **Defending Democracy**

Minnesotans are proud of our strong election system, and it's our responsibility to both protect it and make it more accessible and equitable for everyone. At this pivotal moment for our democracy, the House DFL is committed to solving our most significant challenges, starting with a system that truly reflects the voices of Minnesotans.

Our vision is a Minnesota where everyone, no matter their race, class, gender, or background, has the opportunity to thrive. We will continue to stand firm against attacks on our democracy and advance policies that uphold the values and voices of all Minnesotans.

