

2023 Legislative Report



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Greetings from your
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Liz Reyer

Dear Neighbor,

During the 2023 legislative session, we prioritized the people of Minnesota. From healthcare to housing, from public safety to roads and bridges, the Minnesota House focused on the well-being of Minnesotans regardless of where we live, where we are from, how much money we have, how we worship, the color of our skin, or who we love. I'm proud that, together with Governor Walz, Lieutenant Governor Flanagan, and our Senate partners, we were able to pass transformational legislation setting up our state for long-term prosperity.

We recognized investing in education is the bedrock of a vibrant economy. We put workers first, ensuring everyone can take care of their families without risking their jobs and that workplaces are safer. We invested in the green economy so our economic and job growth would further our goal of climate sustainability. And I'm especially proud of my work in healthcare, broadening access to the providers people need to see and laying the groundwork for broad-based healthcare reform.

Of course, there is much more to do! While we celebrate the successes, I'm already hard at work on my plans for 2024. I thank you for your partnership—for the many emails, calls, and visits I received—and look forward to more great work for the State we all love.

All the best,

Liz



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MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Providing Affordable and Accessible Healthcare

Every person has the right to the healthcare they need when it is needed. Race, income, employment, or legal status should never determine if someone receives health care, but as we all know, our current system does not always provide the care people deserve.

That's why I authored several bills to provide affordable and accessible healthcare for Minnesotans. These bills establish the Division of Health Care Affordability in the Department of Health to protect consumers and healthcare providers from unaffordable costs, eliminate the predatory practice of medical debt revenue recapture, and ensure medical assistance coverage for critical medical tests such as biomarker testing and the treatment of rare diseases to make healthcare more accessible. These bills move us forward.

Prioritizing Children, Seniors & People with Disabilities

This session we took significant steps to support and uplift children, seniors, and people with disabilities. I'm honored to have passed legislation to fund community action programs for homeless families and low-income seniors. We've developed financing systems for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to ensure comprehensive medical and social services for our older Minnesotans. Additionally, we have increased the hourly reimbursement cap for family members caring for disabled people to bridge the gap in the disability care workforce. I am unwavering in my commitment to ensuring we support and prioritize those who need assistance the most.

Investing in Our Community

As Vice Chair of Capital Investment, I worked to bring funding to invest in our local 52A community. Our children's futures have been prioritized with the funding for their education, and promoting and preserving outdoor activity through the development of the Dakota County Minnesota River Greenway. Together, we can continue to invest in our community's future and create a more vibrant and sustainable region for all.

Providing Personal Freedoms

This year we passed the PRO Act and Reproductive Freedom Defense Act to solidify the fundamental right to reproductive health decisions and expand legal protections for both seekers and providers of reproductive care.

In a climate where certain individualistic rights are constantly under threat, Minnesota is a beacon of safety and acceptance. The Trans Refuge law and Conversion Therapy Ban serve as a loud and clear message: our state welcomes and safeguards transgender people and their families in their pursuit of gender-affirming care, while protecting medical providers. The discredited practice of conversion "therapy" is now illegal for minors and vulnerable adults, affording even greater overall protection. Together we are ensuring Minnesota is for everyone.

Working Toward a Greener Future

The climate crisis is arguably the biggest threat we face as a species. Every day we hear of more natural disasters fueled by climate change. We must act swiftly to prevent the effects of the climate crisis for Minnesotans and keep global temperatures from rising. This session I have championed various initiatives to promote the transition towards renewable energy sources and conservation practices. The House passed my bills to supply grants to local governments and tribal nations to utilize solar energy systems on public buildings, provided annual financial aid to soil and water conservation districts, and committed our state facilities to follow energy guidelines to increase resiliency in the face of climate change.

