

Dear Neighbor,

The 2017 legislative session concluded on May 26, and there are a number of policy changes folks in our community should be aware of as a result.

This year, much of the Legislature's focus was on passing a state budget in order to fund education, health care, transportation, and core government functions over the next two years. Governor Dayton and legislators of both parties worked together to reach a compromise on a budget package that will improve economic opportunity for all Minnesotans. There were successes and disappointments embodied in the budget passed for the next two years, but that is the nature of compromise.

There is more work to do to build an economy that works better for everyone, and I look forward to continuing this work next session.

Please contact me with your input, and please join in the Capitol restoration celebrations this summer. I look forward to seeing you around the community, and I appreciate hearing from you!



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***YOU MAY
QUALIFY!***

Homestead Credit Refund

The Homestead Credit Refund Program benefits homeowners with high property taxes in relation to their incomes.

Rule of Thumb: If your property taxes are about 2% or more of your household income, you probably qualify. Income limits are \$108,659 for homeowners and \$58,879 for renters.

For more information:

www.revenue.state.mn.us
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REP. LYNDON CARLSON: Working for Crystal, New Hope & Plymouth Families

Fighting for Our Community Values

Improving education for all kids: Opposed cuts to schools which would have reduced programming, forced teacher layoffs and increased class sizes.

Working with Governor Dayton, Rep. Carlson fought for an increase in funding for education this year and next year.

Passing RealID Legislation: Ensured that Minnesota will comply with federal Real ID requirements so that travelers can board planes and enter military bases and federal buildings with ease, using their state-issued driver's license.

Strengthening our economy: Rep. Carlson helped lead the effort to pass a robust Capital Investment Bill that will invest nearly \$1 billion in critical infrastructure projects throughout Minnesota. This will improve essential infrastructure for students, businesses, and families - and create thousands of living wage jobs.



Stay Connected with the State Capitol

Keep up to date with developments from the Legislature by subscribing to periodic email updates from Rep. Carlson at his website (www.house.mn/45a). Simply click "Join my email updates list" and enter your email address to sign up.

Keeping an eye toward the future

Reducing the burden of student loan debt: Minnesotans deserve the opportunity to get a postsecondary education without crushing student debt. Rep. Carlson has introduced legislation to freeze tuition and restore our commitment to funding two-thirds of the cost of a post-secondary degree.

Investing in transportation: Rep. Carlson supports developing sustainable long-term funding solutions to fix our crumbling transportation infrastructure for roads, bridges, highways and transit for all Minnesotans.

Improving education for our youngest learners: Early childhood education gives all students the tools to succeed in school, and Rep. Carlson is committed to continuing investments in pre-k education.

Paid family leave for all Minnesotans: Minnesotans must have access to paid family leave so they aren't forced to choose between a paycheck and caring for a new baby or a sick loved one.

Putting working families first: The Legislature can do more to protect workers from wage theft and make sure hard work is rewarded with a fair wage. Minnesotans also deserve expanded access to affordable, quality child care.



Capitol Restoration Celebrations this Summer!

After four years of repairs and restorations, our State Capitol is now fully open to the public once again! This beautiful building has been returned to its former glory, and there will be events this August to celebrate this beautiful edifice of our democracy. You and your family are encouraged to attend any of the fun events that are planned.

Most of the events are free, or offered at very low cost. You can learn more by visiting www.mn.gov/mymncapitol

CAPITOL RESTORATION FESTIVITIES

When: Friday, Saturday & Sunday Aug 11-13

Where: Minnesota State Capitol Grounds
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Learn more about tours, live music, children's events, and fireworks by visiting www.mn.gov/mymncapitol

For more information, please call Rep. Carlson's Capitol office at 651-296-4255.