

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for the privilege of serving our community at the Minnesota Capitol in St. Paul.

This year I was proud to stand up for members of our community and push legislative leaders, with your help, to pass a budget that didn't contain devastating cuts for Minnesota families and students.

As I worked on legislation for our community, it was always with an eye toward the investments in education, higher education, and economic stability that families in our neighborhoods and across the state are asking for.

I will continue working to prioritize a better future for all Minnesotans. This year, because of active engagement from so many of you, we fought to stop preemption laws that would have gutted fair labor standards in Minneapolis, we stopped reckless carry and shoot first gun legislation, and we also protected the rights of everyday Minnesotans to assemble and protest while exercising their right to free speech. We're also fighting to make our community and state a more welcoming place for the immigrant families who call Minnesota home, and I'll continue pushing legislation like my sanctuary bill to ensure all of us feel safe in the place we call home.

However, there is more work to do, and I encourage you to contact me with questions and concerns.

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REP. ILHAN OMAR: Advancing Equality & Justice for All Minnesota Families

Fighting for Our Community

Fighting for Employment & Better Labor Standards: Throughout this session, Republicans sought to pass preemption legislation that would have handcuffed local governments from passing earned sick time rules or higher minimum wage laws. Rep. Omar helped lead the fight to remove or veto these harmful provisions that hurt working families in Minneapolis.

Fighting for Quality Education:

Rep. Omar opposed cuts to schools which would have reduced programming, forced teacher layoffs and increased class sizes. She fought for an increase in funding for E-12 education this year and next year.

Fighting for Student Parents:

As a member of the Higher Education Conference Committee, Rep. Omar successfully passed legislation to expand childcare for parents who are college students and provide access to a student parent 'bill of rights' so they can succeed in college and finish on time. Rep. Omar's legislation increased childcare grants to \$3,000 and extended eligibility for up to ten semesters. Students will also now receive up to a \$500 student loan tax credit.



Celebrating Our Culture:

The 2017 Omnibus Legacy Bill included legislation dedicating \$400,000 to the Somali Museum & Arts Grants authored by Rep. Omar. Rep. Omar also authored legislation to fund \$330,000 for redesign and expansion of the Brian Coyle Center as part of the 2017 Bonding Bill.

Helping Our Families

Access to Affordable Childcare: Increased funding for the Child Care Assistance Program by \$18 million to expand access and improve service.

Paid Family Leave: Ratified paid family leave access for thousands of state employees and pushed to pass statewide policies that were blocked by Republicans.

Summer Enrichment Programs: Passed legislation to fund summer enrichment programs for low income students who may be unfamiliar with a higher education experience.

Funding to Stop the Spread of Measles: Passed \$5 million to support Measles education and prevention programming to increase awareness about the importance of vaccines.

Supporting Our Elders

Social Security Tax Subtraction: Cut Social Security income taxes for 284,000 seniors.

Protecting Transit Services for Seniors: Fought to restore funding cuts to Metro Transit for Metro Mobility and essential bus service we depend on.

Investing in Affordable Housing: Passed \$77 million in Statewide Affordable Housing and Homeless Infrastructure bonds to improve housing, including \$10 million for Public Housing Rehabilitation.

Aging in Place: Funded services to allow seniors to stay in their homes and maintain independence.



Investments that will Improve Minneapolis

After several years without one, the legislature passed a robust bonding bill that will invest nearly \$1 billion in critical infrastructure. This important tool leverages our collective borrowing power as a state to improve the physical assets of institutions on which the public depends. Here are some of the ways the City of Minneapolis will benefit:

- Minneapolis 10th Avenue Bridge - \$31.875 million
- U of M - Health Sciences Education Facility (Medical School) - \$66.667 million
- Brian Coyle Center - \$330,000
- I-35 W - Lake Street Transit Access - \$25 million
- Minneapolis Veterans Home Truss Bridge - \$7.851 million
- Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery Fence - \$1.029 million
- The Family Partnership - \$1.6 million
- The People's Center - \$2.2 million
- Minneapolis Norway House - \$5 million
- Hennepin Center for the Arts - \$3.0 million
- Minneapolis American Indian Center - \$155,000
- South Minneapolis Workforce Center Asset Preservation - \$1.342 million

For more information, please call Rep. Omar's Capitol office at 651-296-4257.