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Dear neighbor,

I have just finished my first session as your state representative in the Minnesota House, and I am excited to share with you all the great things we accomplished!

Whether it was investing in our education system, enacting paid family and medical leave, or passing common-sense gun violence prevention solutions, we came together and passed legislation that will lift up workers and families all across the state. I was proud to serve as Vice Chair of the Agriculture Committee as we passed a budget that helps family farmers and supports sustainable land practices.

Thank you so much for trusting me to represent District 58A at the Capitol this year. Thank you to everyone who came and met with me at the Capitol and made your voice heard! I am looking forward to connecting with you during the legislative interim, please reach out to my office if you need any assistance.

Sincerely,



Kristi Pursell





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Tax Reductions

- Eliminated taxes on Social Security for 75% of seniors
- Child tax credits to help reduce childhood poverty
- Tax rebates of \$260 per family member
- Property tax reductions and renters refund increase

Local Investments

- \$5.8 million in aid to local governments in our district
- \$8.1 million to extend the Mill Town State Trail from Riverside Park to the Historic Waterford Bridge in Northfield
- Investing \$100 million in rural broadband expansion

Helping Workers, Families, and Seniors

- Earned Sick and Safe Time
- Paid Family and Medical Leave
- Investing in child care and early learning
- Funding support of nursing homes
- Supporting first-generation homeownership

Community Safety

- Increasing funding for law enforcement, including recruitment
- Over \$1.5 million for our local police departments
- Enacting red-flag laws and criminal background checks
- Community violence prevention, mental health support, and rehabilitation

Education

- Stabilizing future public school funding by indexing to inflation
- Increasing funding for special education and English language learners
- Investments in mental health staff and resources
- Guaranteeing free breakfast and lunch for all students

For the school districts in our area, our budget will deliver a more than \$6.2 million increase in funding for the 2024 school year. That's an average increase of \$940 per student. With a one-time budget surplus, one of the smartest investments we can make is supporting our children and their future.

Healthcare

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

Agriculture and the Environment

- Setting a goal of 100% carbon-free energy by 2040
- Supporting small and emerging farmers as well as our generational farmers
- Funding agricultural co-ops, soil health grants for farmers, and creating a grain indemnity fund

Elections and Democracy

- Expanding early voting and ballot access
- Closing dark money loopholes
- Restoring the right to vote to those on parole