

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for the honor of representing you and our Chanhassen and Chaska neighbors at the State Capitol. It's a distinct honor to continue working with you in my second term, under our state's second-ever tied State House. I believe government works best when we work together, and I'm glad to have been a part of helping balance the state budget this year.

Thanks to you and your collaboration, I've been able to help secure the aid our communities need, despite broken federal partnerships and differing priorities in the White House. Here's a Year-in-Review for District 48B.

2025: Delivering for our Community

Education

It's no secret people love living here and move to our area in large part due to our excellent public schools in Eastern Carver County and the Minnetonka School District. Strong investments have earned Chanhassen Elementary the National Blue Ribbon School award in 2023. This year, DFLers protected free breakfast and lunch at school, maintained consistent and reliable state funding each year, and passed bipartisan literacy improvements and training for teachers so our kids can read proficiently and thrive.

Seniors

Our cherished elders deserve quality care as they age in place in our communities. That's why I fought for continued Meals on Wheels service amid early consideration of federal cuts in January of 2025. We also secured full funding for the Metro Mobility program, which provides essential on demand transit options for our neighbors who are disabled or seniors.

Jobs and Economic Development

The Job Creation Fund and the MN Investment Fund support Minnesota businesses that want to expand in our state. In May 2025, DEED announced that it is awarding \$1.25 million from the MN Investment Fund and \$1.74 million from the Job Creation Fund to Beckman Coulter Diagnostics in Chaska to help with a huge expansion. Beckman Coulter plans on investing \$50 million to expand its diagnostics manufacturing facility near Lyman Blvd. and Lake Hazeltine Drive. This project is expected to create 300 good-paying jobs in the heart of District 48B. More information can be found [here](#).

Transportation

As the co-vice chair of the House Transportation Committee, a mom, and commuter, I advocated for and passed investments to fix congestion and improve our roads and local infrastructure. These include:

- \$24.7 million for Carver County in 2026 and 2027.
- \$3.47 million in transportation aid for Chanhassen in 2026 and 2027.
- \$3.4 million in transportation aid for Chaska in 2026 and 2027.

Nature and Wildlife

Our environment is worth fighting for, and that's just what we did.

- Our beloved Arboretum will use the \$1.3 million we passed to transform an 8.5-acre pasture into a pollinator education site and expand its PlantWatch program with rare plant surveys and seed banking.
- The legislature preserved 40 acres of remnant Big Woods forest adjacent to Southwest Chaska Park, saving these mature trees permanently.
- We passed \$7 million investments to protect the metro area's big rivers, including the Minnesota River, and to expand the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- Nearly \$1 million for community tree planting grants to help capture carbon and beautify the state
- We authorized \$200,000 to keep trash off of our lakes during the winter months, including Lake Minnewashta.

Tax Credits and Refunds

In Carver County, nearly 10,000 Homestead Credit filers saw an additional \$14.8 million in property tax credits in 2023. Further, 3,614 renter's credit filers in Carver County – who can finally file their renter's credit on their income taxes – saw an additional \$3.9 million in tax credits. We maintained this streamlined service for Minnesotans, maintained the child tax credit, and expanded it to include a one time \$400 newborn tax credit.

This year, we provided \$6 million in savings for homeowners and renters via approximately \$5.6 million in bipartisan investments into county aid. Without federal partnerships, the state will need to continue to look for affordable solutions for working families and individuals.

Water Quality

Chaska was a recipient of the \$7 million we passed to protect sources of drinking water across the state, which won "Best Drinking Water" at the 2025 Minnesota State Fair. We need to keep working together to keep improving water quality in our state and community. I am committed to continuing this work.