

John PERSELL

MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5A

Dear neighbor,

It's a great honor to represent our part of Northern Minnesota. The Minnesota House of Representatives adjourned on May 25, bringing an end to a productive session.

As one of the only divided legislatures in the nation, our state has proven that we can come together with a bipartisan budget agreement that reflects the values we share as Minnesotans. Thanks to your support, we passed a two-year state budget that makes strong investments in our students, protects health care for 1.2 million Minnesotans, delivers targeted tax cuts, and expands access to reliable, high-speed internet.

While I'm proud of these accomplishments, there's more work to be done. I look forward to talking with you about how we can keep Minnesota moving forward.

Sincerely,



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Fighting for Our Community

I put our community first and delivered positive results:

- Authored legislation to provide child welfare grants to Tribal and County governments
- Invested in our local schools and two- and four-year public colleges and universities
- Delivered more aid for Beltrami, Cass, Hubbard, and Itasca Counties
- Provided aid to help local governments serve their communities and hold down property taxes
- Secured funding to combat aquatic invasive species
- Reduced property taxes for constructing a natural gas pipeline in Walker



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Standing Up For Our Students

Every Minnesotan deserves a world-class education. We successfully fought to increase per-student funding for all of Minnesota's public schools to help prevent teacher and staff layoffs, larger class sizes, and higher property taxes. We provided more funding for special education services and protected pre-K opportunities for 4,000 of our youngest learners.

Ensuring Access to Affordable, High-Quality Health Care

Everyone deserves access to affordable health care, and that includes prescription medications. We preserved health care access for 1.2 million Minnesotans and got tough on middle men who drive up prescription drug prices. We also held drug manufacturers and distributors accountable for their role in creating the opioid epidemic. New funds will be used for treatment, prevention, and public safety.

Targeted Tax Cuts for Minnesota Families

Thanks to the income tax cut we passed this year, Minnesotans will pay less in income taxes for the first time in almost two decades. I voted to put more money in the pockets of Minnesotans by cutting taxes on Social Security, expanding tax credits for working families, and doubling the standard deduction.

Protecting Our Seniors from Abuse and Neglect

Our aging loved ones deserve to live with dignity in safe environments. In response to reports of abuse and neglect, we created licensing requirements for assisted living facilities, established a bill of rights for residents, and gave residents the ability to install a safety camera in their living space.

Expanding Access to Broadband

Expanded broadband access is a key factor in the success of rural communities. We're investing to bring reliable, high-speed internet to more schools, businesses, and homes in unserved and underserved areas.