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**2023
LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

Dear Neighbors,

I am honored to serve our district in the Minnesota House of Representatives. This session, we worked towards a better future for Minnesotans and made progress on so many issues that I have been hearing about since I was first elected in 2018. Whether it was addressing and combatting climate change, passing common-sense gun violence prevention measures, or making our health care system more accessible and affordable for all, this session we stepped up and passed the bills Minnesotans were asking for when they voted for a DFL Governor, Senate, and House.

During session, I was glad to see members of our communities come to St. Paul and make their voices heard. Through meetings in my office, testifying in committee, and rallies on the steps of the Capitol, I am proud of all the work we did this session. I hope you will reach out to my office if I can be of any help in the future.

Sincerely,



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Climate and Energy

This session, I served as Chair of the Climate and Energy Committee. I was proud to author our budget bill, which is the most significant climate change prevention legislation in state history, including:

- Setting a 100% carbon-free by 2040 goal
- Weatherization funding to save money on energy bills
- Creating clean energy jobs and unlocking federal funds
- Investments in solar and renewable energy sources

Health

Our budget increases access, coverage, and stability to ensure Minnesotans live healthy lives, including:

- Protecting reproductive freedom
- Mental health funding and a new 988 suicide and crisis line
- My bill making diagnostic services and follow-up testing after breast cancer screenings free

Local Projects

- Shorewood and Minnetonka Highway 7 Safety Study
- Minnetonka Opus Public Space Funding
- Hopkins Crossroads Trail Improvements
- Wayzata Construction Sales Tax Exemption

K-12 Education

We prioritized historic investments in education this session. For our school districts, Hopkins will see a \$6.4 million increase in '24, Minnetonka will receive a \$6.6 million boost and Wayzata's funding will increase by \$9.0 million. Using our budget to invest in our kids sets our district and state up for more success in the future!

- Stabilizing future funding by indexing to inflation
- Investments in special education, mental health services, and literacy programs
- Free breakfast and lunch for all students
- My bill increasing funding for the Minnesota Math Corps
- My provision requiring schools have naloxone to reverse overdoses

Taxes

Our budget focused on our shared values as Minnesotans, helping those who are struggling the most and providing relief for seniors and working families. These investments reflect our commitment to helping those in need so our whole state can better succeed. We delivered:

- No taxes on Social Security for 75% of seniors
- Property tax reductions and deferrals for seniors
- Tax rebate checks of \$260 per family member
- Child tax credits to reduce childhood poverty

Public Safety

Everyone deserves to be safe in their communities, that's why our budget includes:

- \$3.1 million increase in aid for police departments in our district
- Juvenile justice reform and improved rehabilitation programs
- Red-flag laws and criminal background checks

