



PRE-SESSION Newsletter



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Neighbors,

I am reporting back to you after my first year in office. First, I want to report that my experience has not been a partisan one. Although there are many different ideas at the Capitol, people are here to do good things. In fact, it is our differences that make the outcomes stronger. The best ideas come from those of you living the problems and opportunities we affect as legislators. I want to convey to all, how open my door is for input on problems and solutions to try. All the resources of the government of the State of Minnesota are as close as your phone or computer. I want to thank those who already have been a voice.

Disaster Relief

The Shakopee and surrounding area have suffered from rains both to property and to roadways. We have allocated resources to help out those most affected by these storms. We are working to have government to what it is supposed to do, which is aid the common good. The process has already begun in St. Paul to craft a transportation bill that designates resources to roads and bridges in areas to maintain what we already have first, and then, and only then, fund additional projects. Part of this effort is to reign in the incredibly high cost of doing those projects merely because of state regulations and labor mandates.

Inequities & Disparity

I am concerned about all the rhetoric in the media pertaining to education and income and other social disparities that exist in Minnesota. The message we are sending segments of our students is, "*Because of how you look or where you are from your capabilities are less*".

The attempt to create equal outcomes is an exercise in futility. I strongly support the message pointing out a law that has never changed: if you work hard you do better. I sense the proposition of quotas in business turns off and at times shuns the very best, regardless of how talented they are. Time and time again I hear from people who forego opportunities, in fear of bearing the stigma of having it "*given to them*". Let's foster the very best to step in and make the world, where all that matters is the result you achieve. Let us talk of values that bind us rather than attributes that make us different.

Development

As a freshman, I see governmental efforts to fund solutions to problems created by the very same government that over regulated the problem into existence. Government is to be a stepping-stone that allows one to better their station in life, not a hurdle to overcome. Local problems need local solutions.

The resources here in St. Paul greatly exceeded my expectation. I extend these resources to make a better life for you and those you love. Let me know what I can do to help.



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