

REPRESENTATIVE KURT DAUDT

WELCOME

It has been my honor to serve as your voice in St. Paul this legislative session. I've worked hard to represent the common-sense values of House District 31A each day at the Capitol and focused on bringing government spending closer in line with family budgets.

This session, my colleagues elected me to lead as Speaker of the House and represent our House Republican majority's position in discussions with Gov. Dayton and the Senate DFL majority. We were successful at balancing the budget, holding the line on spending and advancing conservative initiatives. However, while the House got our work done and passed a bipartisan tax relief package this year, Gov. Dayton vetoed the bill and sank more than half a billion in permanent tax relief.

I was disappointed by the governor's decision to kill a bill that earned 89 percent of the legislature's support and delivered tax relief to families, farmers, veterans and main street businesses. As we look ahead, I will continue to fight to return the budget surplus to hardworking taxpayers and advocate for a transportation plan that prioritizes roads and bridges over wasteful light rail trains. **As always, I welcome your input and encourage you to contact my office,**

Kurt

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2015-2016 SESSION



LIMITING GOVERNMENT

Despite Dayton & Democrats' desire to spend every last penny, Rep. Daudt & House Republicans limited spending to one of the lowest increases in over 50 years.



FIXING ROADS & BRIDGES

Rep. Daudt & Republicans fought for a small cities funding initiative for local road & bridge repair. Nowthen and Bethel will receive first-ever aid (totaling \$73,382) for road and bridge maintenance.



BLOCKING TAX INCREASES

Rep. Daudt & Republicans halted DFL attempts to pass the largest gas tax increase in state history, proposing an alternative 10 year plan funded with existing dollars.



2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

In the face of veto threats from Dayton, Rep. Daudt & Republicans successfully passed five measures to strengthen our 2nd Amendment rights including reciprocity for carry permits.



HONORING VETERANS

Due to Rep. Daudt & House Republicans' efforts, benefits earned by retired veterans are now tax free in Minnesota--one of the largest tax cuts for veterans in state history.



PROTECTING LIFE

A pro-life majority insured children, new mothers and unborn babies have new protections like the Infant Born Alice Act which safeguards babies who survive abortion procedures.

RESTORING BALANCE

Rep. Kurt Daudt & House Republicans stood up for middle-class Minnesota, serving as the check and balance to Gov. Dayton & the DFL.

- Defeated the largest gas tax increase in state history.
- Stopped tax increases on doctor visits and insurance premiums.
- Prevented an expensive, one-size-fits-all approach to early education.
- Defended farmers from a land-grabbing, 50-foot water buffer mandate.
- Eliminated \$30 million in spending on the controversial Southwest Light Rail.
- Ended an environmental activist board's interference in the permitting process.
- Increased oversight of MNsure and created a waiver from Obamacare.



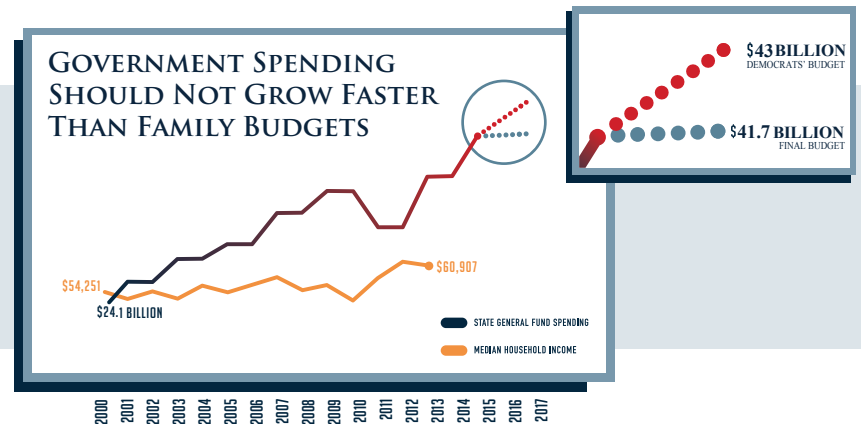
DEFENDING OUR 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHT

Rep. Kurt Daudt stood up to veto threats from Governor Dayton and led House Republicans to successfully pass legislation strengthening your Second Amendment rights this session including:

- Legalizing firearm suppressors to help protect the hearing of hunters and gun owners.
- Preventing government from being able to seize firearms from law-abiding citizens during a declared state of emergency.
- Allowing carry permits from other states with similar permit laws to be recognized in Minnesota through reciprocity.
- Ensuring permit holders can carry on Capitol grounds.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) called these provisions “a huge victory for Minnesota gun owners and sportsmen” and praised Rep. Daudt’s leadership saying, “on behalf of the NRA’s five-million members, I’d like to thank Speaker Kurt Daudt”.

This year, we faced new attempts to restrict the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens including Democrats’ gun owner registration bill. Rep. Daudt will continue to stand up and defend our rights.



PRIORITIZING DISTRICT 31A

Rep. Daudt focused on improving the lives of hardworking families in Nowthen, Oak Grove, Zimmerman, St. Francis, Bethel, Livonia, Spencer Brook, Stanford, Bradford, and Athens Townships.

- Enacted reforms to improve aging adults’ quality of life and care at nearby nursing home facilities like Gracepoint and Guardian Angels.
- Prioritized parent choice and dollars in the classroom through an average increase of \$549 per pupil in Cambridge-Isanti, Elk River and St. Francis school districts over the next two years.
- Kept our neighborhoods safe through new efforts to stop home grown terrorist recruitment, de-escalation training for law enforcement in crisis scenarios, and updated policies to curb the growing heroin and opioid crisis.



Meeting with veterans in St. Francis



Speaking at MCCL March for Life



Holding a town hall in Nowthen