

Melissa Hortman

State Representative

Dear Neighbors,

We've made significant progress over the past two years. When we arrived at the Capitol in January of 2013, the state was facing a \$600 million budget deficit and owed our schools more than \$800 million.

Thanks to an improving economy and a structurally-balanced budget from 2013, we returned to the Capitol this past January with a \$1.2 billion budget surplus. We worked with members across the aisle to find common sense solutions and pass a mix of tax cuts for families and businesses and investments in jobs and education.

In less than two years, we've already moved Minnesota forward by:

- ✓ Paying back the money borrowed from our schools
- ✓ Making historic investments in education, from early childhood to college
- ✓ Reducing property taxes for middle-class Minnesotans
- ✓ Growing our economy and creating more jobs
- ✓ Helping turn our budget deficit into a surplus

Even with all that's been accomplished throughout this past session, there's still work to be done. I look forward to talking with you this summer about how we can continue to move Minnesota forward.

Sincerely,

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WORKING FOR MIDDLE-CLASS MINNESOTANS

CONTINUING TO BUILD WORLD-CLASS SCHOOLS

Melissa Hortman made good on her commitment to pay back the money previously borrowed from our schools and helped to pass historic investments in education—including all-day kindergarten for every Minnesota child. Melissa Hortman also supported increased financial aid, including a tuition freeze at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, to help students pay for a quality higher education.



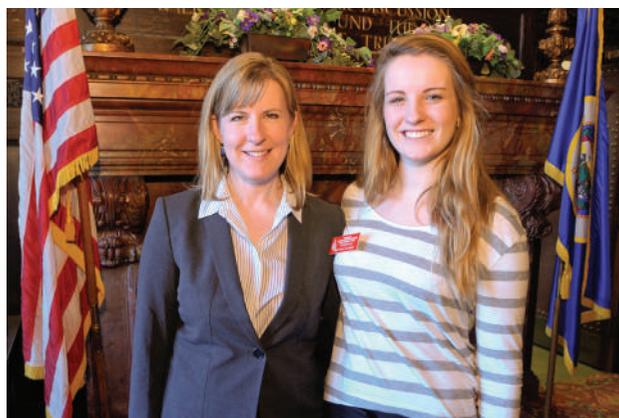
TAX CUTS FOR MORE THAN ONE MILLION MINNESOTANS

Melissa Hortman supported tax cuts for middle class Minnesotans. During the 2014 legislative session, Melissa voted to cut property taxes, cut business taxes, and reduce income taxes for more than a million Minnesotans.



A STRONGER ECONOMY AND MORE JOBS

Minnesota has recovered all of the jobs lost during the Great Recession, and many more. Melissa Hortman is making sure Minnesota continues to attract quality jobs. Rep. Hortman supported bipartisan initiatives that encourage business expansions and support job growth, including authoring a bill that will cut the permitting timeline for business from 150 days to 90 days. Rep. Hortman personally authored a bill that will create more solar energy jobs and encourage further development of energy projects in the future.



ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Melissa Hortman supported the Women's Economic Security Act, which promotes equal pay for equal work, enhances protections for victims of domestic violence, strengthens protections for women—including pregnant women and new mothers—in the workplace, and helps women enter high-wage occupations.

- ✓ Made all-day, every-day kindergarten a reality for every Minnesota child
- ✓ Cut taxes for more than one million Minnesotans
- ✓ Froze college tuition to assist our students and their families
- ✓ Made strategic investments and reforms in education to ensure our schools stay the best in the nation
- ✓ Invested in the care of our seniors and disabled community members
- ✓ Streamlined government—Rep. Hortman got a bill signed into law that will cut the timeline for business permitting from 150 days to 90 days
- ✓ Increased the minimum wage while protecting small businesses
- ✓ Chief-authored and passed a law that removes unnecessary legal burdens for new businesses, creating a clear process for individuals wanting to start a limited liability company
- ✓ Repealed business-to-business taxes to keep Minnesota competitive and continue our economic growth

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