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## 2019 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



# Moving Minnesota Forward

## Securing Health Care for 1.2 million Minnesotans

All Minnesotans deserve access to high-quality, affordable health care. This session, House DFLers successfully prevented Republican attempts to put the care of 1.2 million Minnesotans at risk. We will continue working to ensure health care is affordable and accessible, keep women's health decisions between them and their doctors, and rein in prescription drug costs.

## Protecting Our Seniors from Abuse and Neglect

In response to horrific reports of abuse and neglect in a Star Tribune investigative series, this year House DFLers approved sweeping legislation to protect elderly and vulnerable adults in assisted living facilities after last year's Republican-led House failed to get the job done.

## Creating World-Class Schools for Our Children

All Minnesota children deserve a world-class education. House DFLers not only prevented cuts proposed by Republicans, we secured increased funding for schools and children of all ages and abilities. Although there is more work to do to ensure all children receive a world-class education, I'm pleased DFLers were able to achieve additional investment in our schools.

## Addressing the Opioid Crisis

Minnesotans have been asking state lawmakers to hold the opioid industry accountable for a public health crisis they helped create and continue to profit from. House DFLers got the job done after last year's Republican-led House failed to act. This year's new law provides funding for treatment, prevention, and public safety.

## Making Our Roads Safer

Minnesotans deserve to be safe on our roads, but distracted driving deaths are on the rise. So after last year's Republican-led House failed to take action to protect Minnesotans, House DFLers led the way this year to pass a new law requiring the use of hands-free phone mode for drivers starting August 1, 2019.





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Dear neighbor,

I'm honored to represent our community in the Minnesota House of Representatives. The Legislature completed its work on our new two-year state budget in late May.

Our new budget provides strong funding for education, secures health care for 1.2 million Minnesotans, and includes the strongest wage theft prevention and enforcement measures in the country. While the budget didn't contain everything DFLers wanted, this bipartisan agreement with Governor Walz and Senate Republicans is in the best interest of Minnesotans.

I'm also pleased that we addressed the unfinished business left undone by Republicans in the 2018 session. This year, under my leadership, we passed legislation addressing the opioid crisis, reducing distracted driving, and keeping our seniors safe from abuse and neglect.

There is more work to do to build a state that works better for all of us. We need to continue on the path toward a more prosperous, more equal, and better Minnesota with better health care, education, and economic security for everyone. I look forward to continuing this work in the 2020 session. Please keep in touch! Thank you.

Sincerely,



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