

# WORKING FOR MINNESOTA

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**Minnesota**  
House of  
Representatives

Dear Neighbor:

The 2006 legislative session was one of the most productive and cooperative in recent memory.

Working in bipartisan fashion, we produced results in mercury reduction, protecting private property rights, and eliminating the marriage penalty. We also provided important funds to protect our communities by keeping sex offenders locked up.

The bonding bill funded many important projects including Stillwater prison space, Century College, the McPhail Center for the Arts, and our fabulous Gateway Trail.

These successes help position Minnesota for an even brighter future. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and our community and please stay in touch with your thoughts and concerns!

Best regards,

  
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## 2006 Legislative REPORT

## Holding the line on TAXES

Strong fiscal responsibility turned a \$4.5 billion deficit into a \$1 billion surplus - the greatest budget turnaround in our state's history. We are proud that no new taxes were passed in the 2006 legislative session. To ease the tax burden, we used surplus revenues to reduce the Alternative Minimum Tax and eliminate the marriage penalty tax.



## Resources and Accountability in EDUCATION

Minnesota's excellence in education is something we are all proud of, and we are continuing to pass laws that make our educational system even better. This biennium we passed an 8% funding increase in K-12 education dollars, amounting to \$800 million in new funding. Moreover, we passed the QComp initiative to reward excellence in teaching, and continued to work on other reforms such as a new initiative to keep at least 70% of all education dollars in the classroom.



### School Funding Increases

We worked hard to pass a substantial K-12 education funding increase. Statewide, we devoted \$800 million in **new** revenue to schools. Here is how our local school districts are projected to benefit in the next two fiscal years (Source: Minnesota Department of Education):

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| Forest Lake     | 2006: \$1,844,728<br>2007: \$4,057,604 |
| Mahtomedi       | 2006: \$732,237<br>2007: \$2,277,536   |
| Stillwater      | 2006: \$1,440,295<br>2007: \$3,998,706 |
| White Bear Lake | 2006: \$2,191,563<br>2007: \$4,778,498 |



## Investing in MINNESOTA

We passed a major bonding bill that invests in Minnesota's infrastructure - in transportation, higher education, and the environment. Included were several projects that benefit our area:

- ✓ **CENTURY COLLEGE** will receive \$19.9 million for a science and library building
- ✓ **STILLWATER PRISON** will receive \$19.5 million for a segregation unit
- ✓ **GATEWAY TRAIL** will receive \$750,000 for improvements



## Enforcing IMMIGRATION LAWS

Rep. Dean supported legislation passed by the House to uphold existing immigration laws. These measures, which the Senate failed to approve, included:

- Requiring photo identification to vote and requiring immigration status to be listed on drivers' licenses
- Increasing the enforcement of laws that prevent illegal non-citizens from collecting state health care
- Prohibiting cities from passing ordinances against the enforcement of immigration laws

## Protecting PROPERTY OWNERS

Rep. Dean supported historic eminent domain legislation to protect property owners against unfair land confiscation.

## Reforming HEALTH CARE

Rep. Dean serves on the Health Policy and Finance Committee and took a lead on passing real solutions to health care. He was named one of 50 emerging health leaders nationally.

- Rep. Dean supported new law requiring pricing transparency for providers, hospitals, and pharmacists
- Rep. Dean encouraged more market competition to drive down the cost of care
- Rep. Dean authored legislation to lower health care costs by reducing the number of junk lawsuits
- Rep. Dean authored legislation that was signed into law to establish an interstate compact for chemical health treatment, allowing patients to receive treatment in closer proximity to their homes



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