

#### REP. UGLEM: WORKING FOR YOU

#### **My Bills**

- \$2 million in recommended spending by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for the second phase of the Champlin Mill Pond Shoreland and Aquatic Habitat Restoration project. This bill was passed and signed into law.
- \$3.3 million in additional grant funding to the City of Champlin for the Champlin Mill Pond project to improve water quality, increase fish populations, and remove sediment. This proposal was included in our final bonding/transportation bill and waits for Governor Dayton to call a special session.



- \$11.2 million in trunk highway bonds to build an interchange at Highway 169 and 101st Avenue in Brooklyn Park.
- = \$11.9 in bond allocation for the Hanson Boulevard/ Hwy 78 rail road overpass in Coon Rapids. This proposal was included in our final bonding/transportation bill and waits for Governor Dayton to call a special session.
- \$30 million for lane expansion on Hwy 10 from Hanson Blvd to Round Lake Blvd, and beyond. This proposal was included in our final bonding/transportation bill and waits for Governor Dayton to call a special session.

## Roads & Bridges

House Republicans passed a fully-funded transportation budget in 2015, and took action in 2016 to make a down payment on a long-term plan which invests \$6 billion of new money into roads and bridges over the next decade.

#### Highway Improvements

House Republicans passed major funding for key projects including Highway 10, Highway 14, Highway 23 and efforts to alleviate congestion on 1-35W. Unfortunately, in an effort to amend controversial Light Rail funding onto the bill, the Senate DFL derailed our previous agreement in a last-minute boondoggle, causing the transportation funding and bonding bill to fail.

#### No Gas Tax Increase

House Republicans stopped DFL attempts to increase the gas tax to historic levels.

#### Aid for Small Cities

704 Minnesota Cities – 84% of the communities in the state- received first-ever funding for local road and bridge repair thanks to House Republican-led initiatives.

Now the Senate DFL and Gov. Dayton are holding roads and bridges, and infrastructure projects across the state, hostage for light rail funding. We now wait to see if Gov. Dayton will call a special session to pass the bonding/transportation proposal, without astronomical spending hikes.



House Republicans successfully delivered nearly \$1 billion of tax relief over the next three years, including more than a half a billion in ongoing and permanent tax breaks. This was the most bipartisan tax bill in 30 years, with a total of 89% of legislators in both the House and Senate. Provisions in this bill included:



Expanded child care tax credit for working parents and tax benefits for families who save for college.



### College Students

A first-in-the-nation tax credit up to \$1,000 for graduates paying off their student loans.



#### **Small Business**

Property tax relief for small-business owners and job providers.

After being vetoed by Governor Dayton, this bill now waits to be taken up again in a special session, if the Governor chooses to call one.



# LEGISLATIVE REPERT

# Dear Neighbor,

It is such an honor to represent the great cities of Coon Rapids and Champlin in the legislature.

I'm proud of the outstanding, bipartisan work that was done in both 2015 and 2016 to address areas such as veterans issues, transportation infrastructure, and funding for projects in our district.

I hope you find the information on this sheet informative. Please contact me at any time with your questions and comments. I truly value your feedback.

Sincerely,



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# **Working for Our Veterans**



House Republicans prioritized our service men and women this session by making all veterans retirement pensions tax-exempt.

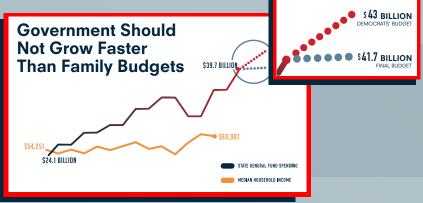
This measure will positively impact the over 18,000 retired military men and women who currently live in our state, and will encourage more of our best and brightest to live in Minnesota once they leave service.



# REFLECTIONS THE 2016 SESSION

# **Respecting Taxpayers**

House Republicans worked in both the 2015 and 2016 sessions to ensure that government spending did not grow faster than family budgets.



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The bipartisan budget passed by the legislature in 2015 limited spending and left about \$800 million to address transportation and tax relief in the 2016 session, and to serve as a safety net in case of an economic downturn.