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Greetings from your
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Connie Bernardy

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for the honor of serving you and the community in which I grew up, at the State Capitol. As we look back on the past two years, the pandemic has highlighted the many challenges our students, families, seniors, and workers face. Serving as the House Higher Education Finance & Policy Chair, I had the opportunity to bring together colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help ensure all learners, from early childhood to career, can catch up, thrive, and succeed.

As we look towards next session, I am seeking input from you and our neighbors on how we can build on the values that unite us. Then together we can take action, so everyone has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. Please take a moment to share your thoughts with me by filling out a short, four-question Minnesota Values Project survey at <https://bit.ly/MinnesotaValuesProjectSurvey>. This project is a partnership between you and me, along with other Minnesotans and elected officials, who want to work together to create a shared vision for the future of our state. Thank you for your participation.

Please let me know if I can ever be of help to you or your family on state matters. In addition, contact me anytime with your input at rep.connie.bernardy@house.mn. I appreciate hearing from you.

Warmest Regards,
Connie Bernardy
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Rep. Connie Bernardy Legislative Update

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All Minnesotans deserve a world-class public education from early childhood through career.

Starting with our youngest learners, my legislation passed that preserved 4000 voluntary prekindergarten opportunities for students in our community and across our state.

Serving as the House Higher Education Finance & Policy Chair and listening to students across the state, we learned firsthand the challenges students are experiencing. Bringing Democrats and Republicans together, we passed important legislation to:

- Expand eligibility to the State Grant Program and increase awards, impacting over 75,000 students.
- Invest in new grants to pay for foster youths' college or trade school education.
- Create Hunger Free Campuses to address food insecurity on college campuses.
- Provide grants to support aspiring teachers of color and Indigenous teachers to ensure our educators reflect diverse student populations in the classroom.
- Protect students from predatory closure practices at private career schools.
- Create a systemwide mental health awareness program at our state campuses.

I'm committed to taking significant steps forward to ensure students can thrive in the post-pandemic workforce.

All Minnesotans deserve a healthy climate, clean water, air, and soil.

Climate change poses a significant, urgent threat to our state's future. In fact, Minnesota is already experiencing impacts.

In our community, we deeply value clean water, soil and our natural resources. I supported new funding to reduce sources of dangerous perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs).

As a founding member of the Climate Caucus, I'm committed to fighting for bold action to protect our air, soil, and water, while ensuring Minnesota is a leader in the clean energy economy.

All Minnesotans deserve affordable health care and prescription drugs.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how much Minnesotans count on our health care workers and health care system.

The price of prescription drugs continues to be out of reach for too many. I brought together Democrats and Republicans to pass my legislation to help ensure all Minnesotans get the care they need at the price they can afford.

Working in the public health arena for years and being a breast cancer survivor, I will continue to make affordable, accessible health care for all a priority.



All Minnesotans deserve safe transportation choices.

All Minnesotans deserve a safe and reliable transportation system, no matter where they live, what they look like, or which transportation choice serves them best.

This year, in addition to championing needed safety updates to Highway 65 and University Avenue, I

- Passed legislation for improvements to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, transit development and services.
- Secured new funding for the arterial bus rapid transit F-Line, a 10-20 minute bus service along Central Avenue over to University Avenue ending at Northtown Mall.
- Authored successful legislation to help improve work zone safety for our construction workers.

Although we made important progress, I'll continue to advocate for long term sustainable investments, so residents can get to where they need to go safely.