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State Representative

**2021
Legislative
Report**

Dear neighbor,

I hope you are enjoying the fall season. It's a privilege to represent our community in the Minnesota House of Representatives, and I'm writing to provide you with an update on the 2021 regular session.

I'm pleased to report that Governor Walz, the Republican leader of the Senate, and I reached a bipartisan budget agreement that makes significant investments in the things Minnesotans value, and provides help to those most impacted by COVID19.

While the new two-year budget does not provide as much investment in education, wages, health care, and housing as DFLers would have liked, I worked with Governor Walz and the Republican leader of the Senate to find compromises that are in the best interest of Minnesotans. It's clear that there is more work to do to build a Minnesota that works better for everyone. I look forward to continuing this work in the 2022 Legislative Session.

Please contact me anytime with your input — I appreciate hearing from you! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Hortman

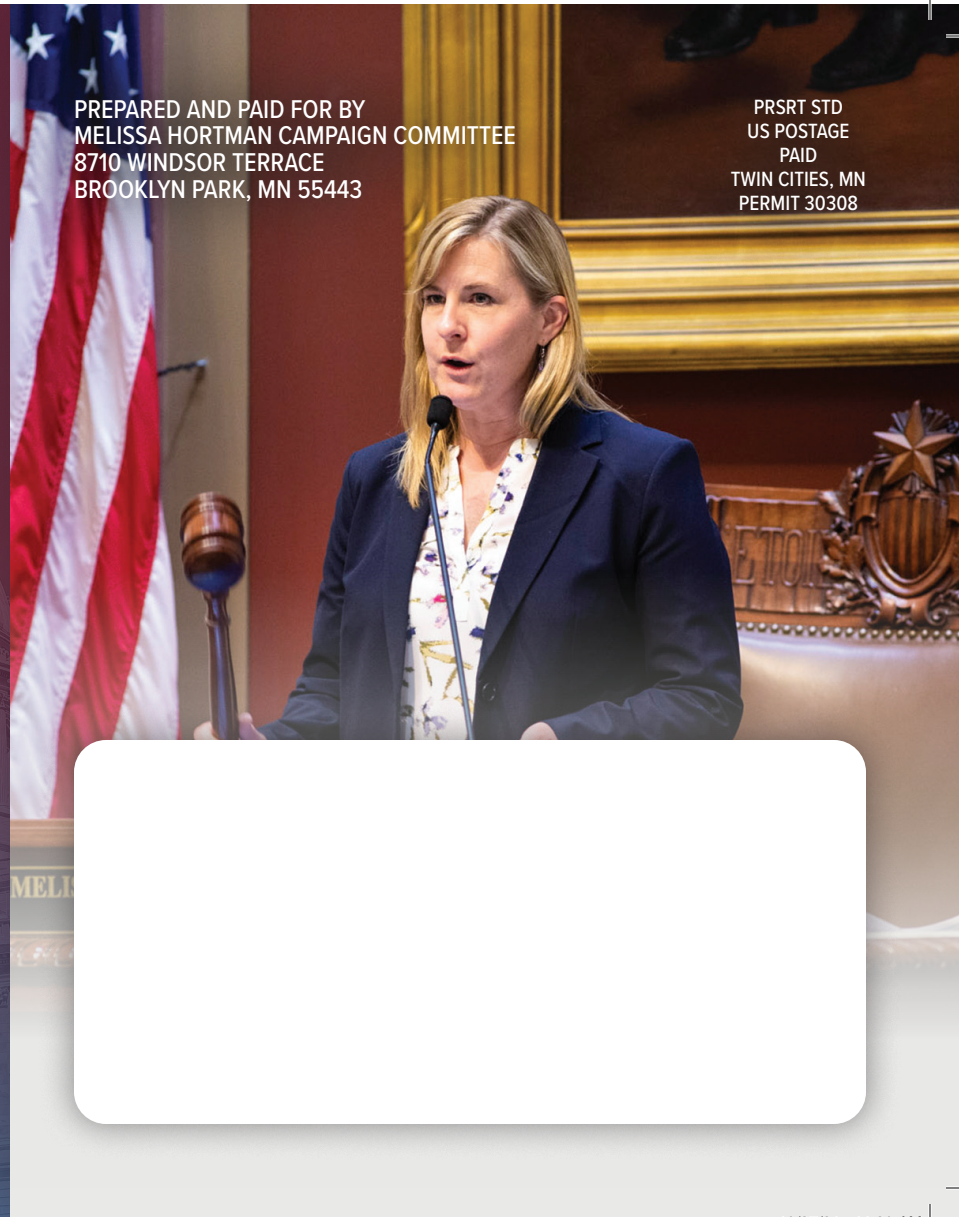
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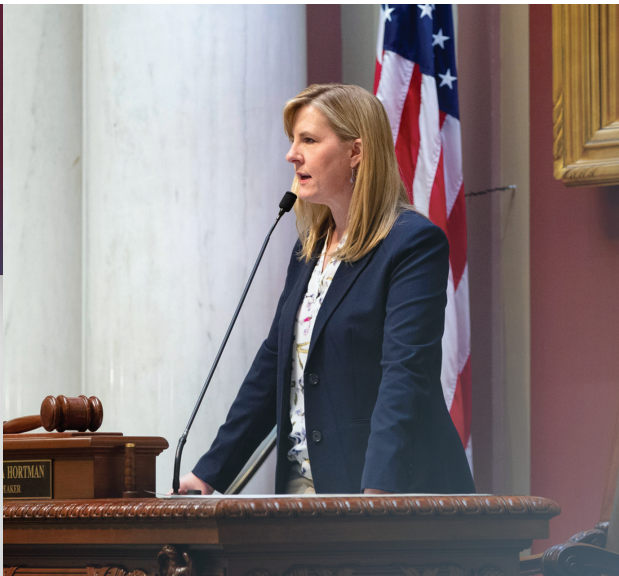


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Helping Minnesotans build back stronger after COVID-19

Minnesotans are weathering the pandemic with courage and compassion for our neighbors. In 2021, the Legislature made increased investments in families, workers, students, and small businesses who were hit hardest by the pandemic.

The Legislature passed a bipartisan budget that reflects the values of our communities. The new budget:

- **Funds public safety**
- **Provides a \$1.2 billion increase in education funding**
- **Protects access to all-day pre-K for 4,000 preschoolers in Minnesota**
- **Makes significant investments in affordable child care**
- **Secures financial support for frontline workers**
- **Funds the development of more affordable housing**
- **Cuts taxes for workers & small businesses most impacted by the pandemic**
- **Funds statewide road & bridge repairs and bus rapid transit**
- **Invests in public health to help reduce racial disparities in health care**
- **Makes substantial reforms to sexual assault laws to bring justice to survivors**
- **Enacts measures to reform policing and increase accountability**
- **Provides funding to improve training for law enforcement and invests in community violence prevention**



There's more work to do to build a better future for all Minnesotans in the 2022 legislative session. That session begins January 31, 2022.