Friends & Neighbors,

As I conclude ten years of service in the Minnesota Senate, I am filled with gratitude for the people of our district who entrusted me with representing them. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve as your voice at the Capitol and to work on the issues that matter most to our communities.

Minnesota has faced extraordinary challenges over the past decade. We lived through a global pandemic, a period of civil unrest, unthinkable violence last June 14th, a school shooting, and the invasion of our communities by federal agents.

Through each of these moments, I was guided by the values, resilience, and common sense of the constituents I was elected to serve. Whether we agreed on every issue or not, your engagement, feedback, and commitment to our community made me a better legislator and public servant.

Public service is ultimately about leaving things better than you found them. I am proud of the work we accomplished together and grateful for the trust you placed in me. Thank you for the privilege of serving, your partnership over these ten years have meant more than I can express.

Sincerely,

Senator Matt Klein

Proudly representing District 53: Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, Lilydale, Mendota, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul, Sunfish Lake, and West St. Paul.

Strengthening Protections for Emerging Technologies

While recognizing value in emerging technologies, we also need to address growing risks posed by misuse. This year we took clear action to protect Minnesotans from scams, fraud, and exploitation.

Crypto Kiosk Ban: These kiosks look like ATMs, but are used almost entirely to defraud and target seniors, stealing hundreds of thousands in recent years. We banned them from Minnesota.

Nudification Apps: Prohibits the access, download, or use of "nudification" technology, which is used to create exploitative and non-consensual images.

Social Media Safety: Requires parental consent for children to have a social media account, and adds safeguards for data privacy, addictive features, and paid advertising for child accounts age 15 and under.

Limiting AI in Medical Decisions: Limits the use of AI in utilization review denials by health insurers when evaluating medical necessity of health care services.

Expanded Consumer Restitution Account: In 2025 we established this account to help victims of scams and fraud recover their financial losses. This year we raised the account cap from $5M to $10M, and made distributions more equitable to help more people.

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Keeping HCMC Open and Stabilizing Access to Healthcare

Hennepin Healthcare: HCMC is our state's largest safety-net hospital, which delivers compassionate, high-quality care to Minnesotans regardless of their background or ability to pay. The 15 years I spent working there were the best work I ever did.

HCMC is in a dire financial situation, made worse by federal cuts to Medicaid. A closure would have had devastating impacts across our entire health care system. We passed urgent funding to keep HCMC open, and stabilize other hospitals around the state.

- $205 million in immediate aid
- $500 million reserve for long term stability
- $30M uncompensated care pool to stabilize hospitals impacted by federal Medicaid cuts.

Mental Health: We also passed funding to support access to mental health care, including School Behavior Health and crisis intervention programs to improve access to care and strengthen community response systems.

Drug Pricing Protections: This year I fought hard to strengthens enforcement of drug pricing protections. Savings from this program would help keep hospitals and clinics across the state open. It passed the Senate with bipartisan support, but House leadership refused to take it up.

Bonding: By the Numbers

This year we passed a $1.2 billion investment in Minnesota's water and sewer systems, roads and highways, and public colleges and universities, while creating good-paying jobs across the state.

$3M: Thompson Park in West St. Paul

$4.15M: family aquatic center in South St. Paul

$4M: Replace aging sewer lines in Newport, to address health and environment safety

$4M: New public safety and City Hall in Mendota Heights

$18.35M: Roads and bridges in our district

$400K: Heroes and Heritage Trail

$36 Million for projects in our district and counties

Safer Communities

Accountability for ICE: I was honored to stand with fellow doctors and healthcare providers to demand safety, dignity, and care for patients amidst Metro Surge. This session we passed a package of legislation to hold ICE accountable and to defend the civil and constitutional rights of Minnesotans , Unfortunately, House Republicans refused to acknowledge the impacts of the federal invasion and wouldn't take a vote.

Gun Violence Prevention: I was proud to vote for the Senate's comprehensive gun violence prevention package, that included a point of sale ban on weapons of war and large capacity magazines, improved physical safety at schools, and funded crisis intervention. I'm disappointed that the House Speaker Lisa Demuth refused to let the House take a vote.

Decisive Action to Stop Fraud

This session we took the most comprehensive action in state history to detect and prevent fraud and hold criminals accountable and protect taxpayer dollars and services Minnesotans rely on.

- **Office of Inspector General:** Created a new, statewide and independent OIG that will have broad oversight authority over state agencies, grant recipients, and contractors.
- **Medical Assistance Protection Act**, Funding more investigators and creating new enforcement tools for prosecutors to hold criminals accountable for stealing public funds.
- **Electronic Visit Verification**: ensuring that services being billed are being provided
- **Grants management improvements**: Stronger oversight of grants to nonprofits or other statewide entities carrying out services
- **Human Services IT Modernization:** Updating services IT to catch fraud, deliver services more efficiently, and relieve county cost pressures
- **Childcare Assistance Program investigators:** Adding a second team of investigators to make proactive, unannounced visits to childcare providers receiving CCAP funding, doubling the current number.
- **Payment withholding** when there are credible allegations of fraud.