Friends & Neighbors,

It is my honor to represent the communities and residents of Edina, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park in the Legislature as your State Senator.

None of us could have predicted the events of the last year. Unprecedented political violence. A horrific shooting at a church filled with children. Federal chaos from budget cuts and an occupation of our state.

In response, Minnesotans showed up with courage, strength, and resilience, supporting one another, protecting their neighbors, and showing the world the best of our state.

Our work this year was focused on addressing these challenges. I'm proud of the progress we made, and of the harm we prevented. I also know there is more we must do to make our communities stronger, and to help all Minnesotans thrive.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as your Senator, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Senator Ron Latz

Committee Membership

- **Chair**, Judiciary and Public Safety
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Senator Ron Latz

Chair of Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

I'm dedicated to passing policies that will make our communities safer and protect the constitutional rights of all Minnesotans.

- Provided funding for our state courts including support for safety and security
- $12 million in state funding replacing federal cuts to crime victim services
- $2 million for the Philando Castile law enforcement training fund
- Almost $1 million for nonfatal shooting clearance grants to help law enforcement solve these crimes, a proven strategy for reducing fatal shootings
- Heard and passed an Office of Animal Protection bill out of committee

District 46 Priorities

Delivering real results this year for our community.

- $5.1 million in bonding funding for Oxford/Louisiana street improvements
- Chief authored Edina Local Sales Tax provision in Senate Tax Bill (blocked by House Tax Chair)
- Secured special liquor license for The Shops at the West End Food Hall
- Hopkins TIF extended to allow completion of Cold Storage site redevelopment

Gun Violence Prevention

Addressing gun violence has been a top priority for me at the Legislature. In 2023, I successfully passed expanded background checks and red flag laws. This year, I proudly co-led Senate passage of a comprehensive gun violence prevention bill including:

- Assault weapons and high-capacity magazine ban
- Ghost gun prohibition
- Binary trigger ban reinstatement
- Secure storage expansion
- Extreme Risk Protection Order improvements
- Violence prevention funding
- Statewide violence prevention research center
- Expanded gun-free school zones

This is the first time in Minnesota's history that such a comprehensive bill has passed either the Senate or House. Though Republicans blocked passage of this bill in the House, it lays the groundwork for future action on policies that will save lives and protect Minnesotans from gun violence.

ICE Accountability and Justice

Operation Metro Surge was an unprecedented federal assault on the civil, human, and constitutional rights of Minnesotans. I proudly chief authored the bill responding to these abuses with legislation to protect Minnesotans and hold ICE accountable. While the Senate took action, House Republicans blocked these efforts, choosing President Trump and cruelty over the needs of their communities and Minnesotans.

More 2026 Wins

- Chief author of the Safety and Security Package to protect visitors, judges, lawmakers, and others from threats of political violence at the Capitol
- Co-authored new law creating an Office of the Inspector General to strengthen fraud prevention and oversight
- Stabilized HCMC to preserve statewide patient access to specialty and trauma care
- $100 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds and $40 million in rental assistance

Career Highlights

Saving Lives & Bringing Justice, Equity & Fairness

It has been my honor to serve our community at the Legislature for more than 20 years. Below are some accomplishments I'm most proud of:

- Voices for Racial Justice – Champion for Racial Equity
- Pro-Choice MN – Champion Award
- MN Association For Justice – Champion of Civil Justice
- MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault – AWARE Award
- Smoke-free restaurants
- Child abuse victims' right to sue
- Red flag law to reduce gun violence
- 35W bridge collapse victims' compensation
- Car buyers right to information from dealers
- Banning concert ticket price gouging