Minnesota House of Representatives

May 15th, 2023

The Honorable Tim Walz
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The Honorable Melissa Hortman
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via electronic delivery

Dear Governor Walz, Speaker Hortman, Majority Leader Dziedzic, Chair Gomez, and Chair Rest:

As we enter the final days of the 2023 legislative session, we are increasingly concerned that Sen. Rest's comments about an "insatiable appetite to raise taxes" while we have a $17.5 billion surplus will prevent purposeful tax relief for Minnesotans. The tax committee offer sheets exchanged over the weekend that removed the bipartisan sales tax exemption for baby products is just the latest example.

This tax exemption provides meaningful support for all parents in Minnesota as they expand their families. It's especially helpful for first-time parents who may be overwhelmed at the costs of bringing a baby home safely. This exemption was passed by both bodies with overwhelming support.

We the undersigned are calling for the restoration of this tax exemption. In the closing days of session we ask you to work with the Minority, who represent 48% of Minnesotans, to provide Minnesota's families with permanent, meaningful tax relief. Restoring the tax exemption for baby products to the Taxes bill is a step in that direction and would show the people of our state that Democrats can indeed put helping families over partisan politics.

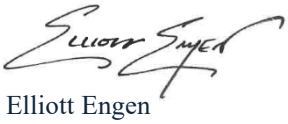
Sincerely,



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