



# SESSION 2023

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▶ House Republicans' top priorities in the 2023 session were significant and permanent tax relief, restoring safety to our communities, and advancing the priorities of Minnesota families. Unfortunately, Democrats spent the session raising your taxes, putting criminals over victims, making your energy bills more expensive, and suffocating our economy with countless new mandates on job creators, Main Street businesses, and schools.

With the record \$17.5 billion surplus, Minnesotans deserved meaningful tax cuts – especially at a time when inflation has family budgets stretched thin. Unfortunately, House Democrats went on a spending spree, increasing the budget by 40% – the largest budget increase in Minnesota history – and taxpayers are footing the bill.



## A \$9.8 BILLION TAX INCREASE

▶ Despite starting the 2023 session with a record \$17.5 billion surplus, Democrats' budget included \$9.8 billion in tax increases, including a gas tax hike, sales tax increases, a new delivery tax, additional payroll taxes, and other unpopular and unnecessary tax and fee increases that take money out of the pockets of Minnesota families.

These new taxes all go towards funding Democrats' partisan spending spree. Democrats blew out the spending this year. Minnesotans expect their government to be fiscally responsible—Democrats did just the opposite this session.



## REPUBLICANS SAVE OUR NURSING HOMES

▶ Facing an existential crisis, Republicans fought tooth and nail to save our nursing homes and support our seniors. Democrats ignored the pleas from our nursing homes until Republicans stepped in. Striking a late-session deal, Republicans secured \$300 million for nursing homes. Despite their \$72 billion dollar budget, the Democrat trifecta couldn't even find a couple hundred million dollars to stop more nursing homes from shutting their doors.



More than 1.3 million residents in the state are aged 65 or older. As these residents age, their need for care grows. Fifteen nursing homes across Minnesota have closed since 2021. These facilities have been exhausting their reserves and needed immediate relief. It took Republicans fighting all session long to deliver \$300 million in assistance so that seniors can stay in their communities.

## SAFE & SOUND

MINNESOTA

Confront Crime

Support Cops

Transparent Courts



## SAFE & SOUND PLAN

Minnesotans have a right to safe communities. With crime rates skyrocketing, House Republicans stepped up to outline numerous proposals that would hold criminals accountable and bring safety back to our communities.

- **Get tough on criminals by increasing penalties for violent and repeat offenders**
- **Recruit more police and improve training for law enforcement**
- **Hold judges and prosecutors accountable through more public data and information**
- **New mandatory minimums for criminals who commit crimes with a firearm**

## BROKEN PROMISES



### No Full Social Security Relief

Despite Democrats campaigning on eliminating the tax on Social Security for all of Minnesota's senior citizens, 200,000 Minnesotans will still be taxed on those benefits.



### Criminals Over Victims

Rather than supporting local law enforcement and keeping their campaign promise to prioritize public safety, Democrats passed legislation that is a "get out of jail free" card for criminals.



### Not Fully Funding Education

Instead of fully funding education as promised, Democrats put mandates over students and schools will be left with more difficult budgets than before the session started.



### Keeping The Surplus

Instead of the \$2,000 checks that were promised during the election, Democrats went on a spending spree with the surplus and only a select few Minnesotans will be receiving a small \$260 rebate.

## LITERACY IS LEARNING

With half of Minnesota's students unable to read proficiently at grade level, House Republicans put together their "Reading Reset" plan that would address our state's reading crisis by providing funding for...

- **Schools that would like to purchase proven Science of Reading curriculum and books**
- **Teacher training and professional development in the Science of Reading**
- **Tutoring to help struggling students who have fallen behind in reading**



Reading Reset

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