

# 2010 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

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## 2010 Session Priorities

- ✓ Job-focused bonding bill that invests in state infrastructure projects that matter
- ✓ Restore basic health care for 35,000 of the poorest, sickest, and mentally ill Minnesotans who will lose their health care due to the elimination of a General Assistance Medical Care
- ✓ Streamline local transportation projects, like Highway 19
- ✓ Protect rights of homeowners in eminent domain disputes with utility companies
- ✓ Expand renewable and alternative energy technologies to strengthen economy

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**Dear Neighbors,**

The 2010 Legislative Session will begin on February 5th and I want your input on the challenges ahead.

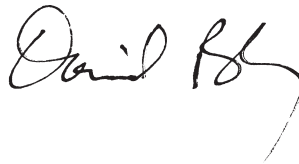
The prolonged national recession means that far too many Minnesotans are out of work or losing hours and wages. Clearly, our top objective must be to get Minnesota's economy moving in the right direction.

This will be easier said than done. Job and wage losses have led to an unprecedented drop in state revenue. The result is an additional \$1.2 billion budget shortfall on top of the \$6.4 billion deficit that was addressed last session with budget cuts, shifts, one-time money, and unilateral cuts (unallotments) by the Governor.

It's critical we approach our current budget crisis with an eye toward the future. The key to our long term economic recovery is our investment in our high grade workforce and our economic infrastructure, including our education system that has trained them. Middle income families – the engine of our economy – are making less and paying out more. We need to create opportunities for education and jobs for all of the Minnesotans who will pull us out of this recession and its clear narrow tax breaks for specific industries or corporations haven't worked.

I have provided a short survey for you to fill out about our budget crisis and other issues we will address this session. Your input and ideas will help me better represent our community and state at the State Capitol.

*Thank you in advance for your input!*



- 1. The State of Minnesota is facing a \$1.2 billion budget deficit on top the over \$6 billion from last session. This is the largest budget deficit in Minnesota history.**

**Last session, the gap was resolved by \$2 billion in cuts from the Legislature, \$2 billion in federal one-time dollars, and \$2 billion in unallotment by the Governor. As a result, we have already faced unprecedented cuts in all sectors of State Government including education, nursing homes and programs to assist the disabled.**

**We have to be aware that some cuts may end up costing us more in the long run. For example, the cuts to General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC), a program that provides basic health care the poorest and sickest Minnesotans, will result in job cuts for emergency room nurses and higher health care premiums. Cuts to education will cause teacher layoffs and larger class sizes. Minnesota students get only one shot at their education, they can't go back and do it over in better times. The choices we make will affect us for years to come.**

**How should the budget be balanced this year? What priorities should we set?**

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- 2. What else would you like the Legislature to focus on during the 2010 session?**

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