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Student Safety and Physical Privacy Act

Due to the massive amount of comments from concerned parents that I have recently received, I introduced the Student Safety and Physical Privacy Act (S.F. 1543) to protect students' basic physical safety and privacy rights.

This bill requires that schools maintain facilities (bathrooms, locker rooms, etc.) separated based on biological sex. It will also protect the integrity of girls' athletics by ensuring that girls' teams will continue to remain safe and fair.

Minnesota families expect our public schools to protect the safety and physical privacy of every student while ensuring the integrity of our female sports teams. This bill accomplishes what is already the expectation of people across our state.

This legislation is a common sense solution that protects each and every student against the misguided policy of the MN State High School League. Students have a right to privacy in bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers with facilities that separate biological males and females.

My Legislation

I am currently creating a bill which would require nonprofits to disclose salaries of top employees when receiving funding from the Legislature. Minnesotans should know when their taxes are being used for bloated executive pay. This bill will provide the transparency the public deserves.



Currently, we are importing mined materials to build our renewable resources from countries with little or no environmental protections. Some of our legislators are currently suggesting that we increase the use of our renewable energy in Minnesota which would increase the materials being imported. These same legislators are refusing to allow Minnesotans to mine the materials required for these renewable technologies.

I am creating a bill that would require Minnesota resources be used for all solar and wind technologies which are being used in Minnesota. If this bill passes then we will be protecting the environment while bringing jobs back to Minnesota.

Do Not Call Bill



I recently introduced a bill which tightens the enforcement and increases the effectiveness of our “Do Not Call” law.

Currently, many of us receive annoying telemarketing phone calls in spite of having listed our phone number on the Do Not Call Registry. When we contact state government agencies to ask for help involving these telemarketers, the only thing they can do is to pass the information along to the Federal Trade Commission. As we have seen, the Federal Trade Commission has been

unable to enforce this law. This bill will give our Attorney General the power to go after those acting in violation of this law and allows us to enforce our laws when the federal government can’t.

I am happy to inform you that this bill has passed the Commerce Committee and has been referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Buffer Requirements

Governor Dayton has been pushing a bill which establishes a 50 ft. buffer adjacent to all perennial waters, including rivers, streams and ditches.

While I agree we need to protect our water, I am concerned with the way they are trying to accomplish this goal. We should not try to solve this problem by increasing regulation, and certainly not by taking crops away from our farmers.

We already have laws to protect virtually all of our waters, but Soil and Water Conservation Districts are underfunded and have difficulty staying on top of them. Instead of increasing unnecessary regulation or taking farm land which we use to feed our state, I believe we need to give the SWCDs the funds that are needed to effectively do their jobs. That is why I support a bill which funds the SWCDs.

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