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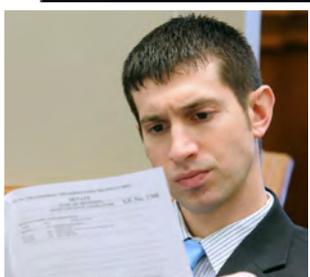
Dear Friends & Neighbors:

We are blessed with a quality of life in Minnesota that few states can rival, and I ran for office to help ensure that future generations have the same opportunities for success and productivity as those before us. While campaigning, people told me that they were not looking for another business-as-usual politician; they were looking for a voice in government willing to respond to their needs. I work every day to be that voice for the people I represent and to do what is best for the long-term health and strength of Minnesota.

I would like to take a moment to share some of the accomplishments I worked on during my first term in the Senate. Thanks to the help of my fellow legislators on both sides of the aisle, Governor Dayton and his administration, our staff and the constituents I represent, we accomplished significant changes.

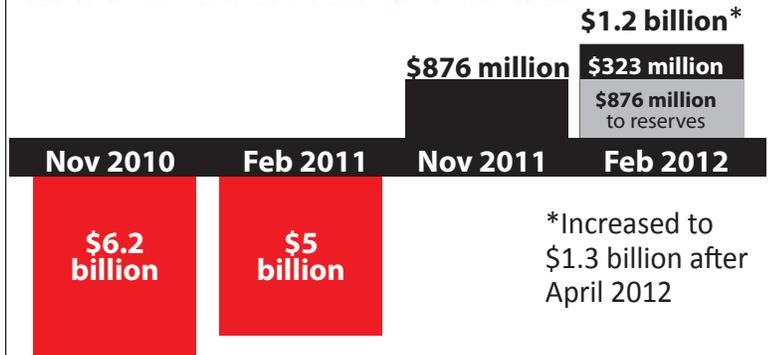


*Above: Jeremy and Janel Miller introducing new son Drew.*



## Accomplishments of the 2011-12 Legislative Session

**\$7B+ BUDGET TURNAROUND**



- We **balanced a \$6.2 billion deficit** and turned it into a \$1.2 billion\* surplus in less than 18 months by spending less and investing in reforms.
- We **reduced excessive government regulations** to help businesses invest in Minnesota and create jobs for Minnesotans, by streamlining the permitting process, removing duplicate services and reforming government so it moves at the speed of 21st Century commerce.
- We provided **an additional \$34 million in property tax relief for homeowners** for an estimated \$650 million in property tax relief through 2013 and \$66 million on top of that for a total of more than \$700 million for the following two years.
- We made **school reforms** that will streamline costs and assure the best education possible for Minnesota students.
- We made **major reforms in health and human services** that will result in \$1.7 billion in savings and reduced the cost curve in spending from a projected increase of 22% in the next biennium to 4.8%.

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**Roads, Bridges and Infrastructure:**  
Authorized nearly \$1 billion for local roads and bridges, flood mitigation systems and wastewater treatment plants; to repair and remodel structures on our college campuses; and to preserve other state assets. This critical spending will create thousands of jobs all over Minnesota.

**Nursing Homes:**  
Increased funding for many rural nursing homes.

**Veterans Cemetery:**  
Passed language to designate southeast Minnesota as a site for a new veterans cemetery. Fillmore County has generously donated 153 acres of land near Preston.

**Jobs and Economic Growth:**  
Authored legislation that funds the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program. The program provides up to 50% of capital costs for the development of industrial parks in greater Minnesota. These public/private partnerships will help maintain or create jobs, increase local tax bases and provide economic development opportunities.

**Voluntary Reduction in Pay:**  
I voluntarily reduced my own pay.

**Green Acres/Rural Preserve Reform:**  
Worked with our local county assessors and farmers to reform the problematic Green Acres / Rural Preserve program to provide property tax relief for farmers.

**Income tax reciprocity:**  
Worked to reverse a decision made in 2009 that terminated our reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin. Thousands of residents in Fillmore, Houston and Winona counties are directly impacted by the agreement.

**Plant food/Bath Salts:**  
Worked closely with local law enforcement officers to criminalize the dangerous synthetic drugs known as “plant food” and “bath salts.”

**Funding for disability programs:**  
Worked with local disability service providers on Region 10 Quality Assurance. This will help organizations that provide services to people with disabilities provide better care to their clients and help provide long-term savings. I also helped secure funding for the Extended Employment Program, which provides funding for work opportunities to people with disabilities.

**Higher Ed Administrative Costs:**  
Successfully reduced administrative costs at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) central office.

*Please contact me with any questions, comments or ideas on issues facing the State of Minnesota. I can be reached at **sen.jeremy.miller@senate.mn** or (651) 296-5649. We can accomplish great things by working together!*



*Senator Miller is vice chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, and serves on the Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources, Jobs & Economic Growth, and Capital Investment committees.*