

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Seeking deficit solution that is fair to education, the economy, business and fa**

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On Nov. 7th I was elected to represent the people of my district in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Election night and the following morning were very exciting. Seeing the election returns in my district was made sweeter by defeating the two divisive constitutional amendments, as well as being a part of the DFL taking back both the State House and Senate. I am humbled and honored by this responsibility and pledge to always put the needs of the district and the state before politics and special interests.

There is much work to be done prior to the start of the session on January 8, 2013, like finding my office and figuring out how to login to the computer system. Ultimately the legislature has a significant budget deficit that we will need to address, and I will be working to address this deficit in a way that is fair and responsible to education, the economy and business, and families who have been struggling.

There are so many people who helped over the past year, far too many to name individually. Please know that I am thankful for each and every one of you and the work you did. There is one person that I do want to recognize; Joan I could not have done this without you. You were there throughout the highs and lows and made sure I kept my feet planted on the ground with my chin up.

I am grateful to everyone who supported the campaign and those who did not. All of you made me a better candidate and I will work hard every day to be the best Representative that I can be.