

Chamber Members & Friends,

As always, thank you for supporting the Chamber's work in government affairs. We are proud to be the non-partisan "voice of business" in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Led by our [Board of Directors](#) and Government Affairs Committee, we strive to maintain an environment where small businesses can succeed, reward their employees, and give back to their communities.

I'm writing today to provide a brief recap on 2023 state legislation as well as a timeline for when you can expect a historically large number of new business regulations to take effect. We worked tirelessly with the Minnesota Chamber and about 50 other chambers to oppose these laws. We believe they are unfriendly to our members and make Minnesota less competitive.

We will provide more information through emails, webinars, and workshops on how to prepare for and comply with the new mandates.

Please join us in recognizing and thanking our Lakes Area legislators for their service. These include **Representatives Josh Heintzeman, Ben Davis and Krista Knudsen as well as Senator Justin Eichorn**. They stood strong as business champions and allies of the Chamber. You can read their comments at the end of this email.

Despite all of this, we still believe in Minnesota and know that our small businesses will meet every challenge. You continue to set the standard in production, innovation, hard work, generosity and ethical practices. Together, we are Lakes Proud.

Sincerely yours,



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