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[NOTE: The first draft of this release was primarily composed by Former President Donald Lee, who was in a fatal car accident on 9/21/26. RIP.]

Honorees Announced

Six Senators and two Representatives have been honored in the Legislative Evaluation Assembly's 2026 Report on the Minnesota Legislature. Four Representatives received an honorable mention.

Honorees: Senators Cal Bahr, Steve Green, Michael Holmstrom, Bill Lieske, Eric Lucero, and Nathan Wesenberg; Representatives Marj Fogelman and Drew Roach.

Honorable Mention: Representatives Ben Davis, Jimmy Gordon, Tom Murphy and Mike Wiener.

LEA Salutes Legislators Who Made the Hard Calls.

The LEA honorees chose frugality and prudence, supporting our American founding principles and realistic assessments rather than going along with the conventional political thinking on contentious issues.

LEA is not a lobbying organization. We evaluate the legislature **after** the session has completed. We have no fixed legislative agenda. We call out ways that the legislature breaks its own rules and the state constitution. We describe the consequences of bills and their costs. We evaluate the legislature against our credo and basic American principles.

From a ban on "nudification," to regulating social media use by children, to more dedicated funds for housing, to requiring homeowners' insurance to cover chemical irritant cleanup costs, we point out the unintended consequences and undesirable downsides of bills that on the surface seem like obvious solutions to problems.

LEA honors those legislators who see past the trendy prescribed remedies and oppose legislation that is not worthy of a self-governing republic.

LEA's Don Lee commented on the 2026 legislature: "Amidst a blizzard of near-unanimous votes, pork-filled legislation and unconstitutional omnibus bills, we honor those who say 'stop'. Thank God for principled legislators."

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About the LEA:

Established in 1972, the Legislative Evaluation Assembly of Minnesota (LEA) is a non-partisan and non-profit organization, established to inform the citizens of Minnesota of both important legislation and the voting performance of each Minnesota state legislator. LEA bases its evaluation on our declared American founding principles of self-evident truths and inalienable rights. These principles provide a basis for a constitutionally limited government established to sustain life, liberty, justice, property rights and free enterprise. LEA encourages the use of the material in its Reports, in whole or in part, with attribution, by any group or individual.

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