



Representative Cindy Golding

House District 83

Under the Golden Dome #15

Hi Friends,

As we closed out week 15, the old adage, “hurry up and wait” was the rule of the day. Bills move back and forth between the House and the Senate. Every amendment to a bill in one chamber requires another vote on the floor of the other chamber. This process requires compromise and, in most cases, results in better legislation. There are times that a bill passes with overwhelming support in one chamber, only to be paused or killed in the other.

Week #16 is planned to be the last week of the session and will focus on passing the budget - a compromise between the Governor, Senate, and House. A few select issues, such as Property Tax Reform (see below), will be passed, but several others have been set aside for further study. Concerns raised from our District 83 helped pause a couple of bills and move them to “further study.” Bills regarding eminent domain, CO₂ pipelines, and other property rights issues are still “to be determined.” The checks and balances in our system can be just as frustrating to us in the Legislature as it is to our constituents. And, as I have mentioned time and again, the negative distortion by the Media does a huge disservice to the citizens of our great state. Please contact me if you have any questions about specific legislation.

Coming Attractions: *The Presidential-election cycle has begun! As Iowans, we have a unique opportunity to meet every Presidential candidate in person. Make the most of it. Don't let TV ads or PR firms determine your choice. Regardless of your political preference or your current favorite candidate, take the time to meet these folks. One of them will end up leading our great nation.*

Have a wonderful week,

Cindy

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House File 718 - Property Tax Relief (a very complicated topic)

This week, the Iowa House passed a proposal to protect Iowa taxpayers from the outrageous property tax increases. HF718 targets taxpayer concerns by capping annual property tax increases per parcel to 3% for residential and agricultural property and 8% for commercial and industrial property. This is on the actual amount of property taxes paid, not the assessment.

Our proposal reduces the school levy requirement from \$5.40 to \$4.40 and guarantees that the difference will be paid for out of the Taxpayer Relief Fund (TRF) that we created specifically for tax relief. By law, each Iowa school district is required to levy a foundation property tax equal to \$5.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the school district. This reduction of \$1.00 will deliver more than \$200 million in immediate tax relief to Iowans while ensuring that schools will continue to receive adequate funding

Local government concerns were addressed with an amendment to move the bonding elections to every November, not just general election dates. We also moved all budget certifications to April 15. This allows one mailing to property owners with county, city, school, and other taxing entities included on one statement. Our proposal increases taxation transparency by requiring the statement to include the dollar amount of tax you owe, the assessed value of your property, the effective tax rate, the major reasons for any increase, and an itemized receipt including information on where your taxpayer dollars are going. With this information, you will know which local taxing authority to contact directly with your concerns. The bill is now in the Senate where negotiations continue.

House Republicans are proud of our property tax legislation, which garnered overwhelming support, passing with a vote of 93-1. This, along with legislation regarding individual property rights, ESG investing, voter integrity, and parents' rights remain my top priorities.

And nowas seen around the Rotunda



Dedicated citizens fighting for their property rights.



Visiting with Pastors from my district. I truly appreciate their prayers.



National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO Iowa) event at Terrace Hill.

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JUNE 1-2, 2023

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WHEN:
Pitch Workshop (included, optional)
June 1, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Reception (included, optional)
June 1, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Conference
June 2, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE:
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center
2100 Green Hills Dr,
Ames, Iowa 50014

WHO:
Veterans, military personnel, and their families and business partners, as well as those who support veteran entrepreneurs

COST:
\$30*
*Price for attendees. See website for exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities.