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**Under the Golden Dome**

**Happy New Year 2024**

*Hello!*

*Happy New Year to all of you!*

*My last newsletter covered a few of the conferences I attended along with several of my colleagues. Those meetings were focused mainly on policies that would help strengthen families, enhance education, and encourage stronger citizen involvement.*

*In November, we attended a WallBuilders Conference in Dallas, TX where we heard from some of our country's outstanding experts on the foundation of our Constitution. It was particularly interesting to see original documents of the Founding Fathers and to understand how much of our history has been twisted or misrepresented. We discussed the challenges facing Iowans and learned how we can strengthen our Constitutional rights within our own state.*

*In December, an expert litigator on eminent domain, Terri Griffiths, and I organized a meeting in Denver, Colorado for State legislators from several states. The Alternative Energy and Security Task Force focused on serious issues surrounding the production and risks of unreliable alternative energy sources. In 2021 the electric-grid failure in Texas caused over 200 deaths and threatened the entire electric-grid structure. This was a warning to all of us. Iowa's winters are much more severe than Texas so we can't risk the same mistakes.*

*National experts on ground water presented research proving heavy metal contamination from solar farms and from their "companion" lithium battery storage banks. Other researchers presented documentation on the dangers of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, and the unconstitutional use of eminent domain for many of these projects. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) scientists discussed the effect of the sun on climate and the lack of evidence that CO<sub>2</sub> is the villain. At Jaxon Labs we learned of Chinese "back door" electronic components in our transformers and possible solutions we can implement at the state level.*

*The Perry School incident has brought school safety and teen mental health issues to the forefront – again!*

*The funding of SROs (School Resource Officers) and the possibility of mandating various building security measures have been proposed. I will be seeking input from superintendents around my district to help frame legislation that works. Emotionally-driven, knee-jerk legislation rarely works and no law will stop those with evil intent. Taking guns away from law-abiding citizens is not the solution. We need to look deeper into the mental health crisis, and find true solutions. I will be working on that.*



Iowa State Senators Kevin Alons & Dennis Guth, Iowa State Representatives Helena Hayes, Brad Sherman, & Cindy Golding at NOAA. State Legislators from CO, ND, SD, WY, MO, MN, NE and OH joined us either in person or on Zoom. The reliability, safety, and cost of electricity will affect us now and into the future. We can't rely on Federal bureaucrats to have our backs.

**And now..... the 2024 Legislative Session begins on Monday, January 8.**

I have been collaborating with several colleagues during our “break”. We are prepared to present legislation on the following issues:

- 1) Improving Election integrity and security
- 2) Challenging Eminent Domain use by for-profit companies vs private citizen property rights
- 3) Power grid reliability
- 4) Safety for communities near CO2 pipelines (Kill Zone identification)
- 5) Additional Strengthening to Human and Sex trafficking laws
- 6) Gold and silver as Iowa “money”
- 7) Limiting Foreign ownership of Iowa land
- 8) Reducing Real-Estate tax burden without harming local governments
- 9) Limiting the authority of Over-Zealous, un-elected regulators (yes, in IA just like Washington, DC)

Many other issues are pending and the second year of the General Assembly is only 100 days (instead of 110 days). It will go quickly.

You can watch live debate, follow legislation, research the Code of Iowa at:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

*All of the issues above could be overwhelming – but there are reasons to celebrate our work in 2023. Here are a few of my YES votes that are having a positive impact:*

- 1) *Increased Economic Development for small towns.*
- 2) *Increased SSA (state funding) to schools.*
- 3) *Increased funding flexibility for small schools.*
- 4) *Reduced barriers for “Farm to Consumer” sales.*
- 5) *Restriction of graphic, sexually explicit books from school libraries.*
- 6) *\$6,500 Real Estate tax credit for Seniors and increased credits for veterans.*
- 7) *Increased opportunities for rural medical services.*
- 8) *Students First Act (HF68).*
- 9) *Parental Empowerment bill (SF496).*
- 10) *Teacher Empowerment bill (HF604).*
- 11) *New opportunities for students to gain real-world work experience (SF542).*
- 12) *Stronger Human-trafficking laws.*
- 13) *Stronger Child-protection laws.*

## **Constituent Information:**

*(these links are provided for your convenience. Please verify the information)*

### **Iowa First-in-the-Nation CAUCUS** – Monday, January 15, 2024

If you live in Linn County, click on the link below. Type in your street number, then follow the prompts. Sometimes location changes are required. Please check back the day of Caucus.

<https://www.linncountyelections.org/caucus/>

For other counties, check with your Auditor for caucus locations. The auditor's office may direct you to the county party for specifics.

### **Get involved!**

If you are concerned about your real estate taxes, election integrity, etc. please check out your city or county website. There are many positions available on boards and commissions.

### **Here is the link for Linn County boards and Commissions.**

<https://www.linncountyiowa.gov/205/Advisory-Boards-Commissions>

Go to your county supervisor, city council, or school board meetings to see how they are spending your money. Ask questions. Encourage your neighbors and church friends to participate.

**Go to the Secretary of State** website to sign up to be a PAID election worker.

<https://pollworker.iowa.gov/>

or volunteer with a campaign or your political party as a Poll-watcher for the Primary and General Elections.

***Together we CAN make a difference!***

### **A Founding Father Quote for today:**

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”– John Adams (October 1798)

### **So What's Next??**

### **Stay in touch!**

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*Have a wonderful week!*

*Cindy*