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Minnesota House of Representatives

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Dear Xander, Jackson, Sam, and Justin,

I want to thank you again for stopping by the capital and sharing with me and the public your research. Even with all the complexities of our healthcare system, the unassailable truth is that when we invest in people and communities, we can address any issue facing us.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know what we are doing here at the capital relating to your research. Within this year's House Health Finance and Policy omnibus bill, we are taking resounding steps that will advance the research, prevention, and treatment of cancer:

- We are requiring insurance companies to cover additional breast cancer screening services with no-cost sharing. Which is intended to help ensure access to additional diagnostic services (following up on a mammogram) that may be required by a physician.
- Modifying Minnesota's cancer reporting system to bring it into compliance with the CDC and enter into the National Interstate Data Exchange Agreement. By doing so, Minnesota would unlock \$840,000 per year of additional cancer research funding. Furthermore, more researchers will be able to utilize Minnesota's data and, potentially, make scientific advances that will save lives.

While we are making historic progress this legislative session, we still have much more to do addressing the issues of today and the ones on the horizon. Remember that you and your fellow classmates are our future. Our community, state, country, and world need your individual talents, capabilities, and energy to continue moving us forward. I hope that each of you will stay in touch and stay engaged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Hansen", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Representative Rick Hansen

