

Rep. Lisa Demuth Statement

“We started the year with a record \$17.5 billion surplus, giving Democrats the chance to pass meaningful tax relief and help make Minnesotans’ lives more affordable. Instead, Democrats squandered the unique opportunity they had to address the economic pressures Minnesotans are facing and, in turn, are now leading the state off a fiscal cliff.

“Democrats took the entire surplus and raised an additional \$10 billion in taxes so they could go on a spending spree, increasing the state budget by an unsustainable 40 percent. Democrats’ reckless spending has now set us on the path to have a budget deficit in the coming years. This could have been avoided if Democrats had even an ounce of fiscal responsibility.

“Democrats put their insatiable appetite for spending ahead of the needs of Minnesotans and we will all be paying for their fiscal insanity for years to come.”