

## **Reps. Hortman and Long Statement**

"Today's economic forecast shows that Democrats are growing the economy in Minnesota, and that the policies we've enacted are supporting Minnesota's workers, reducing costs for families, and growing the labor force," said Speaker Hortman. "At the same time, as our economy continues to do well and corporate profits continue to soar, we know there are Minnesotans who aren't doing as well in their family budgets. You'll see Democrats continuing to focus on growing the middle class, lowering costs, and reducing stress in people's lives. We will continue working to build a Minnesota that works better for everyone and reflects the values that we all share."

"Democrats have been working hard this year to lower the cost of living and make up for years of inadequate investment in the people of Minnesota," said House Majority Leader Jamie Long. "The new economic projections released today show that our economy is growing, and that's great news. We're tackling the rising cost of child care, health care, and housing. We're building a Paid Family and Medical Leave program. The best way to grow the economy is by growing the middle class, and that's what Democrats are focused on doing right now."