

# NEWSLETTER

## Legislative Updates

### In the House...

- HF 550 - This bill would implement a redistricting commission comprised of legislative proxies. CCMN does not support this model and will continue to urge Representatives to vote 'No'. We continue to move forward with the people's redistricting reform, the With Us, For Us Redistricting Amendment authored by Representative Klevorn.
- HF 931 - This bill would strengthen regulations surrounding non-government issued absentee ballot applications and sample ballots. CCMN is supportive of this bill!

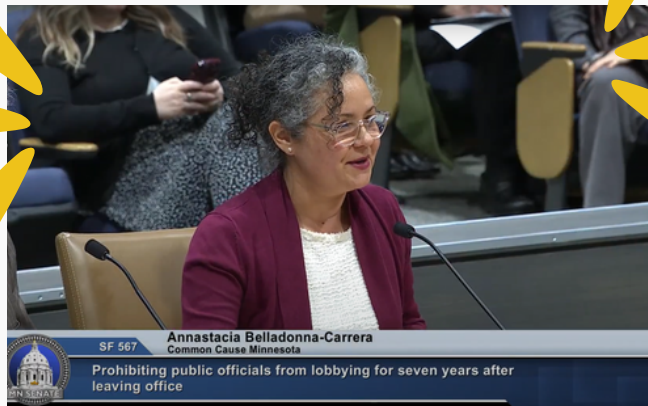


**House File 550**  
Bipartisan Redistricting Commission established, principles to be used in adopting legislative and congressional districts established, and constitutional amendment proposed.  
MN House Monday, February 24, 2025

Our Policy & Civic Engagement Manager testifying against HF 550 in the House Elections Committee on 2/24.

### In the Senate...

- SF 567 - This bill would implement a 7-year cooling-off period for legislators who want to become lobbyists. CCMN testified in support of this legislation and many of you submitted testimony as well! Together we were able to submit over 20 letters and demonstrate Minnesota's commitment to closing the lobbying revolving door. Having this show of support is invaluable for moving legislation that will our government to better serve the people of Minnesota.



SF 567 **Annastacia Belladonna-Carrera**  
Common Cause Minnesota  
Prohibiting public officials from lobbying for seven years after leaving office

Our Executive Director testifying in favor of SF 567 in the Senate Elections Committee on 2/27.

## COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

We know how critical it is that our communities have responsive representation. That's why we're inviting state legislators & local elected officials to a town hall in their districts so community can have direct access to the people working on key bills that will impact their every day lives! RSVP to save the date here!

**JOIN US IN MANKATO!**





# TAKE ACTION TODAY!

We have a variety of ways you can engage no matter how busy your schedule is!

**If you've only got a minute...** Follow us on social media! You can find the most up to date information about our work by keeping up with us on Instagram, Facebook, and X!

**If you've got 15 minutes...** Dive into our resource hub! We have a variety of trainings and resources available to fit any schedule!

**If you've got more than hour...** Take one of the trainings on our resource hub! We have key trainings available to help advocates prepare for ANY level of advocacy, from the state capitol to the school board.

**If you have even MORE time..** Volunteer with us! We are seeking volunteers to help us create content for THIS newsletter, help us with event logistics, and with mobilizing activists! Email our Policy & Civic Engagement Manager, Emma (erage@commoncause.org) to get started today!



## LEGISLATOR SHOUT OUTS!



It's important that we continue to recognize that positive actions that are being taken at our legislature despite today's intense polarization. Here are a few legislators that have been showing up to the capitol with constituents at the center of their work!

### In the House...



Representative Ginny Klevorn (DFL, 42B) has continued to show her commitment to community centered redistricting reforms throughout this legislative session just as she has since she was first elected in 2018.

### In the Senate...



Senator Cal Bahr (GOP, 31) consistently takes a well-rounded approach to making positive change for his constituents. His SF0634 bill is a demonstration of his consideration of his constituents and Minnesota's institutions.



Representative Jim Nash (GOP, 48A) has an extensive history of a strong commitment to voter and constituent centered reforms. He has continued this pattern this year with his HF0931 bill to decrease absentee voting confusion.



Senator John Marty (DFL, 40) is a true ally in our efforts to defend our democracy. His SF0569 and SF0567 bills are both great bills that will continue to improve our state government and by extension improve the lives of every day Minnesotans.

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## In The News

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
MN HOUSE DISTRICT 40B  
100% VOTE IN



**D**  
DAVID  
GOTTFRIED  
**70.2%**

**R**  
PAUL  
WIKSTROM  
**29.8%**



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Outcomes of HD 40B Election. CBS News

### 1 **House District 40B Special Election Results**

Minnesota's 40B House District's Special Election took place on Tuesday, March 11th! Minnesota's House Chamber is officially at 134 members. Check out the results [here!](#)

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### **Minneapolis Elections are coming up!**

Minneapolis residents you have city elections coming up this Fall! These local government positions are incredibly important to your every day life. [Learn more](#) about who is on your ballot and become a more informed voter today!



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### **Common Cause Minnesota Hosts Townhall**

On March 1st Common Cause Minnesota worked with local partners to host a 200+ person town hall in Rochester to increase constituent access to legislators and local elected officials. Read more [here!](#)



Common Cause Minnesota's Rochester Townhall