## "Legislation needs to be done correctly."

- Ron Erhardt



Dear Edina friends and neighbors,

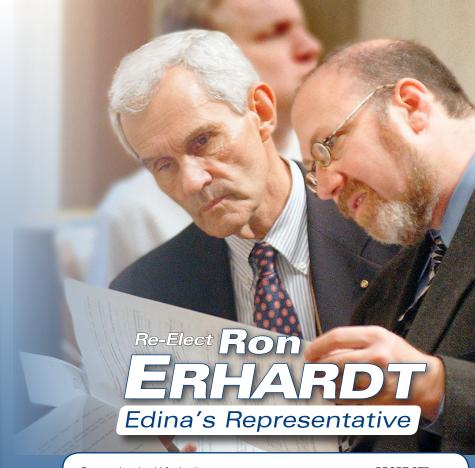
Sexual assault is a very serious issue. The assault Pat Maahs endured was horrid and appalling. It was no laughing matter.

My action on the House floor as portrayed in an ad produced by the House Republican Campaign Committee is entirely misleading. I want to be clear to everyone that I was not in any way referencing or disparaging what had happened to Ms. Maahs in that discussion. The context of what is shown in the footage was a discussion about kids playing pranks on each other, and whether or not saliva should be included in the language of the legislation. Because of this discussion, it was removed. Making laws can be messy business. Determining misdemeanor and felony charges that can affect our kids is an important part of the process. At the time, I was trying to bring levity to an uncomfortable discussion.

I realize laughter can be inappropriate during serious discussion of improving our sexual assault laws. I am sorry my actions were offensive to Ms. Maahs or to anyone else. I am proud to have participated in correcting our statutes and passing a bill that will never allow what happened to Ms. Maahs to go unpunished ever again.

Sincerely,





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## Women stand with Ron because Ron stands up for women.

"I have worked with Ron for over 15 years on a wide range of women's issues. From women's health to pay equity to sexual assault, he has not only supported them, he has championed each of these issues."

> Kathleen Murphy, pro-choice advocate, sexual assault survivor, gender rights activist



## To support women, Ron has:

- Supported proposals to increase access to affordable child care by raising provider rates, eliminating Child Care Assistance Program waiting lists, and increasing reimbursement for infant care.
- Supported the family home visiting program that helps to prevent child abuse by supporting pregnant women, new moms and their babies.
- Supported women's access to health care including public funding of abortion and rejects putting onerous licensing restrictions on clinics that perform abortions.
- Voted for earned sick & safe time and paid family leave to working parents, and a plan to make sure employers pay employees the wages they are due.
- Voted for the CHEER Act, a plan to require employers to provide birth control coverage for their employees and keep bosses from interfering with women's health care decisions.

- Voted for a plan to require college campus student health services to provide victims of sexual assault with emergency contraception.
- Fully supported Planned Parenthood, which provides access to health care for 45,000 Minnesotans including birth control, clinical breast exams, and cancer screenings.
- Voted for a plan to increase contraception by requiring insurance companies to cover a 12-month supply of birth control.
- Voted for closing the gender pay gap by increasing women's participation in high-wage, nontraditional jobs.
- Voted for requiring universal background checks on all gun sales.









