

# FACT SHEET | Tax Relief for Businesses

*Budget for a Better Minnesota*

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Minnesota's growing economy has added 133,000 new jobs since 2011. Forbes recently ranked Minnesota the eighth best place to do business in the nation, and our state had the fifth-fastest growing economy in the country in 2012. Governor Dayton's tax plan would build on Minnesota's strong economic growth, and make our state an even more competitive place to do business.

## Reducing Business Sales Taxes

- **Electronic, Farm and Commercial Equipment Repair Tax.** The Governor's tax plan eliminates sales taxes on electronic and commercial equipment repair and maintenance. This includes repair and maintenance of farm equipment.
- **Warehousing and Storage Services Tax.** The Governor's plan eliminates the warehousing sales tax that is set to take effect on April 1, 2014.
- **Telecommunications Equipment Tax.** The Governor's plan eliminates sales taxes on telecommunications equipment.

## Reducing and Simplifying Taxes for Minnesota Businesses

- **Simplifying Business Taxes.** The Governor's tax plan eliminates the need for thousands of small businesses to maintain separate records for their federal and state income taxes.
- **Investing in Innovation and Job Growth.** This tax plan offers \$15 million more in tax credits for startup businesses and entrepreneurs. A recent report showed this tax credit has already created 500 new jobs and spurred over \$100 million of new private investment in Minnesota's economy.
- **Simplifying Taxes for Restaurants and Retailers.** Restaurants, retailers, and other small shops would save time on their taxes. Right now, these businesses have to keep two sets of records for as long as 29 years, detailing their improvement expenses. The Governor's plan would require only one set of books.
- **Supporting Tuition and Adoption Assistance.** Businesses would be able to offer their employees tax-free tuition and adoption assistance. This would simplify tax filings, help businesses recruit the best and brightest, and help more families make the choice to adopt.