More than 100 physicians and physicians-in-training met with their legislators in St. Paul on March 23 as part of the MMA’s annual Day at the Capitol event.

Physicians, residents and medical students from across the state gathered to discuss with lawmakers the need to reform medication prior authorization, ensure the sunset of the provider (sick) tax and strengthen the state’s immunization laws.

The day ended with a reception at the Doubletree by Hilton in St. Paul with Rep. Erin Murphy (DFL-St. Paul). Rep. Tara Mack (R-Apple Valley) was scheduled to speak to the group earlier in the day but was unable to attend because of a legislative conflict.

“We had a great turnout once again,” says Dave Renner, MMA director of state and federal legislation. “It’s always encouraging to see physicians, students and residents take time out of their busy schedules to get involved in the legislative process. Lawmakers always tell us how influential it is to hear directly from their constituents.”
LRT came in handy to get from downtown St. Paul to the Capitol.

Physicians and physicians-in-training didn’t let the spring snow slow them down.

Carrie Borchardt, MD, shares a laugh with Sen. Greg Clausen.

Medical student Aaron Kramer; Douglas Pryce, MD; T. Michael Tedford, MD; and Elizabeth Elfstrand, MD, enjoy a moment with their legislator.

Robert Moravec, MD.

Maria Loerzel, MD, and her fellow Willmar physicians speak with Rep. Dave Baker.

Rep. Erin Murphy meets with physician constituents then addresses attendees at the end-of-day reception.