



**The Minnesota Values Plan has engaged communities across the state to build a legislative agenda rooted in the hopes, aspirations, and demands of Minnesotans.** Through this agenda, we're offering ideas for a new direction to make our state a better place for everyone.

**Minnesotans care deeply about each other and want to see one another succeed.** But the wealthy few and their politicians who rig the rules consistently try to distract us with fear mongering and divide us against each other based on what we look like or where we live.

**Working together, we can strengthen our communities across the state by improving education opportunities, investing in a brighter future for our families, and increasing economic prosperity for all Minnesotans of different races and from different places.**

Through this statewide engagement with communities and key organizational partners, Minnesota legislators have come together around a set of key policies that will help families, grow prosperity, and restore Minnesota values to our state.

**Our shared Minnesota Values bring us together and can serve as a guide for how we move forward — and how we make Minnesota work better for all of us.**



# Ensure All Minnesotans Have Access to Quality, Affordable

## Health Care

Every Minnesotan deserves access to high quality, affordable health care. Instead of giveaways to insurance companies, let's ensure Minnesotans have an affordable & trusted public option. No one should be forced to choose between paying for a roof over their head & paying their monthly insurance premium or health care bills. Expanding health care coverage will help ensure women have the right to make their own health decisions without interference from their boss or politicians.

### House DFLers will work to:

- **Expand the current MinnesotaCare plan to allow anyone to buy into it as a pathway to universal healthcare.**

## Make Work in Minnesota Pay

Minnesotans work hard and deserve the opportunity to thrive. But many employers do not allow their workers to earn sick time or paid family leave, so Minnesotans are forced to make impossible choices between paying the bills and their family's health. In addition, wage theft — including violating minimum wage laws, failing to pay overtime, or forced "off the clock" work — by employers hurts Minnesota's working families. Every year, tens of thousands of Minnesotans lose millions in earned wages and benefits.

### House DFLers will work to:

- **Guarantee every worker has paid sick time and paid family leave.**
- **Put an end to wage theft by investing in improved enforcement.**

## Invest in Education from Cradle to Career

All Minnesota kids deserve a world-class education. We know that our kids start learning long before kindergarten — and that Minnesota suffers from one of the largest achievement gaps in the country. Expanding voluntary, free Pre-K to every Minnesota child will ensure our kids are getting off to a strong start.

The cost of education and job training is a barrier for many Minnesotans. People should not have to choose between a lifetime of debt and the education and training they need for a good paying job. Access to higher education and job training should be in reach for everyone.

### House DFLers will work to:

- **Increase funding for community-based child care options and expand access to public, universal pre-k, for all Minnesota children.**
- **Ensure every Minnesotan has the affordable access to job training or higher education they need to thrive.**

## Strengthen Minnesota's Key Infrastructure

Minnesotans depend on our infrastructure every day to get to work or school or to help support our families, but we are not making the investments we need as a state. We must rebuild our roads and bridges, and invest in reliable public transit. We must create access to quality, affordable high-speed internet across the state, which is a necessity in the 21st century. We must modernize our aging energy infrastructure so that it is secure and supports greater use of renewable energy.

### House DFLers will work to:

- **Make long-term, robust investments in transportation, broadband, and clean energy, creating good Minnesota jobs.**