



# BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL MINNESOTANS

**Minnesotans care deeply about our state and want to see one another succeed.** Working together, across race, religion and geography, we can strengthen our communities by improving outcomes for all of us, no exceptions. Organizing together, we have the power to decide our future — just as we've done in the past.

**We're living in a time of extreme racial and economic inequality made worse by COVID-19 and police brutality.** For too long, big corporations and the richest 1% failed to pay their fair share while too many Minnesotans have struggled to get ahead and stay ahead. The greedy few rig the rules against working families, then try to distract us from their actions by using fear to divide people of different races and different places. The pandemic and the murder of George Floyd have laid bare the deeply rooted inequalities between our communities and neighbors, and the need for big changes.

**Minnesotans want a good life and a better future for our families and for our neighbors.** It's time to fund the things that we know ensure the well-being of our communities: affordable health care and post-secondary education; strong public schools in every town and neighborhood; good jobs that sustain our families and give us time to care for loved ones; clean air and water for everyone, everywhere; and a public safety system that protects all of us, no exceptions.

**This year has shown the importance of a government that cares for us.** Minnesotans are teaching our children, keeping our lights on, our food safe, our water clean, and keeping each other healthy. From checking in on our neighbors, to raising our voices to protest injustice, to working the frontlines in health care, Minnesotans across race and place are building a state we're proud to leave our children.

**We believe it's time to come together to demand the richest Minnesotans and the largest corporations pay their fair share, so that every Minnesotan — across race and region — has the opportunity to build a better future.** That's why we support the freedom of Minnesotans to organize together to collectively bargain for a better life. And, why we are building a coalition across race, place and faith to ensure all Minnesotans have the care they need, a clean energy future and healthy climate, safe communities, a fair justice system, connected communities, the opportunity to achieve their dreams, and the time to care for themselves and their loved ones.

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## All Minnesotans should have **the care they need.**

Minnesotans believe every person should have high-quality, affordable health care, no matter their gender, age, where they live, or what they look like.

COVID-19 has shown us that our health and well-being are connected. Corporate health care greed has forced too many Minnesotans to choose between feeding their families and paying their medical bills or seeking care. For the same reason, high-quality elder care and home care are out of reach for too many vulnerable, disabled, and elderly residents. Minnesotans have the right to make their own medical decisions without interference from lawmakers or their boss.

By pulling together as we've done in the past, we can make sure that every one of us gets the care we need to make it through the pandemic and rebuild a healthier future for all Minnesotans, no exceptions.

**DFLers will ensure all Minnesotans have access to the prescription drugs they need at a price they can afford, especially life-saving medications like insulin.**

**DFLers will expand the current MinnesotaCare plan to allow anyone to buy into it as a pathway to universal health care.**

## All Minnesotans should have the opportunity to **achieve their dreams.**

When we get past this crisis, if we're serious about making sure every child can pursue their dreams regardless of what they look like or where they're from, let's get serious about doing what works. Studies show real learning can't happen when kids don't have safe and stable housing, or arrive hungry or stressed; so, let's make sure those who need it have healthy meals, support, and trusted counselors. Teachers can't give individual attention in packed classrooms; so, let's fund schools so small class sizes foster stronger relationships. We know our schools can't do any of this unless we make them a top priority, so we're committed to fully funding our public schools so they have the resources they need to deliver the education all of our children deserve.

**DFLers will champion fully-funding public education from affordable childcare and public pre-K through job training and higher education so all Minnesotans can reach their full potential**

## **All Minnesotans should have time to care for themselves and their loved ones.**

In Minnesota we care about each other and the well-being of our families. But for too long, a greedy few have padded their profits by blocking our efforts to ensure paid time to care for our loved ones and ourselves. Now, during this pandemic, it's clearer than ever that time off to care for our loved ones has always been essential. We need to ensure essential caregivers like child care workers and home care workers who care for seniors and people with disabilities in their homes are paid living wages for their critical work. Our health and well-being are tied to one another: we all do better when every Minnesotan, no exceptions, can provide the care their loved ones need.

**DFLers will guarantee every working Minnesotan access to paid sick time and extended paid family and medical leave to care for themselves or a loved one.**

**DFLers will make sure our caregiving system pays a living wage to all workers, including those who take care of our loved ones whether at home, in long term care or child care, to ensure all Minnesotans can get the care we need.**

## **All Minnesotans deserve a clean energy future and healthy climate.**

Together, Minnesotans know we need to take bold action across our differences for what we care about in common: a clean energy future with healthy communities, a healthy climate, and meaningful and dignified work for farmers, laborers and everyone working for a living. While some climate-denying corporations have risked our future for profits, others are stepping up. A bright future is possible with a just transition to clean and renewable energy, supporting sustainable agriculture, and providing good-paying jobs that are healthy for the climate and our neighbors.

**DFLers will put Minnesota on the path to meet or exceed our state's clean energy and climate change goals while ensuring thriving family farms and family-supporting, local jobs.**

## All Minnesota communities are **strongest when connected.**

Whether we are coming together to build community or business, safe roads and bridges, affordable housing, accessible public transit, and reliable utilities and internet are essential services that connect us. We need to invest meaningfully in rural revitalization, public transit expansion, and border-to-border broadband. Updating our aging infrastructure, safe drinking water and utility systems will help our people, communities, and businesses grow sustainably while providing family- and community-supporting wages and benefits.

**DFLers will make meaningful investments in community infrastructure, including affordable housing, utility systems, transportation and broadband.**

## All Minnesotans deserve **safe communities and a fair justice system.**

No matter where we were born, how we pray, or what we look like, every Minnesotan wants to make it home at the end of the day. George Floyd, like many others, should still be alive, but he was murdered by those who are supposed to protect and serve.

While Minnesotans from across race and place join together to defend Black lives, a fringe minority point fingers and use our differences to make us scared of one another. We can ensure safety and well-being for everyone—urban, suburban, and rural—no exceptions. The choices made in our legal and prison systems do not treat all Minnesotans equally, especially people of color, refugees and new immigrants. We will all be safer when we put justice, fairness, and redemption first — for everyone.

**DFLers will prevent senseless gun violence in our communities by keeping guns out of the hands of people who have shown themselves to be dangerous.**

**DFLers will pursue racial justice and police accountability reforms to end police brutality and keep our communities safe, no exceptions.**