

Helping Minnesotans Afford Their Lives

PEOPLE OVER PROFITS

It shouldn't be this difficult to get ahead. Working hard and playing by the rules should mean that your family is safe, well-educated, and that you can afford a home, child care, and health care. But far too many Minnesotans feel any chance at the American Dream slipping away and struggle every day just to get by.

The status quo is broken, the system is rigged, and Minnesotans are paying the price.

House DFLers work every day to make Minnesotans' lives better. With record wealth inequality, a disappearing middle class, and a system that's built for the rich and well-connected rather than the rest of us, we're setting forward a vision of the future where Minnesotans have power and control over their own lives and can thrive.

Affording Health Care

Minnesotans deserve as close to universal healthcare we can get at the state level. ***That's why we're standing up to corporate health care, profit-driven insurance companies, and price-gouging pharmaceutical companies.*** DFLers want a new system designed to actually deliver care, not deliver profits to shareholders and executives. DFLers will also keep taking a comprehensive, compassionate approach to mental health, including improving access to services, strengthening Minnesota's mental health workforce, and ensuring resources are available for those in crisis.

- Stop Corporations from Draining Health Dollars
 - Stop funneling billions in taxpayer dollars through opaque and unaccountable middlemen
 - End the price gouging of life saving medicine and mandate that insurance actually cover the treatments that Minnesotans need
- Put the needs of the youngest Minnesotans first by expanding no cost, school-based mental health care and by eliminating cost sharing for youth mental health
- MinnesotaCare for All

Affording Child Care

Minnesota has some of the most expensive child care in the country. DFLers want to fix it. ***We're working to ensure children can get the great start they deserve,*** and parents have the opportunity to pursue their careers by providing affordable, accessible child care and early learning opportunities throughout Minnesota.

- Low cost or no cost universal childcare for all Minnesota families with children birth–5.
- Expand early care and learning slots statewide with
 - More public pre-K openings for 3–4-year-olds
 - Increased Head Start and community-based childcare openings for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers
- Increase wages for childcare workers to be on par with public school teachers
- Establish new quality standards to raise program integrity across the board



Affording Housing

Minnesota will be stronger when every person has a place to call home that they can afford, but for too many families the dream of an affordable home is out of reach. DFLers are working to ensure families and future generations can **live and thrive here by making stable housing more affordable.**

- Jumpstart construction of more starter homes and homes to rent, creating more housing choices for families from border-to-border through public investment and policy reforms
- Ban corporate ownership of single family homes
- Stop algorithmic price fixing schemes that large landlords use to illegally increase rents
- Relieve property tax pressure on local governments and residents

Affording Groceries

DFLers will help Minnesotans afford their groceries by stopping price gouging and creepy schemes like surveillance pricing that drive up costs.

- Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act
 - prohibit price gouging by retail food stores
 - prohibit surveillance and algorithmic pricing in retail food stores

Affording Energy

DFLers will help Minnesota families afford their energy bills, with win-win solutions that continue our climate and clean energy leadership.

- Reduce energy bills by:
 - Insulating and weatherizing homes across the state
 - Promoting energy efficiency for homeowners and businesses
 - Eliminating obstacles to affordable renewable energy
- Hold utilities accountable by:
 - Removing the ability of utilities to charge Minnesotans for costs like lobbying and excessive executive pay
 - Better aligning utility incentives to prevent unnecessary spending and save ratepayers money
 - Prevent power and heat shut offs by supporting families who are struggling to afford their energy bills

