



FIGHTING FOR ECONOMIC SECURITY

Minnesota's economy is recovering, even as our state continues to grapple with the ongoing pandemic. However, we know that this recovery isn't being felt by everyone, especially the working families that are helping our state bounce back.

House DFLers know that an economic recovery that only benefits corporations is no recovery at all, and we'll be introducing legislation this session to ensure all Minnesotans can safely and effectively provide for their families and thrive into the future.

Paid Family & Medical Leave, Earned Sick & Safe Time

Far too many Minnesotans are left without the necessary support to ensure that they're able to care for their loved ones or themselves without risking financial ruin. This was true before the COVID-19 pandemic, and has been compounded since. Whether it's a long-term ailment or a brief sickness, working families deserve the economic security to get healthy without losing a paycheck.



Frontline Worker Bonus Pay

It's long past time the Minnesotans working on the front lines of this pandemic receive the bonus pay they earned. DFLers have listened to the stories of workers and their families, taken a deep dive into state employment data, and we know that a broad collection of workers deserve help. That's what our proposal delivers. No one that serves our state on the front lines of this pandemic should be left behind.

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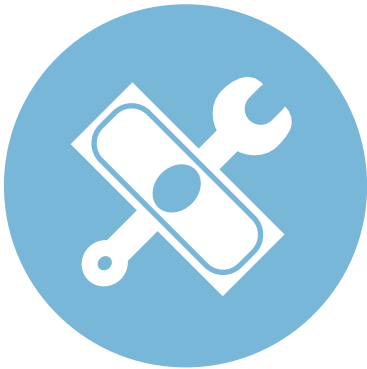
Broadband

Minnesotans working and learning from home face vastly different experiences depending on where they live when it comes to dependably connecting to the internet. Broadband is not a utility that can only be accessible by a portion of the state. In building upon the federal investment from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the state can and must capitalize on this moment to enact sweeping access to dependable broadband throughout the state.



Unemployment Insurance

There are many local businesses that need a helping hand, but we can't solely focus on them and leave Minnesota's workers behind. The House DFL will continue working with business and labor leaders, in addition to workers, to reach a consensus on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Providing a big tax benefit for large corporations that don't need it at the expense of those who are actually struggling does nothing to help working Minnesotans.



Housing

We need to listen to Minnesotans and address the core economic stressors in their lives, including most families' number one expense - the cost of their housing. Minnesota faced a housing crisis before the pandemic that has only worsened. We have a golden opportunity this session to invest in solutions that create more housing options, which will in turn create more economic opportunity for families, businesses and our state's future.

