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MN OSHA Air Quality Standards for enclosed, and partially enclosed Construction Sites be brought to Equal Standards to that of Air Quality of Non-Construction Sites. (As in parts per million of Dust, Fibers, and any other Friable Substances, and or Gas and Vapors.)

Where as, The Technology Exists to make this Compliant.

Where as, Construction Workers Lungs are just as Fragile as Non-Construction Worker Lungs.

Where as, Life Expectancy of Construction Workers is Less than that of Non-Construction Workers in as far as Lung Issues.

Where as, Things such as Sheetrock Dust, Burning Metal Gases from cutting Metal, General Dust, and Fiberglass floating in the Air are Neglected as Problems, and are Downplayed by Contractors.

Where as, This places value on the Quality of Life for ALL Construction Workers, outside the workplace.

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The DFL Party urges the Minnesota Legislature to pass a large bonding bill that invests in state infrastructure improvements and creates thousands of jobs.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

The state's infrastructure and our public facilities are in need of repair.

A bill in the \$1 billion range would create 27,000-28,000 private sector jobs in direct construction, direct and indirect jobs for engineers and architects, and secondary jobs for suppliers and service providers.

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The DFL Party supports legislation to that uses the ABC test to ensure working Minnesotans are properly classified and can enjoy all the rights, protections, and benefits they deserve as employees.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

Only workers who are defined as “employees” are protected by the National Labor Relations Act.

State-level studies show that 10 to 30 percent of employers misclassify employees as independent contractors. Misclassification is especially pervasive in the transportation, building services, logistics, home care, and construction industries.

A majority of states use the clear and fair ABC test to prevent the misclassification of employees as independent contractors under state unemployment insurance laws, and some use it to prevent misclassification under state minimum wage and overtime laws.

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The DFL Party urges the State Legislature to pass Freedom to Drive legislation and allow undocumented workers to obtain a driver's license.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

Minnesota's roads are safer when drivers are trained, tested and licensed. Allowing undocumented workers to be well trained and tested, prior to obtaining a driver's license benefits everyone on the road.

Freedom to Drive legislation will strengthen public safety, improve accessibility, expand people's freedom to provide for their families, and contribute to strong, inclusive, economically vibrant communities.

Twelve states and the District of Columbia have enacted similar legislation.

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The DFL Party will support and promote legislative and policy solutions to ensure that high prescription drug prices do not impose barriers to patients' ability to access needed care, and that prices reflect the clinical value to the patient and not the market power of drug makers.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

Drug prices are too high.

Nine in 10 Americans use prescription drugs, and three in four Americans say drug prices are unreasonable.

Corporate health care greed has caused too many Minnesota families to choose between feeding their family and buying life-saving medications.

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THE MINNESOTA DFL PARTY WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT FEDERAL AND STATE TWO PERSON TRAIN CREW LEGISLATION FOR ALL CLASS ONE AND TWO FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAINS IN MINNESOTA.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

Freight trains require at least two persons on all trains to assure public road crossings are not blocked by standing trains, and public road crossings can be opened to allow the public and emergency responders to pass over railroad crossings without delay.

Two persons on all freight and passenger rail can assure standing trains are properly secured to not roll away, are inspected frequently while moving.

No federal law, federal regulation, or state law currently exists requiring a minimum of two certified persons on all freight and passenger trains moving in Minnesota,

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The DFL Party supports legislation in the State Legislature that would provide up to 12 weeks of partial wage replacement leave for the birth or adoption of a new child, parenting, or care of a seriously ill family member.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

The Paid Family and Medical Leave Act will make it easier for parents – both mothers and fathers – to care for a newborn or newly adopted child and will provide crucial support when a family member becomes seriously ill.

The wage replacement in the proposed Paid Family and Medical Leave legislation would range from 80 percent to 55 percent based on family income.

Research from other states suggest that businesses with paid family leave have saved money, benefited from lower worker turnover, increased productivity and have higher worker morale.

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The Minnesota DFL will actively support the expansion of state corridor passenger rail services between, Duluth, St. Cloud, Mankato, and the Twin Cities to Chicago with direct state appropriation and bonding, at the Minnesota Legislature.

The Minnesota DFL will actively support enacting legislation to assure all passenger rail construction, operation and maintenance work is performed by union labor.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

A bi-partisan group of Minnesota Legislators currently support extension of passenger rail service between Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and St. Cloud and Amtrak has completed route analysis for increased service.

The employment levels, economic benefit and estimated rate of investment on the St. Cloud, Twin Cities, to Chicago corridors are projected to be similar to the NLX corridor (3,100 construction jobs, 380 operating jobs, \$355 million in state and local tax revenue over 40 years).

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RESOLUTION TITLE (limited to 5 words): SaveOurVA to all concerned

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *(Please print or attach your resolution here. Be concise and use everyday language.)*

- * Fully fund and staff the Veterans Health Administration(VHA) to ensure the continuation and expansion of this high-quality healthcare available to veterans at VHA facilities-quality healthcare that they deserve,
- * Create a separate budget to fully fund the private-sector Veterans Community Care Program(VCCP),created under the MISSION Act, so that the VHA annual budget is no longer "raided"to cover the cost of the VCCP,but instead can be used for VHA staffing, facilities upgrades and expansion,
- * Require that the VHA have full oversight of Veterans Community Care Program treatment and treatment records and require all VCCP healthcare personnel to meet the same high-quality competency standards required at Veterans Health Administration facilities including the unique competency required to treat veterans for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma and risk for suicide.
- * Create a program to award grants to eligible entities for the provision of suicide prevention services to veterans and their families, including tribally designated housing entities, community-based organizations, and other private entities that meet certain requirements.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

* For more information on the Save Our VA (SOVA) Action Campaign, or to volunteer or to schedule a speaker for your group, please contact us at SOVAMINN@gmail.com.

* Go to the Veteran Healthcare Policy institute to sign up for more on this issue at: VeteransPolicy.org

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The DFL Party supports tax fairness for working families and opposes tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

The 2017 Tax Act gave corporations massive tax cuts. This massive corporate giveaway translates into less money for public education, health care, infrastructure, and investment in working people and their families and communities. The 2018 Minnesota Legislature's tax conformity bill prioritized tax cuts for corporations rather than working people and thus failed to earn the Governor's signature. It is now up to the 2019-2020 Legislature to address federal tax conformity and tax fairness for Minnesotans.

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The Minnesota DFL will actively oppose legislation or regulations that allow for the operation of trucks with increased weight, truck length, triple tandem trucks, autonomous trucks, and/or truck platooning without drivers.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

Trucks with increased weight, or/and length, triple tandem trucks, autonomous trucks, truck platooning are all dangerous to the traveling public and will cause an overall loss of transportation employment.

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