

Minnesota 50501 Official Platform

A Mission Statement

The goal of Minnesota 50501's political activities is to create a better Minnesota and a better democracy for all people.

Section A

Civil Rights

In order to maintain and promote equity of all under our law, we:

- Demand that no individual is targeted, restricted, or otherwise discriminated against by reason of their skin color, gender, sexuality, faith, ethnicity, ability, national origin, or age.
- Demand that equality before the law must be observed nationwide.
- Support an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Constitution of the United States and, in its absence, to the Constitution of Minnesota. We support the passage of Minnesota's S.F.27/H.F.17.

Constitutional Rights

In order to preserve the fundamental rights laid out by our Constitution, we:

- Demand due process be given to every single human subject to our legal system, without regard to citizenship, immigration status, or any other mitigating factor.
- Demand that no law, executive order, or government action be taken to impose legal punishment for the exercise of constitutional free speech, peaceable assembly rights, or any other constitutional right.
- Demand the enforcement of the separation of church and state.

Democracy

In order to facilitate a better democracy, we:

- Support comprehensive campaign finance reform to more adequately promote working-class candidates and lessen the impact of big-money donors in politics.

- Support a drastic increase in the number of representatives in the House of Representatives in a way that more equitably represents the people.
- Support term limits for Supreme Court justices, and an expanded number of Associate Justices on the Supreme Court, as well as a method for the American people to recall Supreme Court justices.
- Support the implementation of a ranked-choice electoral system with a nonpartisan primary where the top 4 candidates advance to the general election; this method comes with all of the benefits of ranked-choice voting while mitigating the confusion caused by excessively long general election ballots with many irrelevant candidates.
- Support statehood for the District of Columbia and self-determination for Puerto Rico.
- Oppose the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United vs. F.E.C. and support a constitutional amendment to overturn the decision.
- Oppose policies that disincentivize, intimidate, or in any way seek to disrupt or prevent American citizens from exercising their constitutional right to vote

Human Rights

In order to preserve and promote the basic dignity of every human being, we:

- Affirm the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as proclaimed by the United Nations in 1948.
- Demand that no regulation be placed upon how people manage or assert autonomy over their own bodies.
- Demand the humane treatment of any and all incarcerated peoples.
- Demand that no policy decisions enable the violation of the human rights of any people, foreign or domestic.
- Support global human rights standards and international cooperation for enforcement of these standards.
- Support work to restore Indigenous lands and the right to self-governance among Indigenous tribes.
- Support the recognition of ecocide as a crime against humanity.

Labor and the Working Class

In order to place power in the hands of the working people, we:

- Support a living minimum wage for all full-time workers.
- Support legislation to support employee-owned enterprises.
- Support mandatory nationwide paid sick, maternal, and paternal leave.
- Support the implementation of Just-Cause Employment, which would mandate employers provide adequate reasoning for any dismissal of an employee.
- Support mandating an overtime pay rate for any worker working on a federal holiday
- Support all workers being granted a minimum total of 28 days of paid time off, federal holidays included; this would place the US at 95th in the world in minimum guaranteed PTO.
- Oppose regulations that prevent or obstruct collective bargaining, including anti-strike legislation like the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947.

Section B

Healthcare

To make the American population healthier, happier, and more prosperous, we:

- Support nationwide single-payer healthcare using a model shown to be effective by nearly every other developed first-world country.
- Support prescription drug price controls and the right for Medicare to negotiate directly with manufacturers.
- Support expanded funding and access for mental health care and reproductive health care.

Education

To strengthen and reinforce the foundations of our country in our burgeoning working class, we:

- Support debt-free public higher education and cancellation of existing federal student debt.
- Support universal early childhood education and an increase in a boost to public school funding nationwide.
- Support shifting the funding of K-12 education to the state level, and allocating said funding based on enrollment, in order to reduce the financial burden on local communities and ensure higher quality of schooling for all.

- Oppose unjust cuts to university support by the federal government.
- Oppose crackdowns on research funding forced by the federal government.
- Oppose all programs which divert public funding from public education to private schools such as school vouchers.

Climate

To ensure that future generations have a safe and healthy world to live in, we:

- Support Green New Deal legislation.
- Support a plan to achieve carbon neutrality in America as soon as possible.
- Support international cooperation, including agreements such as the Paris Agreement, to lessen global climate impacts and reduce global carbon emissions.
- Support that the federal government seek further ways to reduce American carbon emissions and increase our utilization of clean methods of energy generation.
- Support expansion of protections for wilderness and wildlife.
- Support responsible disposal of waste, microplastics, and forever chemicals by corporations in a way that does not interfere with the condition of our national lands.
- Oppose the deregulation or rezoning of protected areas including national parks.
- Oppose the patenting of living organisms.

Digital Rights and Services

To maintain the safety and efficacy of internet-based technologies, we:

- Support robust data protections to protect Americans from predatory corporations.
- Support a national Right to Repair law.
- Support transparency in Artificial Intelligence usage within and by the government.
- Support the digitalization of the justice system, police oversight, and most government services, in order to better serve the people.
- Oppose all attempts at mass surveillance and documentation, including collection of biometric data, by a government entity.
- Oppose predatory social media algorithms.

Taxation and Spending

To ensure healthy financial futures for the upcoming generations of Americans, we:

- Support significant levying of progressive taxes that lift the tax burden from the middle class, as well as an increase in the funding of the IRS to better enforce the tax code.
- Support an in-kind reduction of taxes on those in poverty, and a reduction of regressive taxes such as sales tax.
- Support policies that make it easier for people to file their taxes, such as restoring the IRS Direct File service.
- Support balancing the federal and state budgets, and making efforts to pay off our national debt.
- Support reforms for United States deficit spending, to prioritize long-term public good over short-term profits.
- Oppose tariffs that are not applied selectively and in a targeted manner to achieve clear foreign policy goals. We support tariffs on countries that have documented violations of human rights, such as Russia and the DPRK.

Disability Justice

To create a place in our society for every single person, we:

- Support the scientific consensus on vaccinations.
- Oppose any anti-scientific policies that wrongfully demonize or harm individuals or medicinal treatments.
- Oppose policy that seeks to 'treat' or 'cure' fundamental neurodevelopmental conditions like autism.
- Oppose unscientific methods of treatment, and support scientific consensus on any medical decisions.

Corporate Accountability

To ensure that corporations do not oppress the people, we:

- Support significantly increased anti-trust activity by the federal government.
- Support a carbon tax on corporations to mitigate climate change and fund our essential services.

- Support increased funding of the regulatory agencies that work to keep corporations in line.
- Support a maximum profit margin for essential goods, in order to mitigate and prevent price gouging by corporate interests in essential areas like food and medicine.
- Oppose the usage of deferred and non prosecution agreements in all cases except nonviolent offenses by either juvenile and first-time offenders, to preserve the intent of the law and prevent corporations from escaping accountability to justice.
- Oppose the unjustly long duration of copyright, which allows corporations to maintain a stranglehold over culture and ideas.
- Oppose government bailouts that don't return real value, such as equity, to the people.

Infrastructure

- Support heavy investment in public transit, to give the people the right to choose their method of transportation and to lift them out of poverty.
- Support zoning policies that increase the housing supply for all, reduce excessive red tape, and enable interconnected communities that feature a mixture of local small business, housing, and recreational spaces.
- Support pedestrianization projects, fully separated bike lanes, 24/7 bus lanes, and expanding transit options from the suburbs in order to revitalize urban centers to match the realities of the 21st century.
- Support the establishment of dedicated civil engineering departments within government to construct, monitor, repair, and replace infrastructure to supplant the current model of outsourcing the profit to corporations while the people bear all the cost and risk.
- Oppose the transportation of highly dangerous materials through urban and suburban areas, to mitigate risk from accidents and disasters.

Criminal Justice Reform

To maximize the freedom of all peoples and promote a safe country, we:

- Support the abolition of private prisons.

- Support municipal community oversight programs for police.
- Support elimination of mandatory minimum policing sentencing guidelines .
- Support the expansion of rehabilitative care, particularly for nonviolent and drug-related offenses and repeat offenders.
- Support a reform of bail systems to prioritize public safety over profit.
- Oppose the practice and legality of charging minors as adults.