

WORKING TOGETHER —to— BUILD A BETTER MINNESOTA

In 2012, **MINNESOTANS ELECTED DFL MAJORITIES** in the House and Senate to work with Gov. Mark Dayton. In the 2013 and 2014 legislative sessions, Gov. Dayton and DFL leaders made progress to build a Better Minnesota through:



Economic Recovery

Turning a \$6 billion budget deficit into a **\$1.2 BILLION SURPLUS**.

REPAYING THE \$2.7 BILLION Republicans “borrowed” from schools to balance their state budget.

RAISING INCOME TAXES ON THE TOP 2 PERCENT of Minnesotans and making the state’s overall tax structure more progressive.

Education

FREE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN for all students to help boost student success.

TUITION FREEZE AND FUNDING INCREASES for the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU).

The **DREAM ACT**, which allows undocumented students to apply for state financial aid.

The **SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS ACT**, which helps students, parents, and teachers deal with in-school bullying and provides safer schools for all our children.

Health Care

ESTABLISHING MNSURE and helping to lower the number of uninsured Minnesotans by 40 percent. MNSure provides many rights and protections including no longer denying health care coverage because of pre-existing conditions. **95 PERCENT OF MINNESOTANS NOW HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE.**

Working Families

RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE for Minnesota’s 325,000 lowest-paid workers. This not only benefits 137,000 children, but pumps \$500 million into our economy.

A **5 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE** to workers who care for people with disabilities, and seniors.

\$400 million in **PROPERTY-TAX RELIEF** to homeowners, a \$350 million tax cut for small businesses, and **INCOME TAX CUTS FOR 1 MILLION MIDDLE-CLASS MINNESOTANS.**

FUNDING SCHOOL LUNCHES for children whose parents are unable to pay.

Passing the **WOMEN’S ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT** to break down barriers to economic progress for women.

Progress for All

\$1.26 billion in bonding, which **CREATES ALMOST 30,000 JOBS.**

ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEOWNERS to buy propane during the coldest winter in a generation.

Passing **MINNESOTA’S FIRST SOLAR STANDARD**, providing a jump-start to the next generation of green manufacturing.

MAKING MARRIAGE EQUALITY THE LAW.

Election and campaign-finance reform, including **NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.**