



Jobs & Economic Growth

Education & Health Care Reform

Reduce the Cost of Government

EDUCATION JOBS & ECONOMY

Reduce Business Property Tax. Encourage Growth.

- Exclude first \$100,000 in value of business property from statewide property tax.
- Phase out and eliminate business property tax.
- Freeze state general tax inflator.
- Enhance Angel Investment Tax Credit to spur entrepreneurship and growth.

Reduce Regulation. Create Opportunity.

- Establish limited moratorium on state rulemaking and regulations.
- Create Small Business Regulatory Review Board
- Create an ombudsman as a primary contact in state government for new and expanding businesses.
- Reform prevailing wage laws to lower the cost of construction projects.
- Reform state laws to curtail lawsuit abuse.
- Lower energy costs by crediting hydro power in renewable energy goals.
- Require agencies to keep clean water standards at the Federal maximum.
- Create advisory inspection program so businesses can fix issues without the threat of penalties or fines.

Provide Highly-Skilled Work Force. Create High Value.

- Improve urban education and reduce achievement gaps by granting mayors in Minneapolis and Saint Paul mayoral control of their city's school districts.
- Aggressive strategies to turn around the state's lowest achieving schools.
- Give parents a stronger voice in public education by allowing them to petition to convert their failing public schools into charter schools.
- Allow for aggressive replication of high performing charter schools.
- Link pay to teacher and student performance.
- Remove barriers to eliminate ineffective teachers including Last In, First Out.
- Allow referendum funding dollars to follow resident student.

HEALTH CARE

Fight Nationalized Health Care. Minnesota-Smart Reforms.

- Simplify insurer and health plan regulation.
 - Consolidate health plan regulatory under one agency.
 - Eliminate requirement that all HMOs serve state health care programs
- Combine health care purchasing under single agency to reduce duplication and costs by increasing efficiency and buying power.
- Enhance privatization of public subsidized health care to improve care, improve payments to doctors and hospitals, and save the state money.
- Allow elderly Minnesotans to convert life insurance death benefit into long-term care insurance benefit.
- Provide tax deduction for individual health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket medical expenses.
- Combat Medicaid fraud with up-front screening and detection.
- Establish higher MFIP standards for welfare eligibility to mirror border states.
- Create Return on Taxpayer Investment Report so taxpayers know if their dollars are effectively being used to achieve particular public health outcomes.

GOVERNMENT

Government is 20 years behind. It's time to catch up.

- Equalize government pay and benefits with the private sector.
- Reduce Executive Branch departments and align staff/management ratios.
- Require city and county governments to present budget and spending information in any easy-to-understand format designed to educate taxpayers and engage citizens in local government spending decisions.
- Consolidate back office functions; streamline and reduce fleet management; and evaluate real estate leases.
- Work with local governments to provide requested mandate relief by ending prescriptive, redundant and outdated mandates
- Fix problems encountered during the government shutdown:
 - Grant licensing and inspection authority to independent contractors or local governments.
 - Allowing Canterbury Park, Minnesota Racing Commission, Minnesota State Lottery, and Minnesota Zoo and others to operate during a government shutdown.
 - Let people buy beer.
- Require state budget to include federal insolvency contingency planning.