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OPPOSE "RIGHT TO WORK"

Right-to-Work laws lower wages for all working families. On average, workers in states with Right-to-Work laws earn at least $5,500 a year less than workers in states without these laws. Right-to-Work states spend at least $2,600 less per pupil on elementary and secondary education. Right-to-Work states have higher workplace fatality rates, as cited by the Bureau and Labor Statistics, with the rate of workplace deaths being 52.9% higher in states with Right-to-Work laws. Right-to-Work states have higher poverty and infant mortality rates. Minnesota has a better economic record than states with Right-to-Work laws. Minnesota needs to strengthen its economy and a "Right to Work" law would take us in the wrong direction. **The party oppose any attempt to enact legislation or constitutional amendment to make Minnesota a "Right-to-Work" state.**

JOBS AND INFRASTRUCTURE (BONDING) BILL

A billion dollar jobs and infrastructure bill targeting shovel-ready projects would quickly put 28,000 Minnesotans back to work in private-sector jobs. Governor Dayton has proposed a $775 million dollar jobs and infrastructure bill to help repair the state's crumbling infrastructure and create 21,700 private sector jobs. **Our party supports passage in the 2012 legislative session of a jobs and infrastructure bill of at least $775 million.**

PROTECTING PREVAILING WAGE

The Minnesota Prevailing wage law (state Davis-Bacon Act) has been in Minnesota Statute since 1973 and pays prevailing wage rates to construction workers when state money is involved. Construction workers who have been paid prevailing wages help strengthen communities – businesses and schools – in which they live. The Minnesota House and Senate had committee hearings in 2011 to reduce prevailing wages by 10 – 25 percent. Members of the Minnesota House and Senate have stated intentions to, again, try and pass legislation in 2012 to reduce the prevailing wage rates. **Our party opposes all attempts by the 2012 Minnesota Legislature to eliminate or reduce prevailing wage rates in the state of Minnesota.**

MINNESOTA VIKINGS STADIUM SOLUTION

The Minnesota Vikings are a state asset and need to be preserved for generations to come in Minnesota. These tough economic times create challenges for our elected officials to prioritize the needs of Minnesota citizens. **Our party should urge the Minnesota legislature to provide the vehicle to allow our Minnesota Vikings the opportunity to stay in our state and create thousands of construction jobs and thousands of long-term jobs after the completion of a new stadium, and that the 2012 legislative session bring forward laws that provide reasonable options for the Vikings to continue their long-standing tradition as Minnesota's team.**

AMERICAN CRYSTAL SUGAR LOCKOUT OF WORKERS

1,300 BCTGM workers have been locked out of American Crystal Sugar facilities in North Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa since August 1, 2011. The lockout is devastating to working families and communities up and down the Red River Valley. American Crystal Sugar's Chief Executive Officer, David Berg and the company have consistently refused to go back to the negotiating table and bargain in "good faith;" CEO David Berg has publicly compared the union to a cancer. The actions by American Crystal Sugar have strained the once-friendly relationship with workers and is now putting the Federal farm bill and the vital sugar program in jeopardy. **Our party demand David Berg, CEO of American Crystal Sugar, end the lockout and return to the bargaining table and in "good faith" negotiate with the skilled union workers who have made Crystal Sugar so profitable.**

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Local Precinct Caucus Attendance Stipend

(In order to receive a stipend, you ***must*** take this to your caucus to obtain the Precinct Chair or Convener's signature, complete, and return to the Local 292 Business Office).

This verifies that I, _____ (Print full name & Card Number)

Attended my local precinct caucus held on February 7, 2012.

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Your Address City State Zip

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Member Signature Precinct Chair/Convener Signature

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