

Dear Members of the State Executive Committee & State Central Committee,

I am writing to show my support for the recognition of the Democratic Socialist Caucus as a Community Outreach Organization of the DFL. It is urgent that the DFL build its relationship with democratic socialists and leftists to support the electoral advancement of our shared values and goals.

The DFL has the opportunity to further expand the “big tent” and appeal to an underutilized but motivated constituency of democratic socialist voters. Doing so will expand the DFL’s reach - to win both statewide elections and turn out voters in every part of the state who otherwise are not motivated to vote DFL. A Democratic Socialist Caucus would also provide a welcoming place for a diverse group of people, particularly youth, BIPOC, and disabled constituents, who wish to engage in political organizing, but would otherwise feel unwelcome in the party.

I may not be a card-carrying Democratic Socialist myself, but members of DSC are fighting for many of the same things members of our party are fighting for. Medicare For All. The universal right to collectively bargain and organize a union. Taxes on the wealthy. An end to endless war and the military industrial complex. These are all things the base of the Democratic Party supports, too. These are ideas and policies that should be part of the conversation in our state party.

I am proud to join the call to add the DSC as a community outreach organization in our state party. Surely the DFL’s tent is big enough to include a group of people fighting for the rights and dignity of the working class.

Sincerely,

Rep. Ilhan Omar