

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

I appreciate the work you all do for our communities. I am writing to show my full support and ask for the recognition of the Democratic Socialist Caucus as a Community Outreach Organization of the DFL.

It is imperative that our party builds relationships with young people and democratic socialists to support the electoral advancement of our shared values that put people first.

This past election I was one of an unprecedented number of democratic socialists across Minnesota who ran for and gained office. I was able to do this as a DFL Endorsed candidate.

Running as a DFL and DSA candidate allowed young people to get involved in big numbers as their voices were finally being heard.

The DFL could 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.

It would create a space for people on the left to be welcomed in our big tent party.

Sincerely,

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