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*Objective: Make change. Do good. Advance Equity.*

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. Democratic Socialist and leftists are quickly gaining numbers and their goals are widely popular.

In the last five years, I was one of an unprecedented number of democratic socialists across Minnesota who ran for and gained office as a DFL supported candidate. I was elected to the Moorhead Board of Education in 2017 and again in 2018. I ran on a platform of supporting teachers, providing all children meals at school without their parents having to worry about their students' lunch accounts being sent to collections, and closing the opportunity gap, which continues to be particularly problematic in Minnesota. These are not radicalized dreams of an extremist, but rather common sense and necessary policies that our school systems need to provide high quality equitable education to all Minnesota students.

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.

Having a caucus that includes the values of Democratic Socialists would give me faith that the DFL is committed to truly embracing the diversity among the left, hearing the voices of those historically excluded – even from what has traditionally been the most progressive party, and working toward policies that are truly inclusive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara L. Gloe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kara" being the most prominent.

Kara L. Gloe

Board of Education Member, District #152