

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.

This past election I was one of an unprecedented number of democratic socialists across Minnesota who ran for and gained office as a DFL-endorsed candidate. I was proud to be endorsed by both our local Twin Ports chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America and the Duluth DFL this year. The unique partnership that formed between members of the College Democrats at UMD and the UMD Young DSA chapter this year while we knocked on college dorms provided a great example of the power that can amass when democratic socialists and DFLers combine their efforts to elect candidates. I believe it is vital we recognize and partner with democratic socialists from across the state as a DFL party, and the creation of this caucus is an important first step.

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.

As an incoming elected official, I would be proud to see the DFL party recognize this caucus and urge you, as State Central Committee and State Executive Committee members, to support the creation of the growing and exciting new caucus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Mayou". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Mayou  
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State Central Committee Member and Senate District 7 Executive Comm. Director