

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

I am writing to show my full support for the recognition of the Democratic Socialist Caucus as a Community Outreach Organization of the DFL. It is urgent that the DFL recognizes the contributions of the democratic socialists within its ranks and provide us with a place within the party to organize in support of our shared electoral goals.

In 2019, I was one of an unprecedented number of democratic socialists across the state who ran for and gained office. This shows a rising interest in democratic socialism by people within the DFL and those who would otherwise not engage with the DFL without democratic socialist candidates. Our communities are showing that a different way forward is needed that focuses on meeting the people where they are. This path is not behind us but in front, so we can't look to the past for all the answers to the issues we face today. Minnesotans are demanding change, and we have to measure up to the moment we have right now to show we can adapt to the needs of people in our Capitol city and across Minnesota.

The DFL has the opportunity to further expand the "big tent" to democratic socialist voters and provide us with a space to organize within the party to advance our shared interests through solidarity of action. We show what we care about through action. There are many free of charge actions we can take right now to grow support for the DFL. Minnesota has a long history of being a national leader in local and state politics. We have another fantastic opportunity to show our communities how we are the party of the working class. Additionally, recognition of this caucus would acknowledge the hard work of many democratic socialist activists and organizers already within the DFL. Such a caucus would also provide a welcoming place for young people who wish to be engaged in democratic socialist organizing but would otherwise feel unwelcome in the party. I urge you to recognize the Democratic Socialist Caucus as a Community Outreach Organization as soon as possible as we work together to create more wins in the 2022 elections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Yang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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