

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. When we talk to DFLers about the change they believe in, it is quite clear that the majority of us support big, economic reforms that are often seen as democratic socialist. As we outgrow the stigma surrounding the word "socialism," it's time for us to embrace the fact that democratic socialists are the future of the party's base.

In 2020, I ran for office and won as a democratic socialist in a blue, urban district. I believe that many of the ideas I ran on have popular appeal outstate as well in more difficult districts. In midterm elections, such as 2022, we need to maximize turnout from our base, including in swing districts. For statewide contests, a vote in Minneapolis is just as valuable as a vote in a swing district.

The democratic socialist movement is telling us that it wants to organize and be a part of the DFL. It wants to put in the work to deliver us a majority in the house and senate. Now is the time for the DFL to embrace this enthusiasm and energy by recognizing the Democratic Socialist Caucus as a COO of the DFL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Omar Fateh', written in a cursive style.

Omar Fateh  
Minnesota Senator - District 62