



Senate DFL Caucus

TALKING POINTS

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Unallotment

- The Governor is leading the state down his own path. He has disregarded what 201 legislators, and the people who elected them, think should happen with the state. Instead, he's decided to go it alone.
- The Governor told the Legislature to do it his way, or he would do it his way. We think the better option is to compromise and share ideas, rather than relying on one decider.
- Minnesota's greatness has been built on cooperation and compromise, not ultimatums.
- The Governor is letting politics stand in the way of the future of his state. His go-it-alone strategy will cut hospitals and nursing homes, raise property taxes, and lay off police and firefighters.
- Some of the Governor's decisions seem to be designed for what is best for the Iowa presidential caucuses rather than what is best for Minnesota.
- The Governor wants to make his own decisions because he doesn't want to listen to the truth: borrowing from future generations to pay for today's problems is going to harm Minnesota in the long-run.
- Make no mistake: the Governor's go-it-alone decisions will raise taxes in Minnesota, no matter what he says. Property taxes will increase dramatically after he hands down cuts to local governments and shifts school payments.
- The State of Minnesota elected 201 legislators and one governor to represent their priorities. The Governor has decided to ignore their voices and do only what he wants. That's not democracy.
- The only people making the decisions in the Governor's go-it-alone strategy will be the Governor and the lobbyists whispering in his ear.

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