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**The Republican Party Party supports critically needed investments in housing infrastructure and ensures that all forms of public financing include high-road labor standards, greater levels of transparency and project owner accountability.**

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**WHEREAS:** Assistance for aging in place is often provided by families and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS:** Many community-based nonprofits organizations that aid seniors are located in Minnesota and Whereas these nonprofits understand and focus on the specific needs of seniors in their community by supporting families of seniors and recruiting volunteers to help with a variety of tasks which allow seniors to age in place; and

**WHEREAS:** Funding sources in the State of Minnesota designed to help seniors age in place are often fragmented, confusing and do not take full advantage of community based nonprofits that are the backbone of support for seniors who want to age in place; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** The Minnesota GOP supports the following: State programs and funding designed to help seniors age in place should be better organized to provide community based nonprofit senior support organizations the ability to direct state funded services to individual seniors and families based on their individual needs with increased flexible funding to ensure a wider range of services including community building.

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WHEREAS, Minnesotans should have access to safe care regardless of race, income, or neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota deserves a healthcare system that puts the health of people and the dignity of workers before the financial interests of hospitals, hospital executives, and healthcare corporations; and

WHEREAS, large hospital systems take over community hospitals, and the bottom-line drives decision making, leaving too many without access; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota continues to see reductions in access to care through the closing of hospitals and units in both rural and urban areas due to lack of profit while overall hospital systems and health insurance companies make record profits; and executives make exorbitant salaries.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the GOP party of Minnesota supports preventing the further corporatization of healthcare through legislation that holds nonprofit healthcare organizations accountable to their mission, their tax-exempt status, and their defined legislative purpose of providing a community benefit to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the GOP party of Minnesota supports and creates a stronger healthcare regulatory system that provides financial and geographic access to quality healthcare services based on community need and not profit.

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare long-standing issues of inadequate nurse staffing that exist in Minnesota hospitals and health systems due to corporate decisions; and

WHEREAS, in Minnesota, there are no standards for the number of patients a registered nurse can be assigned to care for at one time; and

WHEREAS, dozens of peer reviewed academic studies show that nurse staffing affects patient outcomes; falls, infections, pressure ulcers, and even deaths increase the more patients a nurse is assigned; and

WHEREAS, keeping registered nurses at the bedside is the most reliable and cost-effective way to ensure high-quality care that protects both patients and staff.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the GOP party of Minnesota supports safe staffing legislation that sets a maximum number of patients that a registered nurse can take care of at one time; and provides mental health and professional development resources that will keep Minnesota nurses working at the bedside.



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**Whereas:** A fast-growing fraud industry is stealing billions of dollars from Minnesota consumers every year. The impact is profound, especially on older adults who are at a stage in their lives when they are least able to recover financially.

**Whereas:** Criminals keep devising new, hard-to-detect ways to steal identities, billions in money and more, seniors and their families need to be empowered to identify and avoid fraud attempts that may cause financial and emotional hardships.

**Whereas:** new and emerging scams, as well as older tactics still in play, include: online shopping, gift cards, package delivery, Charity, celebrity impostors, check washing, and employment fraud;

**Whereas:** Nobody is immune to fraud, which is growing more pervasive and sophisticated. Fraud victims deserve the dignity and sympathy we grant people who experience other kinds of crimes;

**Now therefore be it resolved:** While there are limited options for recovering funds lost to scams, the Minnesota GOP urges Minnesota lawmakers to create a Consumer Fraud Restitution Fund at the state level. This fund will give fraud victims the chance to recover financially by allowing the MN Attorney General to sue fraudsters and direct the penalty money they pay into a restitution fund. This money will be used to pay victims who would otherwise have had no hope of recovering their losses.

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WHEREAS, while the Affordable Care Act was a first step toward universal, affordable healthcare, it still leaves millions uninsured and millions more underinsured and struggling with medical bills; and

WHEREAS, recent attempts to “Repeal and Replace” the Affordable Care Act would take healthcare coverage away from millions, threaten the vulnerable patients who rely on Medicaid, and eliminate important consumer protections that stopped the most egregious abuses of the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, total health system costs in the United States will continue to be the highest in the world, and growing; and

WHEREAS, avoidable pain, suffering and financial disaster caused by our healthcare system will continue unless we stop treating health like a commodity and eliminate the profit-motive from our healthcare system.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the GOP party supports a universal, single payer healthcare plan that ensures access to affordable, high-quality healthcare for all regardless of age, income, employment, or health status.

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**SUBJECT: Support of Classifying Workers as Employees**

**WHEREAS:** Only workers who are defined as “employees” are protected by the National Labor Relations Act and enjoy minimum wage; overtime pay; unemployment insurance; workers’ compensation; employer contributions to Social Security and Medicare; family and medical leave; workplace benefits such as paid time off, health insurance, and retirement; most protections against discrimination; and the right to organize and bargain collectively; and

**WHEREAS:** Since the 1980s, Wall Street’s pursuit of short-term returns in the name of “maximizing shareholder value” has pressured all kinds of businesses to evade their responsibilities as employers, and shift risk to workers; and

**WHEREAS:** One of the ways corporations have responded to this pressure is to misclassify their workers as independent contractors; and

**WHEREAS:** State-level studies show that 10 to 30 percent of employers misclassify employees as independent contractors; and

**WHEREAS:** Misclassification is especially pervasive in the transportation, building services, logistics, home care, and construction industries; and

**WHEREAS:** Companies can pocket as much as 30 percent of payroll costs when they misclassify workers; and

**WHEREAS:** Independent contractor abuses strain federal, state, and local budgets; and

**WHEREAS:** States’ unemployment trust funds and workers’ compensation funds lose tens of millions of dollars annually, per state, due to misclassification; and

**WHEREAS:** States lose hundreds of millions of dollars in unpaid payroll taxes per year; and

**WHEREAS:** Misclassification disadvantages responsible businesses that pay their share of payroll taxes and abide by labor standards; and

**WHEREAS:** A majority of states use the clear and fair ABC test to prevent the misclassification of employees as independent contractors under state unemployment insurance laws, and some use it to prevent misclassification under state minimum wage and overtime laws; and

**WHEREAS:** Under the ABC test, any worker performing any service shall be considered an employee and not an independent contractor, unless:

- (A) The worker is free from control and direction in connection with the performance of the service, both under the contract for the performance of service and in fact;
- (B) The service is performed outside the usual course of the business of the employer; and
- (C) The worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business of the same nature as that involved in the service performed

**WHEREAS:** The state of California recently codified the ABC test in state statute, and a number of other states are also moving this legislation; and

**WHEREAS:** The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R. 2474/S. 1306) would use the ABC test to prevent misclassification under the National Labor Relations Act; and

**WHEREAS:** Employee status by itself is no guarantee of decent work, but the rights and protections of employee status have long been the foundation on which we strengthen our bargaining power; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED: That the MNGOP supports legislation to that uses the ABC test to ensure working Minnesotans are properly classified and can enjoy all the rights, protections, and benefits they deserve as employees.**

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4. Resolutions that are passed at the **Congressional District Convention** will then be forwarded to the **2024 State Convention** where they are voted on; where once again a simple majority is required to pass.
5. Resolutions that are passed at the 2024 State Convention are incorporated into the **Standing Platform** of the **Republican Party of Minnesota**.

The Standing Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota has **10 PLANKS**. Before writing your proposed Resolution, indicate to which PLANK your Resolution pertains (review the accompanying **Standing Platform** for current wording of the standing planks). If you feel your resolution does not fit in a specific plank, check "OTHER":

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promote Economic Prosperity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen the Rule of Law              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving Our Civil Rights             | <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy and Protect Our Natural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Our Health Care                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make Government Smaller and Better      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educate Our Children                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Defend America at Home and Abroad       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen Our Families and Communities | <input type="checkbox"/> Commendatory                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Public Safety                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                   |

As soon as you have your resolution written, give it to the caucus secretary. A maximum 5 minute discussion, pro and con alternately, will follow. A vote will take place and if passed, this resolution will be forwarded to the BPOU Convention.

I move that this precinct caucus support the following change to the above plank (1 of the 11 **must** be checked): (you may attach an additional sheet if more space is needed)

**PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR RESOLUTION TEXT.**

Submitted by (PRINT name clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

BPOU: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION: Passed: \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR STRIKING WORKERS**

**WHEREAS:** 2023 was known as the “Summer of Strikes,” and through August 2023, there were more than 200 strikes, involving 320,000 workers throughout the United States, and

**WHEREAS:** In August 2023 workers were on strike for more days than any other month in the last two decades, and

**WHEREAS:** In Minnesota and elsewhere replacement workers have been hired over the years by employers in an attempt to break strikes, and

**WHEREAS:** Only two states, New York and New Jersey, currently provide unemployment compensation benefits to striking workers, and

**WHEREAS:** New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy in April 2023 said, “These (UI) benefits are crucial to allow individuals going through this process the support they need to continue to take care of themselves and their families during difficult times.”

**WHEREAS:** According to the National Employment Law Project (NELP), there is “strong evidence that extending unemployment insurance to striking workers would benefit families, communities and the larger economy ....” now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED: The Minnesota GOP support extending unemployment insurance benefits to workers on strike and whenever an employer engages a permanent or temporary replacement worker and be it further**

**RESOLVED: The Minnesota GOP communicates support of extending benefits for striking workers to Governor Walz, House Speaker Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Dziedzic, and the House and Senate Labor Committee Chairs.**