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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Minnesota AFL-CIO and members of our affiliated unions fight for pro-worker laws and push back against any attack on our rights or livelihoods. Minnesota is moving in the right direction and we made historic gains for workers in 2023 and 2024. It's up to the Labor Movement to defend that progress and continue moving towards becoming the best state for working people.

PROTECT WORKING MINNESOTANS

- Improve workers' compensation benefits for injured workers
- Monitor the Paid Leave program's rollout and defend it from rollbacks.
- Fight gig company proposals to permanently misclassify workers as independent contractors.
- Defeat efforts to weaken other labor rights and standards.

INFRASTRUCTURE BONDING BILL

From roads, bridges, public buildings, water treatment, and more – there is critical infrastructure across our state that needs improvement. Every dollar we spend on infrastructure keeps tradespeople working, who in turn spend money in their communities. **Investing in infrastructure should be a priority for lawmakers from every corner of our state.**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR WORKERS ON STRIKE

Our nation's labor laws are heavily skewed in favor of employers – who can replace workers, stall negotiations, make threats, or cut off healthcare. We will advocate for extending UI eligibility to workers who are on strike through no fault of their own when employers don't bargain in good faith to settle a contract. **Access to unemployment insurance would help level the playing field so workers can exercise their rights.**