

Minnesota Needs a Fair and Balanced Solution

What the \$1.4 Billion difference really means to Minnesotans

K-12 Education – \$128 million gap

- GOP proposals include cuts to 129,000 students who receive special education.
- GOP proposals eliminate integration aid, and puts money into other programs.
- GOP proposal includes vouchers.
- GOP proposal includes an A-F grading system for our schools.
- GOP proposal includes collective bargaining restrictions.
- GOP proposal repeals the desegregation statute and rule.
- GOP proposal contains no funding for early childhood education.
- GOP teacher evaluation proposal which is estimated to cost local school districts over \$80 million to implement.

Health and Human Services - \$556 million gap

- GOP proposal would cause tens of thousands of Minnesotans to lose health insurance.
- GOP proposal contains long-term care cuts forcing 1,500 elderly and disabled people into more expensive nursing homes rather than home and community-based services.
- GOP proposal contains drastic reduction in medical education and research funding.
- GOP proposal contains cuts to mental health treatment funding that result in increased numbers of people with mental illness in our jails, emergency rooms and psychiatric hospitals.
- GOP proposal contains a 50% cut to women's primary health care services (family planning).
- GOP proposal contains no funding for Department of Health Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) which aims to help Minnesotans live longer, healthier lives by reducing the burden of chronic disease and reduce long term healthcare costs.

Transportation - \$43 million gap

- GOP proposal includes deep cuts to Greater Minnesota Transit.
- GOP proposal includes major cuts to Metro Transit.

Public Safety - \$9 million gap

- GOP proposal includes significant reductions to civil legal services, victim services grants and the Department of Human Rights, and chemical dependency treatment programs in our prisons.
- In addition, the 15% workforce reduction the GOP proposes will significantly reduce the number of prison guards and BCA investigators.

Economic Development - \$16 million gap

- GOP proposal lacks of funding for Prevailing Wage Enforcement.
- GOP proposal eliminates the Minnesota Trade Office.
- GOP proposal lacks funding for the Minnesota Investment Fund and Redevelopment Fund.

Environment - \$22 million gap

- MPCA and DNR cuts to permitting activities included in the GOP proposal will reverse any progress made toward streamlining business permitting and cause delays in permitting decisions, lengthened permit review timeframes, and reduced capacity for early coordination and review of development projects.
- GOP proposal includes deep cuts to clean water activities at the DNR and MPCA when Minnesotans voted for additional funding to protect, restore and enhance our waters.
- GOP Commerce budget compromises the core management, financial, IT staff for the entire department that supports consumer protection, energy resource division, and insurance and financial institutions division.

State government – \$219 million gap

- GOP proposal books \$97 million more in revenue than what the Department of Revenue has said they can bring in.
- GOP proposal includes steep cuts to constitutional officers and state agencies.
- GOP proposal reduces the state workforce by 15% (approximately 4,800 people).
- GOP proposal increases state employees' insurance premiums by more than 30%.

Higher Education - \$10 million gap

- GOP proposal still has a major cut to University of Minnesota
- GOP proposal prohibits use of funds for stem cell research

Property tax aids and credits - \$435 million gap

- GOP proposes to increase property taxes by \$395 million including increases on economically strapped middle income homeowners and businesses all across the state.
- GOP proposal requires local governments to reduce local services for public safety and other local services by about \$400 million statewide.
- GOP proposal makes disproportionate property tax increases and cuts to local public safety and services in our major economic centers and Greater Minnesota.
- GOP proposal increases property taxes on 308,000 renters statewide by cutting renter refunds an average of 45%, including refunds to 85,000 senior and disabled renters.
- GOP proposal raids \$60 million of local resources from the Doug Johnson Fund to help balance the state budget.

TOTAL: \$1.4 Billion gap exists between Governor's and Legislature's positions

	Governor's Net Spending Changes	Remaining Gap
K-12 Education	\$36	\$128
HHS	-\$1,041	\$556
Transportation	-\$55	\$43
Public Safety	\$16	\$9
Economic Development	-\$14	\$16
Environment/Commerce	-\$56	\$22
State Government	-\$94	\$219
Higher Education	-\$351	\$10
Property Tax Aids & Credits	-\$530	\$435
TOTAL	-\$2,089	\$1,438