



Focus on Priorities

Climate and the Environment

Climate change threatens the places we love. Heavier rains and high winds bring more power outages and dangerous blowdowns. Warmer summers and milder winters negatively affect our lakes and wildlife habitats. The United States is second in the world in carbon dioxide emissions which is the prime contributor to climate change. I am concerned with the challenges we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. We need to work together to plan a comprehensive and integrated transition to a clean-energy future that will sustain our social, economic, and environmental future. As your Minnesota state representative, I would work to:

- Boost programs that reduce our state's carbon footprint while simultaneously creating new, good-paying jobs;
- Modernize energy production and invest in the transportation grid;
- Incentivize business to modernize their energy use;
- Make Minnesota a science and technology hub — spearheading research, development, and evaluation of energy and environmental innovations (e.g., bioplastics).

What other solutions would you support to help protect our environment and address the threats from climate change?