

Call on Walz to Stand Strong and Be Bold - - July 20 2021

Description of the Issue:

GOP senators have taken aim at several of Walz's commissioners over the past two years. Lawmakers booted former Labor and Industry Commissioner Nancy Leppink and former Commerce Commissioner Steve Kelley from their posts during a special session last summer. Two weeks ago, then-Minnesota Pollution Control Agency head Laura Bishop resigned before a scheduled confirmation hearing after she was told the Republican-controlled Senate would likely vote to deny her appointment.



The Senate has unilateral power to confirm or deny a governor's commissioner appointees. Confirmation hearings aren't required, however, and commissioners often serve several years without being confirmed.

It is important for Governor Walz and the DFL to stand strong for the policies that Minnesotans care about even in the face of the Senate GOP threats.

Nothing passed in the recent budget to fire up the GOP base, though they effectively blocked police reform, climate action & a whole host of priorities for the DFL base.

Unable to block Walz's COVID actions, Clean Cars and other exec actions through budgetary blackmail, they now want some heads on pikes to show their frustrated base.

Sources:

https://www.mankatofreepress.com/news/local_news/walz-reflects-on-session-covid/article_aa7bc26c-e01e-11eb-86b1-138adc8de94a.html

Who to call/contact:

Telephone: 651-201-3400

Gov Walz email form: <https://mn.gov/governor/contact/>

Sample Script: Write your own - or modify the following

Dear Governor Walz,

While it is important to celebrate some of the wins of the last legislature such as clean cars, COVID actions and special gratitude for the recent statewide ban on conversion therapy. Yet, it is also important to recognize where we fell short.

During the last legislative session, the GOP effectively blocked police reform, climate action and other important priorities for the DFL base. These are issues we have been marching for, calling about and voting to support in the elections.

We ask you to re-engage the DFL base and let us know you are fighting for our priorities by:

- Defending commissioners and making it clear that the choice for the Senate GOP is to work with the commissioners or face even more aggressive executive actions that advance DFL priorities.
- Take bold climate action. It's time to deliver on that promise.
- Transform changes in policing, use the POST board to make clear and bold changes on policing

The absolute worst thing would be to give the Senate GOP a veto on legislation and executive actions.

This is the critical moment, shrinking away from this moment or allowing the GOP to drive his administration won't work and will almost certainly doom his re-election future.

Thank you!

Join Women's March MN every other Tuesday for Time to Act - an online event where we gather to take action together on specific issues. Check the calendar for dates: <https://www.womensmarchmn.com/calendar-of-events> (We are taking August off.)