

Welfare

As Minnesotans, we all care about our seniors and those with disabilities and believe we should help those that have challenges.

We must also acknowledge the fact that there are many individuals with-in the welfare system that are able to take care of themselves but choose to be dependent upon government. The belief that government should provide for them without any accountability or responsibility has got to come to an end.

Thousands of individuals from other states enroll in our welfare system each year. In some counties, 25%-50% of first time welfare sign-ups are non-Minnesotans moving here from other states. This puts our welfare system at risk and in turn affects those, our seniors and those with disabilities, who deserve our help the most.

We must reduce the waste and abuse in the system, insure accountability, and create opportunities by creating a business climate that creates jobs.

If elected, Mike will work for the following solutions to reform Minnesota's welfare system:

- Work requirements for those capable of working.
- Enact accountability measures on welfare debit (EBT) cards. These cards should only be used in Minnesota, they should not be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco, and they should be required to show a photo I.D. before making purchases.
- Enact drug testing for individuals receiving welfare benefits.
- Prevent non-Minnesotan felons from ever receiving welfare benefits.
- Minimum of a one year waiting period for individuals coming from other states.
- Increase the investigations into welfare fraud.
- Prevent individuals convicted of welfare fraud from ever receiving welfare benefits.
- Less government and more private sector jobs.