

**NEWAYGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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Goodbye.....



Mr. Kennedy

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Upcoming Events

General Meeting: 7:00pm, September 9th
Democratic Headquarters, 65 W State Rd, Apt. B,
Newaygo MI

Democratic Women's Club: Potluck, 1:00 pm,
September 14th, Democratic Headquarters,
65 W State Rd, Apt. B, Newaygo MI



DATE _____ AMOUNT _____

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

NEWAYGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

HOME ADDRESS: _____

POST OFFICE BOX: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____

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HOME FAX _____

HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

INDICATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP WHERE REGISTERED TO VOTE _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$2.00

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND GIVE IT TO:
THE CLUB TREASURER



*The PRESIDENT'S
HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM
GUARANTEES*

**1. NO DISCRIMINATION FOR PRE-EXISTING
CONDITIONS**

Insurance companies will be prohibited from refusing you coverage because of your medical history.

**2. NO EXORBITANT OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES,
DEDUCTIBLES OR CO-PAYS**

Insurance companies will have to abide by yearly caps on how much they can charge for out-of-pocket expenses.

3. NO COST-SHARING FOR PREVENTIVE CARE

Insurance companies must fully cover, without charge, regular checkups and tests that help you prevent illness, such as mammograms or eye and foot exams for diabetics.

**4. NO DROPPING OF COVERAGE FOR SERIOUSLY
ILL**

Insurance companies will be prohibited from dropping or watering down insurance coverage for those who become seriously ill.

5. NO GENDER DISCRIMINATION

Insurance companies will be prohibited from charging you more because of your gender.

6. NO ANNUAL OR LIFETIME CAPS ON COVERAGE

Insurance companies will be prevented from placing annual or lifetime caps on the coverage you receive.

7. EXTENDED COVERAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Children would continue to be eligible for family coverage through the age of 26.

8. GUARANTEED INSURANCE RENEWAL

Insurance companies will be required to renew any policy as long as the policyholder pays their premium in full. Insurance companies won't be allowed to refuse renewal because someone became sick.

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What the DNC Stands For

The Democratic Party is committed to keeping our nation safe and expanding opportunity for every American. That commitment is reflected in an agenda that emphasizes the strong economic growth, affordable health care for all Americans, retirement security, open, honest and accountable gov-



Guiding Principles

Our Plan

We are in a critical moment that will reverberate for generations to come. We see us through these times, Democrats will work to end the war in Iraq and refocus our nation's efforts on those who attacked us on September 11. We will turn our economy around with millions of new jobs, and free ourselves from our oil dependency and invest in renewable, alternative energies. As Democrats, we will restore our civil liberties and uphold the civil rights of all



The 50-State Strategy

The Democratic Party is committed to winning elections at every level in every region of the country. When Democrats ask for your vote, we can win anywhere. With the 50-State Strategy, we will take back this country, neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block, and vote by vote.

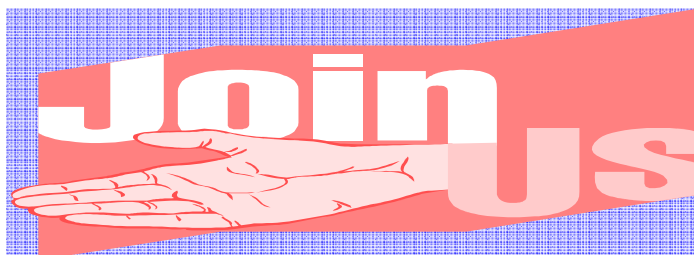


Party Platform

The Democratic Party has a long and proud history of representing and protecting the interests of working Americans and guaranteeing personal liberties for all. One of the places we articulate our beliefs is in the Party's National Platform, adopted every four years by the Delegates at the National Convention

Charter and Bylaws

Essentially, the Charter and Bylaws is the constitution of the Democratic Party. It outlines the structure of the Party organization, and the relationship among the National Convention, the National Committee, and other Party organizations or operations. The Charter and Bylaws was last amended by the Democratic National Commit-



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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HOME ADDRESS: _____
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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
HOME TELEPHONE: _____ HOME FAX: _____
HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
CITY/TOWNSHIP IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE: _____
OCCUPATION: _____

**OPTIONAL (OCCUPATION INFORMATION REQUIRED ONLY FOR
MEMBERS CONTRIBUTING \$200 OR MORE IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR)*

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
WORK TELEPHONE: _____ WORK FAX: _____
WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION

MAIL ALL INFORMATION TO MY: HOME ___ BUSINESS ___
 SINGLE \$8.00 **COUPLE \$10.00** **OTHERS** _____
 **I CAN NOT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME BUT
WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER**

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO:
THE NEWAYGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BOX 146**

NEWAYGO, MICHIGAN 49337

*PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER – PAYABLE TO NEWAYGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE WE RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION*

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Union Advantage by the Numbers

Union workers get more benefits and earn higher wages than workers who don't have a voice on the job with a union.

Union workers participating in job-provided health insurance 79%

Nonunion workers participating in job-provided health insurance 52%

Union workers are 52 percent more likely than nonunion workers to have job-provided health care

Union workers without health insurance coverage 2.5%

Nonunion workers without health insurance coverage 15%

Nonunion workers are five times more likely to lack health insurance coverage

Union workers participating in guaranteed (defined-benefit) pension plans 77%

Nonunion workers participating in guaranteed (defined-benefit) pension plans 20%

Union workers are 285 percent (nearly three times) more likely than non-union workers to have defined-benefit pensions

Union workers with paid personal leave 57%

Nonunion workers with paid personal leave 38%

Union workers are 50 percent more likely than nonunion workers to have paid personal leave

Union workers' average days of paid vacation 15 days

Nonunion workers' average days of paid vacation 11.75 days

Union paid vacation advantage 28%

Union workers' median weekly earnings \$886

Nonunion workers' median weekly earnings \$691

Union wage advantage 28%

Union women's median weekly earnings \$809

Nonunion women's median weekly earnings \$615

Union wage advantage for women 32%

African American union workers' median weekly earnings \$720

African American nonunion workers' median weekly earnings \$564

Union wage advantage for African Americans 28%

Latino union workers' median weekly earnings \$733

Latino nonunion workers' median weekly earnings \$512

Union wage advantage for Latinos 43%

Asian American union workers' median weekly earnings \$902

Asian American nonunion workers' median weekly earnings \$852

Union wage advantage for Asian Americans 6%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Union Members in 2008*, Jan. 28, 2009; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor

Statistics, *National Compensation Survey: Employee Benefits in Private Industry in the United States, March 2008*, August 2008; Economic Policy Institute; Employee Benefits Research Institute, May 2005.

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Unions Make a Difference

Unions are an essential part of a strong democracy and play a crucial role in America's public and community life. Not only do they give workers a voice on the job and help negotiate fair benefits and wages for their members, but they also use their political and economic resources to raise the floor for everyone who works for a living.

Unions, by fighting for higher standards for workers, businesses, families, the environment, and public health and safety, have helped to build the middle class and make sure the economy works for everyone.

Unions:

1. **Reinforce the middle class and lift up American's communities.** States with higher rates of unionization have lower rates of poverty, crime, and failing schools.
2. **Raise wages for all workers.** Studies show that a large union presence in an industry or region can raise wages even for non-union workers. Union members earn 30% more than non-union workers.
3. **Fight for health insurance and pensions.** Nearly 80% of unionized workers receive employer-provided health insurance, compared with 49% of non-union workers. Union members are also more likely to have pensions, short-term disability and life insurance coverage.
4. **Make workplaces safer.** Unions work to reduce injuries and deaths at work.
5. **Advocate for increases in the minimum wage and push for living wage ordinances.** Unions have been instrumental in efforts to increase the federal minimum wage, state minimum wages and in the successful living wage movement which has already resulted in over 150 local living wage laws nationwide.
6. **Make a difference for the environment.** Unions partner with environmental groups, hold corporations accountable for pollution, fight for better environmental laws and regulations, and alert the public to environmental hazards.
7. **Improve health care.** Unions can lead the fight for quality affordable health care for all, work to improve patient care and seek adequate hospital staffing.
8. **Fight for equality.** Unions helped pass key legislation on voting, civil, women's and disability rights and support equal rights for LGBT people. Unions boost minority and women's earning power.



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