

# Moving Minnesota Forward

## Control Health Care Costs Saves \$1.7 billion a year

- Standardize common administrative processes, forms, coding, electronic medical records - saves \$800 million a year.
- Improve the quality of care and reduce the cost of unnecessary or ineffective care (especially for chronic diseases) by 50 percent - saves \$900 million a year.

## Health Care

**Ensure every Minnesotan gets affordable quality basic health insurance - costs additional \$550 million a year.**

- Mandate that everyone have at least basic health insurance that includes preventative, primary, mental health, and catastrophic care as well as a prescription drug benefit.
- Subsidize low-income households' premiums using sliding-scale fees or refundable tax credits. (\$550 million)
- Require insurance plans to include financial incentives for healthy behavior.

## Education

**Double the odds of college graduation; close the education gaps from pre-K to college - costs additional \$400 million a year.**

- Assure quality early childhood education for every low-income and at-risk child. (\$100 million)
- Make all-day, every-day kindergarten available to every child. (\$150 million)
- Make high school graduation standards and college admission standards the same - guarantee MNSCU admission for high school graduates.
- Double the need-based financial aid for Minnesota college students. (\$150 million)

## Transportation

**Deliver reliable transportation and transit - costs additional \$480 million a year to the General Fund.**

- Dedicate all of the motor vehicle sales tax (MVST) to transportation. (\$300 million)
- Dedicate one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) of state sales tax to metro and Greater Minnesota transit. (\$180 million)
- Increase gas tax by 10 cents per gallon (Adds \$320 million to highway fund)

## Environment & Energy

**Restore what we've lost, preserve what we have, reduce future threats - costs additional \$200 million a year.**

- Dedicate funding for natural resources, wetlands and wildlife habitats. (\$100 million)
- Dedicate funding for cleaning up and maintaining our waters - Clean Water Legacy Act. (\$100 million)
- Cap and lower greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 - through conservation, use of renewable energy sources, and new technology.

