

Senator

## Amy Klobuchar



Political Experience: U.S. Senator, 2006-present

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### Workers' Voice & Labor

**Increasing Minimum Wage:** [Proposes](#) raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour to protect low-wage workers.

**Strengthening Unions & Workers:** Supports [empowering](#) unions, strengthening collective bargaining, standing up for public sector unions, and putting rules in place to prevent pay discrimination.

**Labor Law Reform:** [Proposes](#) ensuring free and fair union elections, rolling back “right-to-work” laws, and making it easier for workers to join unions.

### Education

**Public Education:** [Supports](#) increasing teacher pay and funding for schools, fully funding our schools, closing the opportunity gap and rebuilding crumbling school infrastructure.

**Early Education:** [Proposes](#) investing in high-quality child care, proposes providing incentives for employers to offer child care benefits, [co-sponsored](#) bill that provides child care subsidies, and supports universal access to pre-K for 3- and 4-year-olds.

**College Affordability:** [Supports](#) providing tuition-free community college and technical certifications, expanding Pell Grant eligibility, allowing students to refinance their loans at lower rates, protecting student borrowers who were defrauded by their colleges, and holding for-profit colleges accountable.

**Freedom to Teach & Student Testing:** [Supports](#) raising teachers' wages to support their work in the classroom.

**Teachers Strikes:** Supported teachers strikes, [stating](#) she comes from a proud union family and underscoring her commitment to addressing the neglect public schools have experienced: "Our kids deserve better and our teachers deserve better."

**Vouchers & Privatization:** [Proposes](#) preventing the expansion of private school vouchers and stopping DeVos' \$50 billion proposal to fund private school vouchers.

## Healthcare & Workplace Safety

**Affordable Care Act:** [Supports](#) protecting and building on the ACA, accomplishing universal healthcare by proposing to change the ACA to help bring down costs to consumers, including providing cost-sharing reductions, making it easier for states to put reinsurance in place, and continuing to implement delivery system reform.

**Public Option:** [Says](#) the quickest way to achieve universal healthcare is through a public option that expands Medicare or Medicaid.

**Prescription Drug Costs:** [Supports](#) lifting the ban on Medicare negotiations for prescription drugs, allowing personal importation of safe drugs from countries like Canada, and stopping pharmaceutical companies from blocking less-expensive generics.

**Opioid Epidemic:** [Proposes](#) a \$100 billion plan to ensure everyone has access to effective and professional treatment and services, promotes early intervention, supports investing in research of pain alternatives to opioids, wants to build on federal and local drug takeback programs and supports holding opioid manufacturers responsible.

**Gun Violence Reform:** [Supports](#) instituting universal background checks, closing the gun show loophole, banning bump stocks and high-capacity magazines, banning the sale of assault weapons, closing the boyfriend loophole, and providing funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct research on firearm safety and gun violence prevention.

## Jobs & the Economy

**Trump's Tax Cuts for the Wealthy:** [Proposes](#) repealing the regressive portions of the Trump tax bill, improving free tax filing and closing the "Big Oil" loopholes.

**Rural America:** [Proposes](#) providing a strong safety net to help farmers and supports investing in rural communities, including hospitals, child care, housing, high-speed internet connection for every household by 2022, and a strong farm policy.

**Social Security:** [Supports](#) protecting Social Security and making sure it is fair by lifting the payroll cap, extending the solvency of Social Security, and improving benefits for widows and for people who left the paid workforce for a significant time to care for children, aging parents or sick family members.

**Infrastructure:** [Proposes](#) creating millions of well-paying jobs through repairing and replacing roads and buildings with smart climate infrastructure, rebuilding schools, expanding public transit options and more.

## Democracy

**Voting Rights:** [Proposes](#) automatically registering every 18-year-old to vote, banning states from purging voters from rolls, putting same-day registration policies in place, and restoring the Voting Rights Act.

**Citizens United:** Supports overturning the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United* [by passing](#) a constitutional amendment and increase the power of small donors through a matching system.

**Immigration & DACA:** [Supports](#) a pathway to citizenship for immigrants, protecting Dreamers, and ending the travel ban, and opposes family separation.

**Civil Rights:** [Supports](#) passing the Equality Act, protecting LGBTQ people from government-sanctioned discrimination, collecting data to address LGBTQ disparities, phasing out the use of private prisons, and creating incentives for states to restore some discretion from mandatory sentencing for nonviolent offenders.