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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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On behalf of the great state of Minnesota, I stand before you in support of our next vice president, Tim Walz.

In Minnesota, we trust a coach who turned a team that was 0-27 into state champions. In Minnesota, we trust a hunter who has stood in a deer stand in ten degree weather. In Minnesota, we trust a candidate who has made a viral video on how to change a burnt-out headlight. And I know we aren't alone, but in Minnesota, we love a dad in plaid.

Tim and I go way back. He taught high school right down the road from where my husband, John, grew up. My mother-in-law even brought him and Gwen a parmesan chicken dinner when their son was born. That's what we do in America. We look out for our neighbors. Tim's been doing that his whole life—on the farm and in the factory, with his students and his fellow servicemembers. And the truth is: That matters.

Who better to take on the price of gas than a guy who could pull over to help change your tire? Who better to secure our nation than a guy who has served in uniform? Who better to find common ground than a guy with Midwestern common sense?

A former football coach knows how to level the playing field, and a former public school teacher knows how to school the likes of JD Vance.

What you've done with your life matters, and what you do with power matters, too. Tim has delivered paid leave, school lunches, and the biggest tax cut in Minnesota's history. A Democrat from a red district in a purple state, Tim has brought Minnesota together. And together with Vice President Kamala Harris, I know he will do the same for our nation.

America, there is so much that we share, so much that connects us. Way up north in Minnesota, out of Lake Itasca, flows the Mississippi River. It starts small and grows wider, down to Wisconsin and Iowa, to Illinois and Missouri, to Kentucky and Tennessee, to Arkansas and Mississippi. All the way down to New Orleans, Louisiana, where the spirit of resilience abounds.

So, let us commit here and now to cross the river of our divides to get to a higher ground. And let us join together to elect Kamala Harris and Tim Walz!

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