

## From the Desk of Governor Howard Dean

Dear Minnesota DFLer,

This is the most challenging time in our lives for state governments. We need people in the Governor's office who are right on the issues but can also be strong executives. Now more than ever we need leaders who are progressive on the issues, but also know how to balance budgets and dig their states out of the financial mess we're in.

**There are a lot of good Democrats running for Governor in Minnesota this year, but I'm supporting R.T. Rybak.**

I've known R.T for years. His record as Mayor shows he'll be a great Governor. He's shown that he doesn't just talk about progressive change, he knows how to deliver -- creating jobs, setting the right priorities, and making government work again for the people it's supposed to represent.

**R.T. is the kind of progressive who will make sure that the decisions he has to make at the State Capitol - which won't be popular and won't be easy - do not hurt the most vulnerable people in our society.**

R.T. isn't really a politician. He was a journalist, a union member, and started his own business before running for Mayor for the first time just eight years ago. He's an organizer and a grassroots campaigner. There's not a pretentious bone in his body. He doesn't look over your shoulder to see who's next to shake hands with. He really listens.

That's why R.T. has been a great Mayor of Minneapolis; he has shown up everywhere and listened to people who didn't agree with him. That's how you bring a state together.

**R.T. has the vision to run the kind of grassroots campaign that will reach out to every community and bring new people into the process - which is exactly how Democrats win elections.**

I'm supporting R.T. Rybak for Governor, and I hope you will too.

Sincerely,



Governor Howard Dean