

SOUTHEAST DELEGATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 1

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support efforts in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2023, with regular updates to reflect changes in inflation. The Southeast Delegation adopts this issue in an effort to help millions of Pennsylvanians earn a more livable wage.

A copy of this position shall be delivered to each member of the Delegation and made available to the public.

Date Adopted 2.6.17

Signed By the Chair

Madeline Dean

SOUTHEAST DELEGATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
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OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 2

PRESERVATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to oppose efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Southeast Delegation adopts this position in an effort to preserve access to affordable health coverage for over 1 million Pennsylvanians.

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Date Adopted 2.6.17

Signed By the Chair Madeline Dear

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OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 3

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support a woman's right to choose and to access reproductive health services in Pennsylvania.

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Date Adopted 2-6-17

Signed By the Chair Madeline Dean

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OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 4

FIREARM SAFETY LEGISLATION

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support efforts in Pennsylvania to help curb the public health issue of firearm violence through sensible legislation, greater access to mental health services, and stronger tools for law enforcement. The Southeast Delegation adopts this issue in an effort to combat the 33,000 firearm deaths per year in the United States.

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Date Adopted 2.6.17

Signed By the Chair Madeleine Dean

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ISSUE NO. 5

NATURAL GAS SEVERANCE TAX

Having deliberated and voted, the Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support efforts in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to enact a reasonable severance tax on natural gas drilling within this Commonwealth. The Southeast Delegation adopts this issue to preserve our citizens' rights under Article I Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to recognize that our natural resources are the common property of all Pennsylvanians and to use them for the benefit of all people.

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OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 6

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support efforts address the climate crisis that is impacting the world through responsible regulation and oversight of industries that impact our environment, including conventional natural gas drilling; strategies to curb fugitive methane emissions; promoting green sources of energy; and adequate funding, staffing, and tools for governmental agencies whose responsibility it is to protect our environment.

The Southeast Delegation adopts this issue in recognition of our citizens' rights under Article I, Section 27 "to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment."

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Date Adopted 2.6.17

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OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 7

MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTIONS

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support efforts in Pennsylvania to improve access to mental health services through greater funding for mental health programs; more tools and training for employees who work in related fields, increased dispersion of information about services available to those in need, their support systems, and communities; ensuring parity of treatment for mental health services; and combatting the stigma that often surrounds seeking and receiving mental health treatment.

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OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 8

FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY IN ELECTIONS

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support efforts in Pennsylvania to improve fairness and equality in the election of our three branches of government through the establishment of greater objectivity and independence in districting, increased transparency in finance reporting, and greater access to voting for Pennsylvania residents.

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OFFICIAL POSITION NO. 9

ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Having deliberated and voted:

The Southeast Delegation formally adopts the position to support efforts in Pennsylvania to provide adequate funding for education in all school districts—as is guaranteed by our state constitution—through equitable funding formulas, and striving to return to a more equal proportion between state and local sources of school funding.

The Southeast Delegation adopts this issue to ensure that future generations of our citizenry are well educated, leading to a stronger economy, and a stronger Commonwealth for all.

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