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Dear DFLers,

AFSCME Council 5 enthusiastically endorses Ken Martin for reelection as Chair of the Minnesota DFL Party. Ken is a hardworking champion for working people and we urge our party to continue moving forward with his strong leadership.

We are the Democratic Farmer Labor Party and Ken has made sure the "L" is real and respected. He shares our belief that all people who work hard and play by the rules should earn enough to raise a family, afford health care, and retire with dignity. Together, we beat back the right-to-work-for-less attack and we made Minnesota a beacon of blue hope for workers across the nation.

Ken is nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding chairs in America. For the past six years, Ken has proven his ability to recruit successful candidates, organize and mobilize our base voters, train our activists, modernize our technology, and raise funds to win elections. Our party is a model of best practices that AFSCME's national union hopes will be replicated by national and state parties.

Ken is an exceptional communicator who connects with Minnesotans on issues that touch their daily lives. He unapologetically stands up for worker rights, civil rights and human rights. He is a good listener who draws strength from our many voices. He has united us against the politics of hatred and division, reaching out to metro and rural residents, new Americans and communities of color, farmers, workers and small business owners. He leads with our progressive values and is always ready to stand up to opponents who seek to divide us.

Ken is an organizer who empowers the grassroots. He is also an effective manager of party operations. That unique combination of skills is what we need now to grow, unify and win.

Our democracy will be at stake with the 2018 election. We must win the Governor's race and restore the House to DFL leadership. AFSCME is confident that Ken Martin is the very best person to lead our DFL Party to victory. Please join us in supporting Ken Martin for Chair of the DFL.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judy Wahlberg'.

Judy Wahlberg
President
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eliot Seide'.

Eliot Seide
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