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1. Nowadays, it is important for functioning in everyday life for everyone to have good access to the internet and reasonable computer skills. Do you support requiring the state to make sure there is high speed broadband access everywhere in the state, including subsidies or rate limits to help seniors and low-income individuals obtain access? Do you support the state providing free training on computer use for seniors and low-income individuals?

Any explanation?  
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2. Research shows that lifelong learning and community involvement programs are important to cognitive health, and in turn physical health, for seniors. Do you support using state money to establish free or low cost programming for seniors which provides learning access to a wide array of learning opportunities (including life skills); arrangements for seniors to have extensive access to positive interactions with other members of the community both where it is all seniors and of varying ages; and access to professionals and their recommendations for cognitive health?

Any explanation?  
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3. There are efforts among certain groups to require multi-housing everywhere in the state or in certain cities. This effort would outlaw any zoning which is similar to the present single-family zoning throughout most of the state wherein each house in the zone needs to be for one family unit and mostly related individuals. The effort would require allowance of triplexes on every lot. Many seniors bought their homes in an area where there was single family zoning and want to live in what they think is an area of "peace and quiet" and a lack of concentrating a large population into a small space. The proponents say it doesn't matter what people thought when they bought decades ago, and that the state needs to allow heavy concentrations of people wherever developers want, whether or not there are studies which indicate that often leads to more social problems. Do you support the new effort to allow triplexes everywhere? Do you oppose the effort to allow three plex everywhere? Would you support a ban on cities which try to require triplexes to be allowed everywhere despite past limitations on them in single family areas?

Any explanation?

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4. There is a new effort of some groups to ban drive through facilities at establishments that serve customers. These apply to pharmacies, fast food places, banks, and probably soon will apply to groceries. The ban on such facilities would cause great harm to many seniors and disabled people. Think of getting out of your car and having to get your wheelchair out and push it across a snowy, icy parking lot or getting out in the cold to have to walk a ways in to a drug store when you have pneumonia and bad asthma and you are just picking up the medicine your doctor ordered. Many seniors have painful arthritis or other conditions which make it difficult to walk and want the ease of a drive thru for fast food or groceries or to do their necessary banking. Do you support such efforts to ban drive through? Do you support allowing drive though? Do you support a law preventing cities from banning drive thru?

Any explanation?

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5. Many low-income seniors guaranteed their children's or grandchildren's post-secondary debt (this is especially prevalent at for profit colleges), and it has become a great burden on them because often the student doesn't receive enough income to pay their own debt. Do you support a law preventing the lender from going after the senior? Cancelling part of the debt? Reducing the interest rate? The state making part of the payment?

What other remedies do you see? Does it make a difference if it was a state college?

Any explanation?

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6. Do you support the Insulin for All Act and/or the Alec Smith Emergency Insulin Act?

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7. Specialized transportation is a name sometimes given to transporting a person from one place to another, often from home to a store or doctor, etc. This is a very serious problem for seniors because they often can't drive. There are volunteer networks where volunteer drivers transport seniors and only get reimbursement of mileage, but no pay. Some organizations and/or their volunteer drivers are receiving extremely high premiums for their insurance if they arrange volunteer drivers to transport seniors and/or the disabled. The drivers are also being required to have a chauffeur's license. Do you support legislation which will limit the premium to a very low amount? Do you support legislation that would provide there can be no extra premium for the organization? Do you support legislation that would limit the premium for the volunteer driver to just the premium they would have if they weren't a volunteer driver, and treat any case the same way as if the volunteer driver was transporting a friend without pay in their normal day as others do for friends, if they receive no payment but are reimbursed for mileage? Do you support exempting these volunteers from having a chauffeur's license?

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8. The whole issue of housing for seniors has become an enormous issue. Do you support an increased minimum wage for personal care attendants? Do you support increased reimbursement rates for elderly waiver and other state assistance programs? Will you oppose any reduction in rights of the elderly? Do you support increased funding for adequate staffing of long-term facilities and/or assisted living facilities? Do you support increased penalties for abuse, neglect and exploitation, and more funding for enforcement? Do you support the state aiding and partially funding efforts to help seniors out of their old homes into other housing short of assisted living (possibly something like a Tiny Home but larger)?

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9. Many seniors need help from their family when they are sick or for some reason temporarily disabled. Do you support parenting and family leave proposals where workers receive all or partial pay from their employer for 6, 9, 12 or more weeks to either take care of a new baby or to care for their parents? One variant would have the employer pay one third of their salary and the government pay a third. Another variant would have such pay tied into the unemployment insurance system. Another variant would have employees and/or employers pay into an insurance fund just for this. Do you support any of these, and if so, describe in detail?

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10. The price of prescription drugs has totally gotten "out of hand". Some of it may be due to actual costs of research and trials but a large part of it is gouging US patients. People in other countries, no matter how wealthy, often pay one third to one half of what we pay for the same drug. Drug prices sometimes multiply by a hundred when there is no increase in cost. Do you support allowing the state to by itself or in conjunction with other states negotiate with drug companies to get low prices and pass the savings on to the consumers? Do you support allowing the importation of drugs from Canada or other countries with tight controls on quality, and if so what restrictions? Do you support requiring drug companies to exhibit total transparency and disclose all of their costs (such as research, testing trials, getting approval, production, etc.) and then their advertising costs and their profits, for each drug? Do you support transparency as in the last sentence for every drug that goes up in price a certain percentage or dollars? Do you support efforts to limit regulations which allow increases in costs due to unfair patent manipulation or buying of generic production rights, etc. which have the effect of limiting competition and allowing unfair increases in prices? Do you support criminalization of the actions in the last sentence? Do you support setting up an affordability board which would set prices? Do you support penalties for unconscionable gouging of consumers through prices which are not justified by costs? Any explanation?

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11, Ageing in place is the best and most cost-effective way to care for seniors. Will you support bills/ state initiatives that increase the ability for Seniors to age in their homes? Please give examples.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Examples

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12. Many states have dropped the taxation of social security benefits. Will you be supportive or will you support this for Seniors? What ideas do you have for filling the revenue hole this creates?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Many of our seniors live on retirement plans. How will you work to keep state pension plans, defined benefit plans and Social Security whole, without reductions?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Will you support a state initiative/ bill that would freeze property taxes at retirement to not increase as long as that Senior lives full time in that property?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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15. How would you ensure that state revenue will fully fund the needs of Minnesotans for Education, Social Services, Infrastructure, and Public Safety?

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16. What would you do to provide quality, affordable, health care for all?

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17. Ageism is becoming an issue within the DFL. What have you done to build bridges with Seniors? What have you done for seniors, either through direct work or espousing senior causes or otherwise, and was it volunteer or paid? Specify in detail. This can be such as volunteer in nursing home, setting up a chore service, researching senior issues for an entity helping seniors, organizing or lobbying for seniors, etc. Name the organizations you worked with on seniors. Have you worked for or against a senior candidate?

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18. Protecting seniors from elder abuse is a priority. How would you improve, strengthen, expand laws and enforcements in nursing homes, assisted living and all senior housing?

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19. Many studies show seniors and the disabled are the most discriminated against in employment. While the federal government has strong protections for every other "protected class" they treat seniors different from every other class, and make it almost impossible to enforce discrimination against seniors. Will you support laws to make Minnesota take extra steps for enforcing discrimination against seniors in employment and devote extra funds to it to make up for federal inaction?

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20. There are many attempts to weaken unions and union member rights which affect the many seniors who are still working. Will you oppose them? Will you oppose any effort to make Minnesota a so-called Right to Work state, whether by constitutional amendment or otherwise?

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