



### **Historic Inflation Reduction Act passed by U.S. Senate with No Republican Support**

Despite not a single Republican voting to pass the Inflation Reduction Act in the Senate this last weekend, Democrats held strong and worked together to make sure that some of the top concerns for Americans were addressed with real solutions.

This bill is a historic investment in addressing climate change and saving our planet. It also shows that the economy and climate action do not have to be at odds. Simultaneously, this bill is able to help seniors on a fixed income afford the health care they need and deserve to receive in our country. But that's not all. This bill will also lower costs for regular families AND lower the federal deficit. Those who have exploited average Americans and our environment will be held accountable to pay their fair share in taxes so everyone in this country can thrive with dignity and the resources they need.

Call your U.S. representatives and ask them to vote on this bill in the House so it can be signed into law by President Biden.

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- Democrats support the Inflation Reduction Act, which reduces the deficit, lowers inflation, combats climate change. Plus, it will be paid for by requiring big corporations to pay their

- fair share in taxes, with no tax increases for Americans making under \$400,000 a year. <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/07/1116190180/democrats-are-set-to-pass-a-major-climate-health-and-tax-bill-heres-whats-in-it>
- No American should go bankrupt when it comes to health care. The Inflation Reduction Act will cap the cost of prescription drugs and allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, keeping more money in the pockets of Americans and helping our communities stay healthy. <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/07/1116190180/democrats-are-set-to-pass-a-major-climate-health-and-tax-bill-heres-whats-in-it>
  - The Inflation Reduction Act is a bill for all Americans. It is a commitment to lower drug costs for seniors, lower ACA health care premiums, mitigate the damaging effects of climate change, and invest in energy technologies – all while reducing our national debt. <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/07/1116190180/democrats-are-set-to-pass-a-major-climate-health-and-tax-bill-heres-whats-in-it>
  - The DFL supports the Inflation Reduction Act, which will take major steps to reduce inflation, address the climate crisis, and make healthcare, especially prescription drugs, more affordable. It will do all of this WHILE reducing the deficit. <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/07/1116190180/democrats-are-set-to-pass-a-major-climate-health-and-tax-bill-heres-whats-in-it>

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- While #Democrats work to lower costs and ensure corporations and the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share #Republicans in #Congress have worked tirelessly to let them keep lining their pockets. Americans deserve better. #VoteBlueIn2022
- Senate #Republicans shamelessly voted to protect tax cheats. This isn't a partisan issue: 73% of Americans, including majorities across party lines, support tougher crackdowns on corporations and the ultra-wealthy who are avoiding paying the taxes they owe. #VoteBlueIn2022
- The #InflationReductionActof2022 cracks down on large corporations and ultra-wealthy tax cheats, not working American households earning less than \$400,000 a year. The IRS provisions alone will bring down the federal deficit by \$203 billion. #VoteBlueIn2022 for accountability.
- #InflationReductionActof2022 IRS provisions alone bring down the federal deficit by \$203 billion. Why? Because previous #Republican administrations have starved the agency of the resources it needs to go after tax cheats. #VoteBlueIn2022 for fairness for American families.
- Senate #Republicans gifted massive handouts to corporations and the ultra-wealthy with the Trump Tax Cuts in 2017. The @GOP is the party of fiscal irresponsibility who side with tax cheats over the American people. #VoteBlueIn2022 for more results like the #InflationReductionAct
- Economists agree that the #InflationReductionAct will reduce inflationary pressures on the economy, cut the cost of living, lower the federal deficit, and strengthen the American economy in the short and long term. #DemocratsDeliverAgain

#### **Republican Secretary of State Candidate Kim Crockett Questions the Voting Rights of American Citizens**

Should American citizens with disabilities or who don't speak fluent English be able to vote? That's the question asked by Republican Secretary of State candidate Kim Crockett.

For most of us, regardless of political party, the answer is of course. Everyone who is eligible to vote should be able and encouraged to cast their ballot. Crockett, however, thinks this is up for debate.

The *Huffington Post* recently reported that Crockett was caught raising questions about whether people who require assistance voting should even be voting at all - specifically people with disabilities or people who don't speak English. This goes beyond a traditional policy debate, it's an attack on thousands of Minnesotans' right to vote and it cannot stand.

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- Kim Crockett, the Republican candidate for Secretary of State, questioned whether people with disabilities and non-English speakers who are eligible to vote should actually be allowed to vote. This is dangerous, disturbing, and wrong.

Crockett will create barriers to voting and ruin Minnesota's proud tradition of high voter turnout. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election\\_n\\_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election_n_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc)

- Kim Crockett, Republican candidate for Secretary of State, has questioned whether American citizens with disabilities should be allowed to vote. That's just wrong. DFLer or Republican, we should all be able to agree that denying people with disabilities the right to vote is just wrong. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election\\_n\\_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election_n_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc)
- Voter suppression is a major threat to the stability of an equitable and representative democracy. Don't give Kim Crockett a chance to do the bidding of racism, xenophobia, and ableism to keep hardworking Americans from exercising their rights. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election\\_n\\_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election_n_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc)
- Check out this article on Republican Secretary of State candidate Kim Crockett questioning whether voters with disabilities should be allowed to vote. Really disturbing stuff. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election\\_n\\_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election_n_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc)
- Prejudice and discrimination have no place in free and fair elections. Don't let Kim Crockett bring these evils to the Minnesota Secretary of State office. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election\\_n\\_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election_n_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc)
- It doesn't matter who you are, as an American citizen the founding fathers fought for your equal right to vote and have a say in our country. Don't let racist and ableist Kim Crockett take it away. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election\\_n\\_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kim-crockett-minnesota-secretary-of-state-primary-election_n_62ec40ebe4b09fecea4c82cc)

#### *Suggested Social Media for Twitter*

- .@KimCrockettSOS, the @mngop endorsed candidate for Secretary of State, questions whether people with disabilities and non-English speakers who are eligible to vote should be allowed to vote. Crockett will create barriers to voting, ruin Minnesota's tradition of voter turnout.
- Minnesota is home to many refugees and immigrants who become American citizens. Many fought for #Democracy and the U.S. in their home countries. @KimCrockettSOS

- questions whether non-English speakers should be allowed to vote. This is beyond insulting to people we owe so much to.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act became law in 1990. It is the promise of equal access to opportunity for all citizens. Yet, @KimCrockettSOS questions whether people with disabilities should be allowed to vote. Minnesotans deserve a SOS vocal about discriminatory practices.
  - By questioning if people with disabilities or eligible voters who do not speak English should vote, @KimCrockettSOS takes extremism to the extreme. Denying the right to vote, one of the most fundamental freedoms in our nation, to thousands of American citizens is disgraceful.

## **Farm Fest Gubernatorial Candidate Debate**

### *Suggested Social Media for Twitter*

- Gov. Walz and GOP candidate for governor Scott Jensen had their first debate Aug. 3. While Jensen, a doctor who refused to get vaccinated for COVID and is part of a group that spreads misinformation about the pandemic, is stuck in the past, Walz is focused on moving forward.
- Gov. Walz successfully led Minnesota through the pandemic. Unlike his opponent Scott Jensen, a doctor who refused to get vaccinated and spread false information, Walz took on the problems COVID presented and sought solutions. #VoteBlueIn2022
- While DFLers look to help farmers thrive, @mngop gubernatorial candidate Scott Jensen opposed proposals in the #mnleg to expand the ag homestead tax credit and Beginning Farmers Tax Credit and increasing the Ag2School tax credit exemption to 85% to reduce ag property taxes.

## **Aug. 9 Election Results**

### *Suggested Social Media for Twitter*

- .@JimSchultzMN is not qualified to be Attorney General. He has been the lawyer for a hedge fund that has devastated Main Streets everywhere. It's more important than ever to keep Minnesota's attorney, @EllisonCampaign, working for us. #VoteBlueIn2022
- #ReproductiveRights are on the ballot this fall. @JimSchultzMN, the @mngop candidate for Attorney General, has vowed to "go on offense" to attack Minnesotans' right to make our most personal decisions. Minnesotans need an attorney general who will protect them, not attack them.
- Congratulations to @IlhanMN on her primary victory. She is a champion for universal healthcare, housing for all and building strong communities for all residents of Congressional District 5.
- Congratulations, @VoteBetty on her primary victory. Voters made it clear they want Congresswoman McCollum to continue her leadership on issues they value most. She will combat climate change, defend access to abortion and advance human rights at home and abroad.
- .@drscottjensen and @birkmatt have repeatedly stated that they would prefer to ban abortion in #Minnesota under almost all circumstances – even for victims of rape and incest. #ReproductiveRights and #reproductivehealth are on the ballot this fall. #VoteBlueToProtectOurRights
- When asked by MPR "Do you support more money for public schools or less money?" @drscottjensen said, "less money," affirming his long-standing commitment to defunding

public education. Minnesota's success depends on an educated workforce. #VoteBlue for our children's success.

- .@drscottjensen successfully urged Senate @mngop to abandon a bipartisan budget deal to give families the largest tax cut in state history while investing in health care and public schools. @Tim\_Walz and @peggyflanagan will work for families, students and senior, not against them.
- As a legislator, @drscottjensen authored a bill to eliminate cost-of-living increases to Minnesota's minimum wage. He wants to cut taxes for corporations and eliminate the state income tax on the wealthy. Workers cannot trust Jensen to work for them.

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