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Thissen Releases Statement on Pawlenty Budget Proposal

Minnesotans don't want a state where we are leaving our most vulnerable neighbors behind, but that is just what Governor Pawlenty is doing. Middle class families are feeling the deep squeeze of the current economy. The governor's proposals to eliminate affordable health care for working Minnesotans, to cut quality child care for working parents, to make college less affordable just tightens that squeeze.

Minnesotans have a more generous vision of the responsibilities we owe each other as citizens. As public leaders, we should enact a budget that reflects that value and that gives Minnesotans hope for a brighter, more secure future. Unfortunately, the governor's budget does not do that. His political blinders continue to keep him from seeing that there are other alternatives to the cuts he is proposing. It's time Minnesotans stand up and stand together for a better vision of our state.

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