



People. Action. Democracy.

Common Cause MN is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy.

To make our democracy work in Minnesota, we must claim it as our own. "The citizen can bring our political and governmental institutions back to life, make them responsive and accountable and keep them honest. No one else can." John Gardner, Founder, Common Cause

Common Cause Minnesota (CCMN) is a nonpartisan independent voice for change and a watchdog against corruption and abuse of power. We employ a powerful combination of grassroots organizing, coalition building, research, policy development, public education, lobbying and litigation to win reform at all levels of government in Minnesota.

We are one of 35 different state offices with a statewide membership base of over 11,000 multipartisan Minnesotans. Our national organization is headquartered in Washington, D.C. It was founded by a Republican, John Gardner, in 1970 and began with a 4,000-core membership base to serve as a people's lobby. Common Cause has grown into a nationwide network of more than 1,000,000 members and supporters, with offices nationwide.

What are we working on in 2018-2020?

- Expanding our **statewide convening table** to greater Minnesota.
- **Redistricting reform** – Moving local resolutions in support of an independent redistricting commission and a bipartisan redistricting bill.
- **Election Protection** – Recruiting multilingual and election judges of color in greater Minnesota.
- **Restore the Vote**
- **Automatic Voter Registration**
- Launching our **Democracy School network of statewide nonpartisan grassroots activists** & teaching them how to organize to advocate for local needs.
- **Building greater capacity for Minnesotans** to be in relationship with their legislators.

How can I help?

- **Register for text alerts** & "Call to Actions" by texting "CAUSE" to "97779".
- Pick an area you are passionate about such as voting rights, redistricting, money in politics and read as much as you can on the topic. Reach out to the Secretary of State's Office and ask to **meet with staff, or other organizations' staff, working on democracy issues.**
- **Consider donating** and supporting organizations such as Common Cause MN, who work to safeguard democracy from policies that hinder a democracy of, for and by the people. **No amount is EVERY too small to make a difference.**
- **Volunteer your time** to help organizations such as Common Cause MN; no time is too little to make a difference. TRUST ME we need your help!
- Consider **hosting a fundraising event/house party** in partnership with organizations such as Common Cause MN.
- Be in routine relationship with your local, state and congressional leaders. **Take a vacation day** to declare YOUR day at the Capitol **visiting with legislators, or other elected officials**, on an issue of democracy that is important to you.
- **Organize a group of neighbors and host an informal meeting in your home**, invite organizations such as Common Cause MN to speak to the group and answer questions.