



## Minnesota

Voters in Minnesota will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 134 seats are up in the state House. One State Senate special election will also take place. Democrats will be defending both the Governor's Mansion and Office of Attorney General. Republicans are defending both chambers of the legislature.

### Attorney General

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Congressman Keith Ellison](#)

Congressman Keith Ellison has represented the state's 5<sup>th</sup> district since 2007 and served as the Congressional Progressive Caucus Chair from 2011 to 2017.

He is pro-choice, pro-LGBTQ rights, and above all, anti-Trump. He supports the DACA program and opposes the Administration's immigration policies. He supports banning assault style weapons and large magazines, implementing a universal background system, and prohibiting domestic violence offenders from owning firearms. He believes we should begin transitioning to clean energy and has opposed the dismantling of the Clean Power Plan at the federal level.

Congressman Ellison has accused pharmaceutical companies of price-gouging prescription drugs and abusing patent laws to keep cheaper medicines off the market. He also faults them for the opioid epidemic and supports the law suit brought by the current attorney general. He has pledged to battle insurance companies and fight to maintain coverage for pre-existing conditions under the ACA.

If elected, he wants to partner with the state's Department of Labor and Industry to enforce wage theft laws. He pledges to protect seniors from predatory lending and financial scamming and to fight for more fair student loans.

Congressman Ellison has been accused of emotional abuse by his former partner. The allegations have certainly placed a cloud on the campaign and the Congressman will likely continue answering questions regarding the incidents through November.

*Trivia: Congressman Ellison was the first Muslim to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.*