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FROM: Peyton Lewis, Campaign Manager, Peggy Flanagan for Minnesota

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RE: With support in final weeks, Peggy Flanagan will continue to withstand unprecedented amount of crypto- and AIPAC-funded super PAC spending in U.S. Senate primary

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**THE MANY OVER THE MONEY: DATA SHOWS PEGGY FLANAGAN WITH A STRONG LEAD AND IN A POSITION TO WITHSTAND UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNTS OF DARK MONEY PRIMARY SPENDING FOR ANGIE CRAIG**

**Internal polling shows Peggy Flanagan with a double-digit lead, which expanded after \$4 million of super PAC spending for Craig. Flanagan's support stays durable through unbalanced communications.**

- In January, the Flanagan campaign commissioned a GQR poll that showed Flanagan leading Minnesota's Democratic Senate primary by 13 points, 49%-36%.
- Between January and June, pro-Craig super PACs and dark money groups funded by out-of-state backers like the cryptocurrency industry and AIPAC spent \$4 million on paid advertising for Craig.
- In June, the Flanagan campaign commissioned a GQR poll that showed Flanagan leading Minnesota's Democratic Senate primary by an even wider margin of 17 points, 55%-38%. The survey showed Flanagan not only withstood \$4 million of largely unanswered paid advertising, but actually grew her lead. It also showed Craig's unfavorable rating tripled, with 1 in 4 primary voters now reporting an unfavorable view of Craig.
- The Flanagan campaign's data additionally shows Flanagan's support is durable and does not collapse after unbalanced communications in favor of her opponent. With sustained communication to voters, Flanagan will remain in a strong position to win.

**Even after millions of dollars of super PAC spending on her behalf, the Craig campaign has failed to release any internal data showing Craig in the lead.** Five months ago, the Craig campaign released an internal poll to the public, with their own data showing Flanagan leading the race. Since then, Craig and pro-Craig groups appear to have conducted at least eight polls of the electorate, but Craig's campaign has released no internal data showing Craig in a position to win. If Craig had that data, she'd release it. Further, Craig's own pollster reportedly found Craig statistically tied with Flanagan in a recent Democratic primary poll of Craig's congressional district, which should be her biggest base of support.

**The Minnesota Democratic primary electorate is clearly poised to support Flanagan, with continued communication about her candidacy.** For many months, Flanagan has been consistently leading in primary election polls and earning more organizational support than Craig, despite the funding disparity between the candidates. The party's voters consolidated behind Peggy Flanagan, and with sustained support, Flanagan will remain in a strong position to win the primary election.

**WITH DAYS BEFORE VOTING BEGINS, FIVE SECRETIVE SUPER PACS AND DARK MONEY INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE GROUPS FUNDED BY AIPAC AND THE CRYPTOCURRENCY INDUSTRY ARE SPENDING OVER \$1 MILLION A WEEK TO BOOST CRAIG AND DEFEAT FLANAGAN**

**Dark money special interest groups funded by AIPAC and the cryptocurrency industry are spending over \$1 million a week to boost Craig and defeat Flanagan.** Craig is supported by five newly-created super PACs and dark money independent expenditure groups that are spending over \$1 million a week smearing Flanagan and boosting Craig. Most of the donors fueling Craig's campaign are hiding their participation in these dark money groups.

**With seven weeks until Election Day, Craig's dark money backers have already spent \$9.6 million, a record for outside spending in a Minnesota primary election.** To date, secretive super PACs and dark money independent expenditure groups created for the sole purpose of propping up Craig's campaign have spent \$9.6 million on ads, an unprecedented amount in a Minnesota primary. Craig's air support comes from interests like the cryptocurrency industry and AIPAC, which are overwhelmingly unpopular with Minnesota Democrats.



**DESPITE AN UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF DARK MONEY SPENDING FOR HER OPPONENT, FLANAGAN HAS CONSOLIDATED SUPPORT AMONG MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS AND PEOPLE-POWERED ORGANIZATIONS, WHILE CRAIG FAILS TO EARN SUPPORT**

**Both Senator Tina Smith and Senator Amy Klobuchar are backing the DFL ticket, including Flanagan, pre-primary.** Alongside Senator Klobuchar, Flanagan won the endorsement of the Minnesota DFL Party, a decision made by nearly 40,000 Minnesota Democrats in an open process that played out over four months earlier this year. Flanagan's campaign has been endorsed by Senator Tina Smith and former Senator Al Franken, who have represented Minnesota in this Senate seat for the last 17 years.

**Craig has failed to earn support from any current statewide elected official or member of Minnesota's congressional delegation, while Craig's colleagues Reps. Betty McCollum and Ilhan Omar endorsed Peggy Flanagan.** Flanagan's campaign is backed by 4 out of the 5 Democratic members of Minnesota's congressional delegation who serve as Craig's colleagues. Flanagan is also supported by an outright majority of DFL state legislators who are talking to voters in their own districts about Flanagan this summer.

**FLANAGAN'S SUPPORT IS BACKED WITH ACTION: FLANAGAN CAMPAIGN IS POWERED BY THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS AND A STATEWIDE OPERATION, WHILE CRAIG IS FORCED TO TURN OUT VOTERS ALONE**

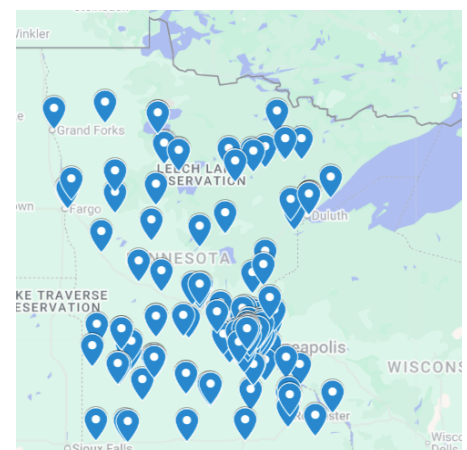
**By the August 11<sup>th</sup> primary, the Minnesota DFL Party and its massive organizing apparatus will knock 200,000 doors for Flanagan and other DFL-endorsed candidates, in addition to other methods of direct voter contact.** The Minnesota DFL Party has more than 12 coordinated campaign offices, more than 30 paid organizers, and thousands of volunteers who are showing up to talk to voters about Peggy Flanagan every week. The DFL is seeing record-setting, October-levels of engagement in the middle of the summer driven by enthusiasm for Flanagan, who is the only statewide candidate in a truly contested primary. Prior to earning the DFL Party's endorsement, Flanagan's campaign had already engaged more than 5,000 volunteers all over the state.

**Flanagan's people-powered campaign is buoyed by support from 7 labor unions and nearly all of Minnesota's major grassroots organizing groups, including Indivisible Minnesota, which boasts 80 chapters and 20,000 members across the state.** Flanagan has earned the support of nearly all of Minnesota's major grassroots voter mobilization organizations, which will also help power her to victory in August and November. Flanagan has engaged a number of popular and influential future colleagues, culture icons, and other national figures in her campaign, many of whom are excited to help with organizing and get-out-the-vote efforts in the final weeks of the primary election.

**Craig is responsible for her own voter targeting and turnout effort and will not be supported by any of the Minnesota DFL Party's local units or volunteers.** Craig lost access to the Minnesota DFL Party's voter file when she chose to drop out of the state party's endorsement process in May. Craig's campaign, which has struggled with staffing and volunteer recruitment, is responsible for their own field organizing effort to turn out voters this summer.

**FLANAGAN'S CAMPAIGN SUPPORT IS BUILT DIRECTLY WITH VOTERS, WHO KNOW BOTH CANDIDATES AND CHOOSE FLANAGAN**

**Over the course of her campaign, Flanagan has built strong support developed directly with voters, aided by personally campaigning at more than 250 events in 112 communities across the state.** Flanagan has built and executed on two statewide tours, drawing thousands of people, with the majority of events being held in Greater Minnesota. She has personally met tens of thousands of Minnesotans and has addressed hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans from around the state, including 200,000 at the national flagship No Kings 3.0 rally called in response to Operation Metro Surge.





**Both candidates in this race are well-known among Minnesota Democrats, who make up a unique, highly-engaged electorate.** Minnesotans routinely have the highest voter turnout of any state in the country and are even more engaged in politics following Operation Metro Surge earlier this year. Both Craig and Flanagan are well-known among primary voters, with each having over 90 percent name ID and a vast majority of voters knowing enough to have formed an opinion of both candidates.

### **FLANAGAN BRINGS STRONG MOMENTUM AND ENTHUSIASM TO GENERAL ELECTION TICKET**

**Every survey to date shows Flanagan and Craig start the general election with the same level of support.** The Craig campaign's own polling shows Craig and Flanagan each start the general election with the same exact lead, at a 51% vote share. Multiple polls have shown Flanagan has a higher favorability rating among independents and general election voters writ large, and Flanagan routinely has a much higher favorability rating among Democrats.

**Craig threatens to bring a serious base enthusiasm problem into the general election.** 1 in 4 of the most engaged Minnesota Democrats report they find Craig unfavorable. Craig has a uniquely disqualifying record of being the only Minnesota Democrat to repeatedly vote for Trump's ICE agenda last year, prior to federal agents killing two American citizens on the streets of Minneapolis. Craig spent the months after Operation Metro Surge campaigning directly to voters each weekend in the Minnesota DFL Party's intensive endorsement process, where she and her campaign surrogates were routinely [booed and protested in rooms full of Democrats](#). Craig ultimately abandoned the state party because she was so unpopular among the delegates representing the nearly 40,000 Democratic voters who decided the endorsement, 57% of which were completely new to the process.

**As dark money continues to flood into this primary election for Craig, Minnesotans across the political spectrum will be turned off by Craig's reliance on unpopular super PACs and their tactics.** One of Craig's super PACs, North Star Dawn, has already prompted a [slew of negative headlines](#) for running an ad featuring an [AI deepfake](#) of her opponent, Peggy Flanagan. Minnesotans across the political spectrum will also be concerned by a candidate accountable to unpopular funders like the cryptocurrency industry and AIPAC.

**Craig, who was recently filmed praising national Republicans' choice candidate, will have additional credibility problems with independents and general election voters.** In the first Democratic primary debate last Friday night, Rep. Craig [praised Michele Tafoya](#), national Republicans' preferred candidate, handing Republicans a clip they can use to beat back any attack Craig attempts to make on Tafoya, if Craig becomes the Democratic Party's nominee this fall.

**This race is about the many over the money. It's time for Democrats to stand up against the money.**

### **PRIMARY VOTERS NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT ANGIE CRAIG**

**Democratic primary voters need to know that Angie Craig is lying about Peggy Flanagan to hide the fact she has [voted with Donald Trump more than any other Minnesota Democrat](#).** Angie Craig was the only Minnesota Democrat who [voted](#) for Donald Trump's immigration bill that [enabled](#) Trump to terrorize Minnesota's communities. She is [funded](#) by the cryptocurrency industry and was the only Minnesota Democrat who [voted](#) to let Donald Trump and his family [enrich themselves](#).