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Party priorities

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I have different priorities from those of most national Democrats as we move toward the 2020 elections. I want the Democratic Party to focus on:

1. Advocating for the passage of a Canadian-style national health insurance program to cover all Americans.
2. Increasing Social Security retirement benefits by 20 percent.
3. Supplementing the minimum wage and the pay of all full-time workers to bring all of them up to a living-wage above the official poverty line and the official near-poverty line.

I would pay for all of this by instituting a “National Wealth Tax” of 15 percent on all individuals with a net wealth/net-worth of \$10 million and higher.

I would also pay for all of this by abolishing all “corporate welfare” and “business subsidies.”

The Cato Institute, a conservative-libertarian think tank, noted in 2012 that our federal government spends \$100 billion per year on corporate welfare, and it would like to see it eliminated. I rarely agree with Cato, but I do on this particular issue.