

Though I spent most of my childhood around the poverty line, my family worked our way into the middle class thanks to government programs, my dad's hard-fought union benefits, help from friends and family, and a few lucky breaks. But out-of-touch politicians weakened those programs, union membership has plummeted, and millions of families are one emergency away from poverty. Meanwhile, billionaires and huge corporations get richer and avoid paying their fair share — at our expense. That's not right. When I was young, I dreamed about having enough money so I wouldn't have to track every dollar or lose sleep wondering if I could pay my bills. I hoped one day I'd be able to devote myself to service; to help others the way people helped me. That time is now. I believe everyone deserves healthcare, safe housing, quality education, and a livable planet. Billionaires and huge corporations shouldn't be allowed to play by a different set of rules than the rest of us. Together, let's elect leaders with courage, strengthen the middle class, lift people out of poverty, and dismantle structural racism. This is what I will fight for. I'd be honored to earn your vote. www.kristyboer.com

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