

1 IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2 STATE PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT
3 JUNE 16, 2018

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5 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
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7 ~~We are proud of our Democratic Party as the party of our nation's heritage,~~
8 ~~accomplishments, and diversities. No part of that heritage is more valuable than our~~
9 ~~belief in the inclusion of ALL and commitment to ALL, with recognition of the rights and~~
10 ~~worth of each human being.~~

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12 ~~We, the People of the Democratic Party of Iowa, affirm the following:~~

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14 **[We affirm the Democratic Party's contributions to our nation's heritage,**
15 **accomplishments, and diversity. We recognize and advocate for the rights and**
16 **worth of every human being. We strive to secure, defend, and preserve basic**
17 **constitutional and civil rights.]**

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19 We support a strong separation of church and state as envisioned by our founding
20 fathers and incorporated in the constitution of the United States.

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22 We supported our military and veterans in war and peace.

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24 We support them now and honor their service.

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26 We supported the right of all human beings to be treated fairly and equally under the
27 laws of this nation. We stand as the party for all human beings.

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29 We condemn all forms of discrimination. Whenever the rights of any citizens are
30 threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to
31 preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional and civil rights.

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33 We supported the working people of this country when they were exploited. We support
34 them now for their right to organize, to achieve decent wages with health and retirement
35 benefits and a safe workplace.

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37 We supported families in their pursuit of well-being.

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39 We support them now in their desire to become healthy, educated, and contributing
40 citizens.

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42 We support the freedom to plan their family.
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44 We supported the elderly when they were forgotten.
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46 We support them now in their need for dignity, income and healthcare security.
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48 We supported independent farmers and small businesses when they faced hard times.
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50 We support them now in their pursuit of prosperity and economic security.
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52 We supported parents, students, and educators to make education a top priority.
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54 We support them now in their quest to achieve high standards. We support free and
55 open access to knowledge and information. We oppose attempts to distort science or
56 health education.
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58 We supported the people of the earth in working for a clean environment.
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60 We support them now to achieve a responsible, prosperous and sustainable existence
61 with nature.
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63 We supported people all over the world demanding freedom, justice, and opportunity.
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65 We support them now, applauding their peaceful progress.
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67 We believe that our foreign policy should be one of genuine cooperation in global
68 solutions for international problems. We endorse efforts to defend the equality of rights
69 for all human beings.
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71 We support an individual's right to privacy and adequate legal representation. We look
72 forward to the day when all borders are open to the free exchange of ideas, people, and
73 goods.
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75 We recognize that we will not get everything we want. Compromise is necessary when
76 important values conflict and priorities of different people are not the same. But we will
77 not be bullied into caving on vital issues.
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79 We believe in and will continue to work for a truly representative government that works
80 for the good of ALL human beings in a compassionate, responsible and progressive
81 way that works to achieve peace, prosperity, and a national outlook of confidence and
82 hope.

83 84 **STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

85 86 **AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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88 **Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply**

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90 We support:

- 91 1. clean/safe drinking/bathing/recreational waters
- 92 2. local/independent ownership of farms
- 93 3. environmentally responsible/regenerative farming
- 94 4. crop/livestock diversification
- 95 5. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “, including algae/aquaponics/companion**
- 96 **and rotation”]**
- 97 6. expanding farm markets including local sustainable/organic
- 98 7. protection/conservation of healthy soil

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100 **Sustainable Agriculture Policy**

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102 We support:

- 103 8. increasing SNAP funding/benefits
- 104 9. funding Leopold Center
- 105 10. increasing CRP/CSP funding
- 106 11. industrial hemp/cannabis
- 107 12. capping crop insurance premium subsidies
- 108 13. market-indexing USDA loan rates
- 109 14. conservation compliance for federal subsidies
- 110 15. anti-trust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
- 111 16. right-to-save seeds for personal use
- 112 17. mandating cover crops/buffer strips on HEL
- 113 18. repealing “Ag-Gag” bill
- 114 19. defining CAFOs as commercial/industrial
- 115 20. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion until < 100 of Iowa's waterways
- 116 are impaired
- 117 21. no tillage/fertilizer application on soybean fields after harvest, unless seeded
- 118 as cover-crops and buffer-strips by waterways
- 119 22. farmer-owned grain reserves
- 120 23. GMO seed-labeling
- 121 24. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
- 122 25. public's right-to-know permit compliance/TRI/chemical use
- 123 26. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessments improving
- 124 soil/air/water quality
- 125 27. odor-nuisance regulation/enforcement
- 126 28. mandatory/monitored/enforced nitrogen/phosphorus reduction strategies
- 127 29. reinstate FFPR

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129 We oppose:

130 30. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture

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132 **Livestock Management**

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134 We support:

135 31. local control of CAFO permitting/siting

136 32. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "taxing CAFOs at commercial rates"]**

137 33. responsible antibiotic use

138 34. humane animal treatment

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140 We oppose:

141 35. unregulated/excessive hormone use

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143 **Food Supply and Safety**

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145 We support:

146 36. strong safety/labeling requirements ensuring food safety,
147 content/origin/processing location

148 37. community/urban gardens, direct-to-consumer producers

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150 **Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production**

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152 We support:

153 38. Paris Climate Accords

154 39. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy

155 40. electric-vehicle infrastructure

156 41. higher CAFE standards

157 42. "50-by-30" initiative

158 43. energy conservation

159 44. smart-grid improvement

160 45. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes

161 46. CPP

162 47. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste

163 48. regulating energy commodity speculation

164 49. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies

165 50. carbon fees/consumer dividends

166 51. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa

167 52. Clean Line

168 53. IRPS/FIT

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170 We oppose:

171 54. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies

172 55. tar-sands/pet coke

- 173 56. new coal power plants
- 174 57. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD:** “nuclear power plants re-
- 175 licensing/construction”]
- 176 58. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
- 177 59. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
- 178 60. reclassifying national monuments as private property

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180 **Environment, Stewardship and Livability**

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182 We support:

- 183 61. amending Iowa’s Constitution to provide environmental protections
- 184 62. environmental protection/public-health over corporate profits
- 185 63. reinstating Iowa’s Volunteer Water Testing Program
- 186 64. reduction/reuse/universal curbside recycling
- 187 65. municipal composting/recycling
- 188 66. enforcing ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
- 189 67. funding REAP/NRORTF
- 190 68. funding IDNR above 2009 levels
- 191 69. enacting IEQA
- 192 70. banning neonicotinoids, restoring habitat to protect pollinator/bees
- 193 71. bottle-bill expansion
- 194 72. sequestering carbon
- 195 73. reclaiming mercury/lead
- 196 74. local control of sand-mining permitting/siting
- 197 75. permanently protecting ANWR
- 198 76. mending roads with recycled plastic
- 199 77. innovative/inexpensive energy solutions
- 200 78. non-toxic shot

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202 We oppose:

- 203 79. lead wheel-weights
- 204 80. corporate polluters’ “grandfather” clauses
- 205 81. environmental protection rollbacks

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207 **Restorative Wetland and Watershed Management**

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209 We support:

- 210 82. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
- 211 83. publicly owned/affordable clean water
- 212 84. accessible IDNR well data/testing
- 213 85. incentivizing sustainable technologies/integrated watershed management
- 214 86. fully protecting/enforcing CWA including intermittent streams/wetlands
- 215 87. reinstating President Obama’s enacted USDA-NRCS RUSLE3

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217 **Planning and Zoning for Environmentally Friendly Communities**

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219 We support:

220 88. "Smart Growth"

221 89. sustainable development

222 90. livable/walkable neighborhoods

223 91. preserving farmland/sensitive and unique natural areas

224 92. LEED requirements for public buildings

225 93. notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within one mile

226 before permitting CAFO construction/expansion

227 94. local approval for fossil fuel pipelines

228 95. community gardens

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230 We oppose:

231 96. subsidizing urban growth on farm and park lands

232 97. eminent domain abuse

233 98. annexation without binding votes of the targeted residents/property owners

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235 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

236 "50 by 30" – 50% clean energy by 2030

237 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

238 AFO – Animal Feed Operations

239 ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

240 CAA – Clean Air Act

241 CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy

242 CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

243 Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated

244 energy from NW Iowa to Illinois

245 CPP – Clean Power Plan

246 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program

247 CSP – Conservation Services Program

248 CWA – Clean Water Act

249 EPA – Environmental Protection Act

250 ESA – Endangered Species Act

251 FFPR - Farmers Fair Practices Rules

252 FIT – Feed-In Tariffs

253 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism

254 HEL – Highly Erodible Land/Soils

255 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources

256 IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act

257 IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards

258 IWILL – Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (subsumed under NRORTF)

259 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
260 NRORF - Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
261 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
262 REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
263 RUSLE3 — Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version Three
264 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
265 TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
266 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

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ECONOMY, COMMERCE, AND LABOR

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Collective Bargaining/Unions/Labor

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272 We support:

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99. Fair-Share

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100. prosecuting unfair labor practices

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101. strengthening child labor laws

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102. restoring/strengthening Chapter 20 protections

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103. workers right to organize/join unions/strike

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104. PLAs/LPAs

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105. union apprenticeships and memberships

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106. use of unions for infrastructure jobs/WPAs

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107. EFCA

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108. government entities purchasing US union-made products

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109. Majority Sign-Up

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110. federal jobs program (WPA)

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111. NLRB/PERB

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We oppose:

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112. recertification election requirements for public unions

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113. privatizing public-sector jobs

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114. right-to-work

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115. union-busting

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116. replacing laid-off/striking union workers

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Unemployment/Benefits

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We support:

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117. unemployment benefits for all employees

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118. reauthorizing long-term unemployment benefits

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We oppose:

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119. waiting for WC/UE benefits

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303 **Workers' Compensation/Safety**

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305 We support:

- 306 120. considering bidders' safety records for government contracts
- 307 121. increased staffing and funding OSHA/MSHA/NIOSH
- 308 122. right to refuse unsafe work without retaliation
- 309 123. greater employee/union participation in OSHA inspections
- 310 124. workers' rights to select their medical providers for workplace injuries
- 311 125. restoring protections under Iowa Worker's Compensation Law

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313 **Employment Practices**

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315 We support:

- 316 126. whistleblower protections for employees
- 317 127. equal pay for equal work
- 318 128. FMLA
- 319 129. FLSA
- 320 130. removing barriers to proving employment discrimination
- 321 131. responsible, integrated strategies for AI-related job loss to protect/retrain
- 322 workers
- 323 132. community-college based job training programs for displaced workers
- 324 133. "living wage" replacing minimum wage
- 325 134. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 133 WITH: "raising minimum wage to**
- 326 **\$15 per hour regularly indexed to COLA"]**
- 327 135. reducing executive and employee compensation inequity
- 328 136. proportionate wages/benefits for part-time workers
- 329 137. tipped workers receiving full minimum wage
- 330 138. nonpunitive paid family/medical/parental leave
- 331 139. paid vacation
- 332 140. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 138 AND 139 WITH: "minimum three**
- 333 **weeks paid vacation, nine month paid parental leave, sick leave, and health**
- 334 **insurance"]**
- 335 141. local control of minimum wage raises

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337 We oppose:

- 338 142. employment-at-will doctrine
- 339 143. unfair overtime practices
- 340 144. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
- 341 145. use of credit scores for employment decisions

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343 **Retirement**

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- 345 We support:
346 146. fully honored, secure, portable retirement
347 147. fully funding/protecting IPERS/FED/MFPRSI/RRB/FELA
348 148. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan
349 149. COLA for publicly funded retirement programs

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351 **Government Policy**

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- 353 We support:
- 354 150. expanding Davis-Bacon Act to include publicly-funded projects
 - 355 151. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level
 - 356 152. "Deal for All"
 - 357 153. net neutrality
 - 358 154. statewide broadband access
 - 359 155. Dodd-Frank
 - 360 156. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
 - 361 157. national universal basic income
 - 362 158. expansion of public mass-transit
 - 363 159. equitable/transparent trade agreements
 - 364 160. transparency/accountability of public funds granted to corporations

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366 We oppose:

- 367 161. renaming SS earned benefits as federal benefits
- 368 162. deregulating industry
- 369 163. fast-tracking trade agreements
- 370 164. TPP

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372 **Taxes**

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- 374 We support:
- 375 165. eliminating SS wage cap
 - 376 166. taxing high-frequency trading
 - 377 167. more progressive tax structure
 - 378 168. estate tax beginning with \$2.5 million estates
 - 379 169. increasing EITC/dependent exemptions
 - 380 170. property tax credits that benefit low-income/veterans/elderly/disabled people
 - 381 171. annual evaluation of tax credits

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383 We oppose:

- 384 172. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
- 385 173. increasing taxes on credit unions
- 386 174. off-shore tax shelters
- 387 175. corporate tax evasion

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389 **Bankruptcy**

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391 We support:

392 176. honoring full-pension benefits in the case of bankruptcy

393 177. listing employees as first-in-line creditors

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395 **Business Practices**

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397 We support:

398 178. expanding antitrust analysis to consider market structure, concentration,
399 economic/political impact

400 179. incentives creating/retaining US jobs

401 180. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans

402 181. regulating financial speculation

403 182. full disclosure of competing/conflicting interests in financial transactions

404 183. breaking up “too-big-to-fail” banks

405 184. regulatory capture

406 185. protection against predatory lending

407 186. minimum 90% US-manufactured content required for “Made in USA”
408 products

409 187. importer-financed quality inspections of all imports

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411 We oppose:

412 188. corporate welfare

413 189. insurance credit scoring

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415 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

416 AI – Artificial Intelligence

417 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

418 EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act

419 EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit

420 FED – Favorable Experience Dividend

421 FELA – Federal Employers Liability Act

422 FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act

423 FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act

424 IPERS – Iowa Public Retirement System

425 LPA – Leased Purchase Agreement

426 MFPRSI – Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa

427 MSHA – Mine Safety and Health Administration

428 NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

429 NLRB – National Labor Relations Board

430 OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration

431 PERB – Public Employees Relations Board
432 PLA – Project Labor Agreements
433 RRB – Railroad Retirement Benefits
434 SS – Social Security
435 TPA – Trade Promotion Authority
436 TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership
437 UE – Unemployment
438 WC – Workman’s Compensation
439 WPA – Works Progress Administration

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441 **EDUCATION**
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443 We support:

- 444 190. involving community/ parents/educators/students in educational problem
- 445 solving/decision-making
- 446 191. minimum 6% SSA for PreK-12 education
- 447 192. restoring independent allowable growth formula to determine public school
- 448 funding
- 449 193. providing educational tools/ resources for students needing additional
- 450 assistance, including online classes and other technology
- 451 194. PreK-12 public education for students until age 21
- 452 195. post-secondary programs tuition-/debt-free for at least 4 years, including:
- 453 a. vocational programs
- 454 b. regent state universities
- 455 c. community colleges
- 456 196. dyslexia screening for children in PreK-12 schools/IJJS
- 457 197. state mandates requiring all public schools include instruction in
- 458 physical/mental health and sex positive/comprehensive/research-based
- 459 sexual/health programs (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)
- 460 198. training for all literacy skills
- 461 199. expansion of full-day kindergarten and universal preschool
- 462 200. full funding for:
- 463 a. fine/applied arts
- 464 b. ELL/ESL programs
- 465 c. career/vocational education
- 466 d. literacy education
- 467 e. STEM
- 468 f. civic education
- 469 g. personal financial literacy
- 470 201. all public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative,
- 471 salaries/benefits/pensions above national average
- 472 202. funding IDEA at 40% level
- 473 203. ADA compliance of all school facilities

- 474 204. restoring funds to AEAs
- 475 205. TLC program
- 476 206. driver's education and foreign language programs provided by local public
- 477 school districts
- 478 207. maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
- 479 208. ECE (public preschool/Head Start services)
- 480 209. meeting Head Start or NAEYC performance standards
- 481 210. placement of special education student to be directly tied to determining
- 482 class size and staffing need
- 483 211. restoring, increasing funding to regent universities and community colleges
- 484 212. living wages, benefit parity, unemployment benefit eligibility, and ongoing
- 485 training for ESPs
- 486 213. increasing statewide minimum dropout age to 18
- 487 214. student-loan forgiveness
- 488 215. bankruptcy protections for borrowers
- 489 216. 100% tax-deductible interest on post-secondary loans
- 490 217. mental health professionals in all schools
- 491 218. reduction of class size
- 492 219. requiring credentialed supervision for home-schooled students
- 493 220. expanding access to public school alternative programs
- 494 221. radon testing for school buildings
- 495 222. modernizing the Fair Funding Formulas for rural schools
- 496 223. an option for a guaranteed rate of return for funds in 529 savings plans
- 497 224. District Voluntary Diversity Plans
- 498 225. eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
- 499 226. increased tax credits for teaching materials educators purchase
- 500 227. strongly regulating accreditation, credit transferability and disclosure of costs
- 501 for all for-profit schools
- 502 228. funding all TRIO programs
- 503 229. party balance of the Iowa Board of Regents
- 504 230. NEA, NEH, NSF, CPB

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506 We oppose:

- 507 231. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
- 508 a. vouchers
- 509 b. Education Savings Accounts
- 510 c. charter school pre-tax plans
- 511 232. merit pay
- 512 233. religious bias in publicly-funded education
- 513 234. arming school employees

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515 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

516 AEA – Area Education Agency
517 CPB – Corporation for Public Broadcasting
518 ECE – Early Childhood Education
519 ELL – English Language Learners
520 ESL – English as a Second Language
521 ESP – Education Support Professional
522 IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
523 IJJS - Iowa Juvenile Justice System
524 LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,
525 Asexual/Agender, and Community
526 NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
527 NEA – National Endowment for the Arts
528 NEH – National Endowment for the Humanities
529 NSF – National Science Foundation
530 SSA – Supplemental State Aid to education
531 STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
532 TLC – Teacher Leadership and Compensation System
533 TRIO – Educational Talent Search (ETS), Classic Upward Bound (CUB), Veterans
534 Upward Bound (VUB), Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS), Student Support
535 Services (SSS), Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), Training Grant (for Special
536 Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel (TR)

537 **GOVERNMENT AND LAW**

538 **Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions**

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542 We support:

- 543 235. Automatic/Same-Day Voter Registration
- 544 236. OCE/RVRA/IRV/RCV
- 545 237. Iowa's redistricting system used nationwide
- 546 238. absentee/early-voting
- 547 239. mandatory election audits
- 548 240. truth in political advertising
- 549 241. 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials leaving
- 550 government
- 551 242. paid federal/state election holidays
- 552 243. vote-by-mail
- 553 244. comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform
- 554 245. mandatory release of state/national candidates tax-returns
- 555 246. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 245]**
- 556 247. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 245 WITH: "mandatory release of**
- 557 **state/national candidates' tax-returns as condition of ballot inclusion"]**
- 558 248. Johnson Amendment

- 559 249. Iowa's judicial merit-selection-system
- 560 250. Iowa constitutional amendment requiring full funding for co-equal judicial-
- 561 branch
- 562 251. government transparency
- 563 252. publicly funded campaigns/elections
- 564 253. standardizing election poll-supervision, ballot type/tabulation
- 565 254. re-examining [501(c)(4)] political-activity
- 566 255. requiring political activity transparency—including funding
- 567 256. caucus system improvements
- 568 257. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 256]**
- 569 258. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
- 570 259. VOICE/Fair-Elections-Now-Act
- 571 260. limiting campaigning-time
- 572 261. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "campaign/debate processes including third-**
- 573 party candidates"]
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575 We oppose:

- 576 262. Citizens United
- 577 263. superdelegates
- 578 264. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 263]**
- 579 265. corporate personhood
- 580 266. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "Electoral College"]**
- 581 267. Super-PACs
- 582 268. official languages
- 583 269. gerrymandering
- 584 270. national constitutional convention
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586 **Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**

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588 We support:

- 589 271. community right to enact laws protecting health/safety of natural
- 590 persons/environment
- 591 272. repealing 2001 USAPA and 2008 FISAAA
- 592 273. providing tax-credits/employment bonding programs
- 593 274. barring law enforcement officials from sexual activities with
- 594 suspects/detainees
- 595 275. limiting "cavity searches"
- 596 276. Miranda Rights
- 597 277. separating church and state and returning to pre-1954 pledge of allegiance
- 598 278. fully-funding Iowa Legal Aid
- 599 279. individual/legal entity right to BDS any country/corporation
- 600 280. freedom of speech and press
- 601 281. restoring VRA(1965) entirely

- 602 282. renaming Columbus Day
- 603 283. DC/PR/Guam/Territory right to statehood

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605 We oppose:

- 606 284. RFRA
- 607 285. national ID
- 608 286. warrantless-searches/electronic–drone surveillance
- 609 287. non-church religious-exemptions from anti-discrimination laws
- 610 288. presidential self-pardons
- 611 289. subverting civil-rights

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613 **Consumer Protection**

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615 We support:

- 616 290. strengthening/expanding/vigorously enforcing anti-trust laws
- 617 291. penalties that deter corporate malfeasance
- 618 292. personal financial responsibility for law-breaking elected officials
- 619 293. government official insider-trading laws
- 620 294. foreclosure safety-net
- 621 295. CFPB: fully-funded independent agency
- 622 296. GDPR-level PII data protection

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624 We oppose:

- 625 297. robocalls
- 626 298. utility deregulation/privatization
- 627 299. limiting court access
- 628 300. “Pork-Barrel” amendments

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630 **Criminal Justice**

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632 We support:

- 633 301. legalizing cannabis
- 634 302. vacating non-violent drug-offense past sentences
- 635 303. ending war-on-drugs/treating drug-addiction as public health issues
- 636 304. mentally-ill/addicted offender treatment programs
- 637 305. specialty-courts
- 638 306. de-escalation/bias programs/training/improving police-community relations
- 639 307. independent investigations of deaths involving police/corrections
- 640 308. fully-funding/timely rape-kit processing
- 641 309. equitable funding for public defense/prosecution
- 642 310. juvenile sentencing/incarceration reform
- 643 311. citizens’ review boards
- 644 312. HCPA

- 645 313. contemporary Nordic inmate-rehabilitation-model:
- 646 a. rehabilitation not punishment
- 647 b. increasing rehabilitation programs for recently released individuals
- 648 c. inmate minimum wage
- 649 d. restorative justice
- 650 e. incarceration alternatives
- 651 314. EJI
- 652 315. community policing
- 653 316. reforming civil/criminal forfeiture laws
- 654 317. victims' services
- 655 318. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "legalizing/taxing/regulating all recreational-**
- 656 **drugs"]**
- 657 319. preventing/identifying/treating human trafficking victims
- 658 320. prosecuting "white-collar" crime
- 659 321. classifying abortion clinics/provider attacks as domestic-terrorism

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661 We oppose:

- 662 322. requiring supreme court super-majorities on constitutional questions
- 663 323. charging defendants for: court-appointed-attorneys/probation/community
- 664 service/jail-rent
- 665 324. shackles/restraints during childbirth
- 666 325. for-profit jails/prisons
- 667 326. capital punishment
- 668 327. mandatory-minimum sentencing
- 669 328. bail-system abuse
- 670 329. law-enforcement militarization
- 671 330. "Stop-and-Frisk" policies
- 672 331. NDAA indefinite-detention provisions
- 673 332. civil/criminal statutes of limitations on child-abuse/sexual-abuse cases
- 674 333. ex-offender housing-discrimination

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676 **Government Services**

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678 We support:

- 679 334. prosecuting government officials charged with quid-pro-quo bribery offenses
- 680 335. full-access to ALL public records excepting PII
- 681 336. substantive funding for:
- 682 a. safe/reliable/well-maintained bridges/roadways
- 683 b. secure ports/water supplies/infrastructure
- 684 c. rural county/city (emergency) services
- 685 d. FVPSA/VAWA
- 686 e. Division of Tobacco Use and Control
- 687 f. Public Broadcasting

- 688 g. Art in State Buildings
- 689 h. SHS projects/goals
- 690 i. prisons
- 691 337. USPS Banking
- 692 338. VOCA compensation going to victims
- 693 339. fully-funding/enforcing federal/state mandates
- 694 340. COLAs including medical costs/food/energy
- 695 341. local/international food-aid programs
- 696 342. State Bank of Iowa

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698 We oppose:

- 699 343. eminent-domain for private-profit
- 700 344. nepotism
- 701 345. fast-track congressional voting without public debate
- 702 346. tax-cuts defunding public programs
- 703 347. privatizing/outsourcing government services/assets

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705 **Gun Safety**

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707 We support:

- 708 348. guardian accountability for minor negligent-gun-access
- 709 349. public/private property gun-free zones
- 710 350. updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, restricting:
 - 711 a. silencers/suppressors
 - 712 b. bump-stocks
 - 713 c. high-capacity-magazines
 - 714 d. fragmentary-rounds
- 715 351. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: "updating/amending the 2nd-Amendment"]**
- 716 352. mandatory safety/proficiency training
- 717 353. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 352]**
- 718 354. expanding NICS
- 719 355. firearm transfer universal background checks
- 720 356. registration
- 721 357. waiting periods
- 722 358. just-cause Sheriff discretion issuing Concealed-Carry
- 723 359. mandatory liability insurance for gun/ammunition
- 724 owners/sellers/manufacturers
- 725 360. GVROA(2017)
- 726 361. mandatory reporting lost/stolen firearms
- 727 362. reasonable gun-regulation/responsible gun-ownership
- 728 363. gun buybacks

729

730 We oppose:

- 731 364. open-carry
- 732 365. Dickey Amendment
- 733 366. NCCR
- 734 367. private post-1968 firearms transfers without serial numbers

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736 **Immigration**

737

738 We support:

- 739 368. state/federal DREAM/DAPA/DACA/TVDL/UAFA
- 740 369. resolving visas/permanent-residency backlogs/prioritizing family unity
- 741 370. Visa denial/removal judicial review
- 742 371. refugee classifying unaccompanied minors
- 743 372. adult/minor-refugee/asylum-seeker resettlement programs
- 744 373. immigration reform eliminating biases/reflecting skills needs/respecting
- 745 national security needs/providing quicker-clearly-defined citizenship
- 746 pathways
- 747 374. undocumented immigrant DL/vehicle registration
- 748 375. expedited vetting Syrian/Yemeni refugees
- 749 376. reinstating Governor Robert D. Ray's refugee-programs
- 750 377. requiring/funding immigrant/minors/guest workers legal representation
- 751 378. applying fair-labor laws/due-process to all

752

753 We oppose:

- 754 379. detaining undocumented minors
- 755 380. immigrant detention/deportation quotas
- 756 381. locally enforcing federal immigration laws
- 757 382. mass raids/related enforcement practices
- 758 383. religious exclusion
- 759 384. "papers please"
- 760 385. unnecessary travel-bans
- 761 386. abrogating birthright-citizenship

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763 **Internet and Telecommunications**

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765 We support:

- 766 387. publicly-owned/universal HSIA
- 767 388. modernized "Fairness Doctrine"/equal-time rule

768

769 We oppose:

- 770 389. internet censorship
- 771 390. warrantless bulk-data collection
- 772 391. cyberbullying
- 773 392. FCC's "UHF Discount" allowing media monoliths

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775 **Taxes and Social Security**

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777 We support:

778 393. charitable-giving tax-deductions

779 394. Veterans Exemption

780 395. restoring TIF's original purpose

781 396. "public-assistance" penalties for large employers

782 397. fair/just tax-code including progressive-taxation of capital/increasing top-

783 marginal tax-rate

784

785 We oppose:

786 398. chained CPI

787 399. raising retirement age/cutting SS-benefits

788 400. taxing: unemployment/workers'-compensation/disability/SS-benefits

789 401. refundable corporate tax-credits

790 402. corporate tax-loopholes

791 403. SS-fund diversion

792 404. corporate-welfare

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794 **Transportation**

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796 We support:

797 405. Complete-Streets

798 406. crash-prevention engineering

799 407. Main Street Iowa

800 408. helmet laws

801 409. ET3/Hyperloop/High-speed Rail/light-rail feeder-systems

802 410. backseat passenger seat-belt law

803 411. transportation alternative-energies

804 412. rural-transportation expansion

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806 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

807 501(c)(3) – a tax-exempt organization

808 501(c)(4) – a tax-exempt and non-profit social welfare organization

809 BDS – Boycott, Divest, Sanction

810 CEC - Citizens Election Council

811 CFPB - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

812 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

813 CPI – Consumer Price Index

814 DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

815 DAPA – Deferred Action for Parents of Americans

816 DC – District of Columbia

817 DL – Drivers License
818 DREAM – Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors
819 EJI – Equal Justice Initiative
820 ET3 - Evacuated Tube-Transport-Technologies
821 FCC - Federal Communications Commission
822 FISAAA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (of 1978) Amendments Act (of 2008)
823 FVPSA – Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
824 GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation
825 GIVFAP - Grow Iowa Values Financial Assistance Program
826 GVROA - Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017
827 HCPA - Hate Crimes Prevention Act
828 HSIA - High-Speed Internet Access
829 ID - Identification
830 IOWA - Best State in the United States of America
831 Johnson Amendment – a provision in the U.S. tax code, since 1954, that prohibits all
832 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates
833 IRV – Instant Runoff Voting
834 NCCR - National Concealed Carry Reciprocity
835 NDAA - National Defense Authorization Act
836 NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System
837 OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics
838 PAC - Political Action Committee
839 PII – Personally Identifiable Information
840 PR – Puerto Rico
841 RCV - Ranked Choice Voting
842 RFRA - Religious Freedom Restoration Act
843 Robert D Ray - Mythical creature, a Republican that embraced immigration
844 RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act
845 SHS – State Historical Society
846 SS – Social Security
847 TIF – Tax Incremented Financing
848 TVDL – Temporary Visitor’s Driver’s License
849 UAFA – Uniting American Families Act
850 UHF - Ultra High Frequency, In this context the name of a rule allowing single-
851 company ownership of TV stations reaching up to 72% of households vs. 39%
852 USAPA- USA Patriot Act
853 USPS – United States Postal Service
854 VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
855 VOCA – Victims of Crime Act
856 VOICE – Voter Owned Iowa Clean Election
857 VRA - Voter Rights Act
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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861 **General Health**

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863 We support:

- 864 413. comprehensive, universal, single-payer healthcare for all, including but not
865 limited to:
- 866 a. reproductive health
 - 867 b. acute/LTC/ALF, community-based services
 - 868 c. wellness/prevention programs
 - 869 d. addiction services
 - 870 e. evidenced-based holistic/functional medicine/services
 - 871 f. reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers equal to UCR
 - 872 g. all brain disorders/injuries
 - 873 h. affordable/no copay medications
 - 874 i. evidence-based Compound/Natural medications
 - 875 j. telemedicine
 - 876 k. training/supplying first responders using Narcan/Naloxone
 - 877 l. statewide EMS
 - 878 m. transgender healthcare
 - 879 n. medical/assistive-devices/vision/hearing/mental/dental
- 880 414. medical end-of-life options
- 881 415. rescheduling, expanding access to, medical cannabis
- 882 416. state EHR exchanges
- 883 417. healthcare staffing based on acuity/care-levels
- 884 418. increased funding NIH/NSF

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886 We oppose:

- 887 419. privatizing Medicaid
- 888 420. providing substandard/denying medical services due to religious/personal
889 bias
- 890 421. exemptions to ISAA
- 891 422. Medicaid block grants
- 892 423. restricting research on
- 893 a. stem-cells
 - 894 b. gun violence
- 895 424. waiting lists for HCBS waivers
- 896 425. INCSL
- 897 426. discrimination against LGBTQIA+

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899 **Adult, Aged, Abused People, and People with Disabilities**

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901 We support:

- 902 427. accessibility/accommodations for all

- 903 428. increasing inspections of troubled SNF/ALF/MIMR
- 904 429. fully funding:
- 905 a. OAA/LTCOP
- 906 b. dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care
- 907 c. elder-abuse prevention
- 908 d. AAA
- 909 e. full-spectrum continuing care, financial aid/legal assistance for abused
- 910 persons
- 911 f. VAWA
- 912 430. national database for convicted abusers
- 913 431. consumer representation on HHS review boards
- 914 432. training/support/tax credits for at-home caregivers
- 915 433. LTC coverage prior to hospitalization
- 916 434. 911/EMS responder abuse-recognition education/training

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918 **Children and Families**

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920 We support:

- 921 435. increasing inspections of childcare centers
- 922 436. fully funding:
- 923 a. child welfare systems
- 924 b. child/maternal/prenatal health programs
- 925 c. preventing child abuse/neglect/obesity
- 926 d. BASP
- 927 e. CSRA/DPPA
- 928 f. high-quality, subsidized childcare
- 929 g. FSP
- 930 h. youth/homeless shelters
- 931 i. children's mental health system
- 932 j. CHIP/HAWK-I
- 933 437. mandatory NCARs
- 934 438. SNAP/WIC expansion
- 935 439. background checks for childcare workers
- 936 440. gender-neutral parenting/custody/guardianship
- 937 441. kinship-care/foster-care parity
- 938 442. funding foster children through age 26
- 939 443. strengthening/expanding ASFA, DHS/Ombudsman in foster care

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941 We oppose:

- 942 444. non-medical exemptions to immunizations
- 943 445. sex-assignment surgeries at birth

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945 **Human Services**

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947 We support:

- 948 446. transitional programs from shelters/prisons-into-care, treatment, permanent
- 949 housing
- 950 447. Medicaid for all autistic individuals
- 951 448. contraceptives/abortion coverage
- 952 449. maintaining/strengthening HUD, SS, Medicare/Medicaid, Public
- 953 Transportation, disaster relief, safety-net programs
- 954 450. child/dependent-adult protective services meeting all standards/minimal
- 955 overtime
- 956 451. funding/organizing IEMS for standardized statewide coverage
- 957 452. GHS activities overseen by CDC
- 958 453. research/prevention/treatment addressing opioid epidemic including
- 959 Naloxone funding
- 960 454. equitable health insurance premiums
- 961 455. evidence-based medical cannabis education for medical providers
- 962 456. effective FDA drug-approval
- 963 457. vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions

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965 We oppose:

- 966 458. limiting medical malpractice/negligence claims

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968 **Mental Health**

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970 We support:

- 971 459. mental health parity/availability/affordability
- 972 460. restoring/expanding MHIs
- 973 461. funding:
 - 974 a. tobacco/substance-abuse treatment
 - 975 b. suicide awareness/prevention programs
- 976 462. jail diversion programs/courts
- 977 463. effective treatment length
- 978 464. mental health training/awareness for 911/first responders
- 979 465. sufficient funding for CMHCs
- 980 466. funding for emergency committal beds/transportation

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982 **Reproductive Rights and Family Planning**

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984 We support:

- 985 467. rights/choice of women/individuals to comprehensive reproductive healthcare
- 986 468. Roe vs. Wade
- 987 469. fully funding:
 - 988 a. comprehensive family planning programs/providers

- 989 b. PP
990 c. HIV/STD/STI/cancer testing/screening
991 470. free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools
992 471. regulating CPC
993 472. breastfeeding/lactation accommodations (not restrooms)
994 473. certified nurse midwives
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996 We oppose:
997 474. restricting access to medically necessary abortions
998 475. zygotic/embryonic/fetal personhood
999 476. restricting accessing abortions using TRAP laws/harassment
1000 477. forced sterilization, castration, genital mutilation including default
1001 circumcision
1002 478. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 477 WITH: “forced sterilization,**
1003 **castration, genital mutilation including infant circumcision”]**
1004 479. Fetal Heartbeat bill
1005 480. conversion therapy
1006 481. parental consent/notification for contraceptives/abortion for minors
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1008 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 1009 AAA - Area Agency on Aging
1010 ALF – Assisted-Living Facilities
1011 ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act
1012 BASP - Before and After School Programs
1013 CDC - Centers for Disease Control
1014 CHIP - Children’s Health Insurance Program
1015 CMHCs – Community Mental Health Centers
1016 CPC - Crisis Pregnancy Centers
1017 CSRA - Child Support Recovery Act
1018 DHS - Department of Human Services
1019 DPPA - Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act
1020 EHR – Electronic Health Record
1021 EMS – Emergency Medical Services
1022 FDA – Food and Drug Administration
1023 FSP - Family Support Programs
1024 GHS – Global Health Services
1025 HAWK-I - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa
1026 HCBS - Home and Community Based Services
1027 HHS – Health and Human Services
1028 HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
1029 HUD – Housing and Urban Development
1030 IEMS - Iowa Emergency Medical Services
1031 INCSL - Iowa Non-Covered Services Law

1032 ISAA - Iowa Smoke-Free Air Act
1033 LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,
1034 Asexual/Agender, and Community
1035 LTC – Long-Term Care
1036 LTCOP - Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
1037 MC/MD - Medicare/Medicaid
1038 MHI – Mental Health Institutions
1039 MIMR – Mental Illness Mental Retardation
1040 NCAR – National Child Abuse Registries
1041 NIH – National Institutes of Health
1042 NSF – National Science Foundation
1043 OAA – Older Americans Act
1044 PP - Planned Parenthood
1045 SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
1046 SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities
1047 SS - Social Security
1048 STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease
1049 STI - Sexually Transmitted Infection
1050 TRAP - Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers
1051 UCR – Usual and Customary Rates
1052 VAWA – Violence Against Women’s Act
1053 WIC – Women, Infants, and Children

1054 **HUMAN RIGHTS**

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1057 We support:

- 1058 482. “Ban the Box”
- 1059 483. expanding domestic violence laws to include dating relationships
- 1060 484. laws promoting victims’ rights/safety
- 1061 485. funding agencies that address/resolve discrimination
- 1062 486. independent collection/public availability of policing data, increasing
- 1063 transparency/ending racial profiling
- 1064 487. human rights of all incarcerated including voting rights
- 1065 488. reviewing legal processes perpetuating disproportionate incarceration of
- 1066 POC/mandatory training about implicit bias in the justice system
- 1067 489. human rights of immigrants including due process/family
- 1068 preservation/pathway to citizenship
- 1069 490. sanctuary cities
- 1070 491. universal access to physical/mental healthcare/housing/living income/potable
- 1071 water
- 1072 492. equal rights of LGBTQIA+ residents in all areas
- 1073 493. strengthening education about implicit racial bias
- 1074 494. laws/policies affirming dignity/rights of vulnerable populations

- 1075 495. laws/policies providing safe/respectful workplaces
- 1076 496. all-gender restrooms
- 1077 497. strengthening laws/policies assisting people with disabilities
- 1078 498. requiring video/audio recording law enforcement during
- 1079 arrest/interrogation/public interactions and public access to recordings
- 1080 subject to victims'/informants' rights
- 1081 499. rights of students to safe educational environments
- 1082 500. reproductive rights
- 1083 501. right to privacy
- 1084 502. U.S. following UDHR
- 1085 503. sovereign rights of indigenous people
- 1086 504. protection of all genders' rights from discrimination/harassment/retaliation
- 1087 505. reparations for African-Americans/Native Americans
- 1088 506. expanding Affirmative Action
- 1089 507. establishing US Commission on Human Rights
- 1090 508. expanding gender options, including opt-out, on government forms
- 1091 509. SSRA
- 1092 510. Federal/Iowa ERA
- 1093 511. Universal Habeas Corpus

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We oppose:

- 1096 512. religious exemptions to anti-discrimination laws, including LGBTQIA+
- 1097 513. weakening policies/laws assisting people with disabilities in
- 1098 accessibility/education/employment
- 1099 514. local law enforcement performing immigration duties
- 1100 515. criminalization of addiction/drug use
- 1101 516. voter disenfranchisement through voter suppression/Voter
- 1102 ID/gerrymandering/citizenship question on census
- 1103 517. Stand-Your-Ground Laws except Castle Doctrine
- 1104 518. weakening separation of church and state
- 1105 519. insurance companies denying/limiting health coverage for any reason
- 1106 520. ageism
- 1107 521. drug testing for public assistance eligibility
- 1108 522. solitary confinement
- 1109 523. FOSTA-SESTA
- 1110 524. funding/staffing ICRC

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1112 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 1113 SESTA/FOSTA - Stop Enabling Sex Trafficking Act/ Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act
- 1114 ERA - Equal Rights Act
- 1115 UDHR - Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 1116 LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,
- 1117 Asexual/Agender, and Community

1118 SYGL - Stand-Your-Ground-Laws
1119 SSRA - System Safety Risk Assessment
1120 ICE - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
1121 ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross
1122 POC - People of Color
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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1126 Peace and Security

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1128 We support:

- 1129 525. peaceful conflict resolution, normalized US diplomatic relations with all
1130 countries/multilateral solutions to international problems
1131 526. closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities
1132 527. federal court access for non-US detainees
1133 528. promoting human dignity, resolving global poverty, protecting clean air/water,
1134 improving education, and reducing hunger/disease
1135 529. eliminating WMDs
1136 530. territorial integrity of all nations including native American nations
1137 531. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 530]**
1138 532. cultural/educational exchange programs
1139 533. maintaining present NATO security alliances
1140 534. gender equality/empowerment of women/gender minorities
1141 535. taking military action only with clear national defense goals/ informed
1142 Congressional consent/ international cooperation
1143 536. ending violence against women and sexual/gender minorities, including
1144 genital mutilation/honor killings/forced marriage/rape/property confiscation
1145 537. prosecuting human traffickers via ICC, protecting victims
1146 538. free/fair/open elections
1147 539. stricter enforcement of FARA
1148 540. repealing 2001, 2002 US AUMF
1149 541. treating POWs/enemy combatants humanely
1150 542. assisting refugees
1151 543. reducing the military budget by 25% and discontinuing its use as an offensive
1152 force.
1153 544. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 543]**

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1155 We oppose:

- 1156 545. economic exploitation
1157 546. racial/religious/sexual orientation/gender-identity persecution
1158 547. US-sponsored regime changes/ coups/juntas/unelected governments
1159 548. genocide
1160 549. ethnic cleansing

- 1161 550. terrorism
- 1162 551. imperialism
- 1163 552. preemptive military action
- 1164 553. military/financial support for oppressive regimes
- 1165 554. extra-legal/renditions/torture
- 1166 555. hybrid warfare
- 1167 556. election meddling

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1169 **Iran**

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1171 We support:

- 1172 557. diplomatic engagement
- 1173 558. a nuclear agreement

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1175 We oppose:

- 1176 559. offensive military action against Iran

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1178 **Israel/Palestine**

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1180 We support:

- 1181 560. equal human rights/health/welfare for Palestinians and Israelis
- 1182 561. right of return/just compensation for displaced Palestinians
- 1183 562. rights of BDS
- 1184 563. escrowing aid to Israel until Israel recognizes Palestine at 1966 borders
- 1185 564. Palestinian statehood/UN membership
- 1186 565. peaceful efforts to achieve separate secure Israeli and Palestinian states
- 1187 respecting the rights of all persons

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1189 We oppose:

- 1190 566. Israel Separation Barrier/settlement activities/moving the US Embassy to
- 1191 Jerusalem prior to final resolution and blockade of Gaza Strip
- 1192 567. Anti-Semitism/Islamophobia

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1194 **Afghanistan/Iraq/Syria**

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1196 We support:

- 1197 568. reconstruction and refugee resettlement
- 1198 569. resolving the Syrian conflict and providing humanitarian assistance
- 1199 570. US acceptance of 100,000 Syrian refugees annually

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1201 **Yemen**

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1203 We oppose:

1204 571. Saudi involvement in Yemen

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1206 **Ukraine**

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1208 We support:

1209 572. peaceful conflict resolution

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1211 We oppose:

1212 573. Russian territorial annexation

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1214 **Central and South America and the Caribbean**

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1216 We support:

1217 574. normalized relations with Cuba

1218 575. immediately closing WHINSEC

1219 576. investigating US government involvement in 2009 Honduras
1220 coup/subsequent activists' killings

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1222 We oppose:

1223 577. US border wall

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1225 **Rainforests**

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1227 We oppose:

1228 578. clear-cutting

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1230 **Africa**

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1232 We support:

1233 579. famine relief

1234 580. funding economic/agricultural development

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1236 **Asia**

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1238 We support:

1239 581. containing North Korea's nuclear weapons diplomatically

1240 582. peacefully resolving disputed Pacific islands

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1242 **China**

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1244 We oppose:

1245 583. artificial islands in South China Sea

1246 584. Chinese occupation of Tibet

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1248 **Development Assistance**

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1250 We support:

1251 585. culturally sensitive/non-exploitative foreign aid and fair trade agreements

1252 protecting human rights, public health, workers' rights, the environment

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1254 **United Nations**

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1256 We support:

1257 586. US participation in the UN and its agencies, full dues payment

1258 587. ATTCC ATT

1259 588. meeting SDG

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1261 **Treaties and Conventions**

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1263 We support:

1264 589. ratification and/or full participation in:

1265 a. UDHR

1266 b. ICESCR

1267 c. CEDAW

1268 d. CRC

1269 e. CTBT

1270 f. BWC

1271 g. Paris Climate Agreement Under the (UNFCCC)

1272 h. CWC

1273 i. UNCRPD

1274 j. UNCLOS

1275 k. GFATM

1276 l. START

1277 m. RSICC

1278 n. NPT

1279 o. APMBC

1280 p. ICRW

1281 q. ICJ

1282 r. HRC

1283 s. US Action Plan on UNSCR 1325

1284 t. CCM

1285 u. OPCAT

1286 v. ICPPED

1287 w. Mine Ban Treaty

1288 x. IBHR

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1290 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 1291 APMBC – Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
1292 ATT ATTCC – Arms Trade Transfer Code of Conduct
1293 AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force
1294 BDS – Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions
1295 BWC – Biological Weapons Convention/1925 Geneva Protocol
1296 CCM – Convention on Cluster Munitions
1297 CEDAW – Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against
1298 Women
1299 CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child CTBT – Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-
1300 Ban Treaty CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention.
1301 GFATM – Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
1302 HRC – Human Rights Council
1303 IBHR – International Bill of Human Rights
1304 ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
1305 ICJ – International Court of Justice
1306 ICPPED – International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced
1307 Disappearance.
1308 ICRW – International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
1309 ISIL – The Islamic State of Syria and the Levant
1310 FARA – Foreign Agents Registration Act
1311 MENA – Middle East and North Africa
1312 NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization
1313 NPT – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
1314 OPCAT – Optional Protocol to the Convention on Torture
1315 RSICC – Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
1316 SDG – Sustainable Development Goals
1317 START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
1318 UDHR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights
1319 UNCLOS – United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
1320 UNCRPD – United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
1321 UNFCCC – 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
1322 UNSCR 1325 – UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and
1323 Security
1324 WHINSEC WHISC – Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, the
1325 Guantanamo detention facility
1326 WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction

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VETERANS AND MILITARY

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1330 We support:

1331 590. investigation/prosecution of sexual assault/harassment in civilian courts

1332 591. full-service VA healthcare for LGBTQIA+

- 1333 592. rigorous oversight of VA hospitals
- 1334 593. increased funding/access to mental health services
- 1335 594. requiring VA payment for veterans' medical care when VA providers are > 30
- 1336 driving miles or the wait for services is > 30 days
- 1337 595. requiring VA physicians to inform/offer patients all potential treatments
- 1338 including cannabis
- 1339 596. 24-hour holds for suicidal veterans at VA facilities
- 1340 597. removing time limits for accessing GI-Bill/educational benefits
- 1341 598. increasing Veteran housing
- 1342 599. policies/funding, VA/VHA for rural/urban Iowa, employment assistance
- 1343 600. National Guard Education Assistance Benefits for Summer School
- 1344 601. citizenship for honorable service/discharges including deportees
- 1345 602. adequate funding for troop training/logistics/support
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1347 We oppose:

- 1348 603. privatization of VA hospitals/medical services
- 1349 604. using mercenaries/private military companies
- 1350 605. denying VA benefits for THC use
- 1351 606. stopping VA disability benefits if receiving SS
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1353 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 1354 LEO - Law Enforcement Officer
- 1355 LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,
- 1356 Asexual/Agender, and Community
- 1357 SS - Social Security