

1 Platform of the Iowa Democratic Party
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4 **Statement of Principles**
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13 every human being. We strive to secure, defend, and preserve basic constitutional and
14 civil rights. We support the separation of church and state as envisioned by our
15 founding fathers and incorporated into the Constitution of the United States. We believe
16 government's purpose is to help us achieve a just and sustainable world.

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18 We advocate for agricultural and environmental policies that sustain the family farm
19 while preserving the quality of our land and resources. We support workers' rights to
20 collectively bargain for living wages and benefits, safe healthy working conditions, and
21 secure retirement. We will work to restore historical progressive taxation and economic
22 fairness. We believe in individuals' right to privacy and adequate legal representation,
23 and in families' quests to become healthy, educated, contributing citizens. We support
24 parents, students, and educators as they strive for high standards, free and open
25 access to knowledge and information, and fact-based science and health
26 education. We stand with our elderly in their need for dignity, income and healthcare
27 security.

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29 Government of, by, and for ALL the people is the substance of our national quest, and
30 the obligation of our legislative processes, ensuring that everyone is equal in the eyes of
31 the law, and no one is above its application. We condemn all forms of discrimination
32 and hold dear our obligation to secure and defend basic constitutional and civil
33 rights. We will strive to achieve a comprehensive health care system that maximizes
34 mental and physical health for individuals and families.

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36 We support world-wide demands for justice and opportunity, and a return to foreign
37 policy that will achieve cooperation in resolving international problems, and equality of
38 rights for all human beings. We honor the service of our military veterans in war and
39 peace. We intend to achieve truly representative government that works for the good of
40 ALL human beings in a compassionate responsible, progressive way toward peace,
41 prosperity, and a national outlook of confidence and hope.
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Statement of Issues

AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply

We support:

1. clean/safe drinking/bathing/recreational waters
2. local/independent ownership of farms
3. environmentally responsible/regenerative farming
4. crop/livestock diversification
5. expanding farm markets including local sustainable/organic
6. protection/conservation of healthy soil

Sustainable Agriculture Policy

We support:

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

87 We oppose:
88 29. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture

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90 **Livestock Management**

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92 We support:

93 30. local control of CAFO permitting/siting

94 31. responsible antibiotic use

95 32. humane animal treatment

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97 We oppose:

98 33. unregulated/excessive hormone use

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100 **Food Supply and Safety**

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102 We support:

103 34. strong safety/labeling requirements ensuring food safety,
104 content/origin/processing location

105 35. community/urban gardens, direct-to-consumer producers

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

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109 We support:

110 36. Paris Climate Accords

111 37. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy

112 38. electric-vehicle infrastructure

113 39. higher CAFE standards

114 40. "50-by-30" initiative

115 41. energy conservation

116 42. smart-grid improvement

117 43. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes

118 44. CPP

119 45. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste

120 46. regulating energy commodity speculation

121 47. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies

122 48. carbon fees/consumer dividends

123 49. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa

124 50. Clean Line

125 51. IRPS/FIT

126 52. tax credits for renewable energy and energy efficiency

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128 We oppose:

129 53. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies

- 130 54. tar-sands/pet coke
- 131 55. new coal power plants
- 132 56. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
- 133 57. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
- 134 58. reclassifying national monuments as private property

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136 **Environment, Stewardship and Livability**

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138 We support:

- 139 59. amending Iowa's Constitution to provide environmental protections
- 140 60. environmental protection/public-health over corporate profits
- 141 61. reinstating Iowa's Volunteer Water Testing Program
- 142 62. reduction/reuse/universal curbside recycling
- 143 63. municipal composting/recycling
- 144 64. enforcing ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
- 145 65. funding REAP/NRORTF
- 146 66. funding IDNR above 2009 levels
- 147 67. enacting IEQA
- 148 68. banning neonicotinoids, restoring habitat to protect pollinator/bees
- 149 69. bottle-bill expansion
- 150 70. sequestering carbon
- 151 71. reclaiming mercury/lead
- 152 72. local control of sand-mining permitting/siting
- 153 73. permanently protecting ANWR
- 154 74. mending roads with recycled plastic
- 155 75. innovative/inexpensive energy solutions
- 156 76. non-toxic shot

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158 We oppose:

- 159 77. lead wheel-weights
- 160 78. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses
- 161 79. environmental protection rollbacks

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163 **Restorative Wetland and Watershed Management**

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165 We support:

- 166 80. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
- 167 81. publicly owned/affordable clean water
- 168 82. accessible IDNR well data/testing
- 169 83. incentivizing sustainable technologies/integrated watershed management
- 170 84. fully protecting/enforcing CWA including intermittent streams/wetlands
- 171 85. reinstating President Obama's enacted USDA-NRCS RUSLE3

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

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175 We support:

- 176 86. "Smart Growth"
- 177 87. sustainable development
- 178 88. livable/walkable neighborhoods
- 179 89. preserving farmland/sensitive and unique natural areas
- 180 90. LEED requirements for public buildings
- 181 91. notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within one mile
- 182 before permitting CAFO construction/expansion
- 183 92. local approval for fossil fuel pipelines
- 184 93. community gardens

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186 We oppose:

- 187 94. subsidizing urban growth on farm and park lands
- 188 95. eminent domain abuse
- 189 96. annexation without binding votes of the targeted residents/property owners

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191 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

192 "50 by 30" – 50% clean energy by 2030

193 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

194 AFO – Animal Feed Operations

195 ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

196 CAA – Clean Air Act

197 CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy

198 CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

199 Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated energy from
200 NW Iowa to Illinois

201 CPP – Clean Power Plan

202 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program

203 CSP – Conservation Services Program

204 CWA – Clean Water Act

205 EPA – Environmental Protection Act

206 ESA – Endangered Species Act

207 FFPR - Farmers Fair Practices Rules

208 FIT – Feed-In Tariffs

209 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism

210 HEL – Highly Erodible Land/Soils

211 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources

212 IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act

213 IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards

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

215 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

216 NRORTF - Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
217 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
218 REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
219 RUSLE3 — Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version Three
220 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
221 TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
222 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

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224 **ECONOMY, COMMERCE, AND LABOR**

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226 **Collective Bargaining/Unions/Labor**

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228 We support:

- 229 97. Fair-Share
- 230 98. prosecuting unfair labor practices
- 231 99. strengthening child labor laws
- 232 100. restoring/strengthening Chapter 20 protections
- 233 101. workers right to organize/join unions/strike
- 234 102. PLAs/LPAs
- 235 103. union apprenticeships and memberships
- 236 104. use of unions for infrastructure jobs/WPAs
- 237 105. EFCA
- 238 106. government entities purchasing US union-made products
- 239 107. Majority Sign-Up
- 240 108. federal jobs program (WPA)
- 241 109. NLRB/PERB

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243 We oppose:

- 244 110. recertification election requirements for public unions
- 245 111. privatizing public-sector jobs
- 246 112. right-to-work
- 247 113. union-busting
- 248 114. replacing laid-off/striking union workers

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250 **Unemployment/Benefits**

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252 We support:

- 253 115. unemployment benefits for all employees
- 254 116. reauthorizing long-term unemployment benefits

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256 We oppose:

- 257 117. waiting for WC/UE benefits

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259 **Workers' Compensation/Safety**

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261 We support:

- 262 118. considering bidders' safety records for government contracts
- 263 119. increased staffing and funding OSHA/MSHA/NIOSH
- 264 120. right to refuse unsafe work without retaliation
- 265 121. greater employee/union participation in OSHA inspections
- 266 122. workers' rights to select their medical providers for workplace injuries
- 267 123. restoring protections under Iowa Worker's Compensation Law

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269 **Employment Practices**

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271 We support:

- 272 124. whistleblower protections for employees
- 273 125. equal pay for equal work
- 274 126. FMLA
- 275 127. FLSA
- 276 128. removing barriers to proving employment discrimination
- 277 129. responsible, integrated strategies for AI-related job loss to protect/retrain
- 278 workers
- 279 130. community-college based job training programs for displaced workers
- 280 131. "living wage" replacing minimum wage
- 281 132. reducing executive and employee compensation inequity
- 282 133. proportionate wages/benefits for part-time workers
- 283 134. tipped workers receiving full minimum wage
- 284 135. nonpunitive paid family/medical/parental leave
- 285 136. paid vacation
- 286 137. local control of minimum wage raises
- 287 138. making all forms of wage theft and pension theft illegal with penalties and
- 288 support to enforce the law

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290 We oppose:

- 291 139. employment-at-will doctrine
- 292 140. unfair overtime practices
- 293 141. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
- 294 142. use of credit scores for employment decisions

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296 **Retirement**

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298 We support:

- 299 143. fully honored, secure, portable retirement
- 300 144. fully funding/protecting IPERS/FED/MFPRSI/RRB/FELA
- 301 145. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan

302 146. COLA for publicly funded retirement programs

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304 **Government Policy**

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306 We support:

307 147. expanding Davis-Bacon Act to include publicly-funded projects

308 148. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level

309 149. "Deal for All"

310 150. net neutrality

311 151. statewide broadband access

312 152. Dodd-Frank

313 153. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act

314 154. national universal basic income

315 155. expansion of public mass-transit

316 156. equitable/transparent trade agreements

317 157. transparency/accountability of public funds granted to corporations

318 158. a federal jobs and infrastructure program employing Puerto Ricans

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320 We oppose:

321 159. renaming SS earned benefits as federal benefits

322 160. deregulating industry

323 161. fast-tracking trade agreements

324 162. TPP

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326 **Taxes**

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328 We support:

329 163. eliminating SS wage cap

330 164. taxing high-frequency trading

331 165. more progressive tax structure

332 166. estate tax beginning with \$2.5 million estates

333 167. increasing EITC/dependent exemptions

334 168. property tax credits that benefit low-income/veterans/elderly/disabled people

335 169. annual evaluation of tax credits

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337 We oppose:

338 170. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs

339 171. increasing taxes on credit unions

340 172. off-shore tax shelters

341 173. corporate tax evasion

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343 **Bankruptcy**

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- 345 We support:
346 174. honoring full-pension benefits in the case of bankruptcy
347 175. listing employees as first-in-line creditors
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349 **Business Practices**

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351 We support:
352 176. expanding antitrust analysis to consider market structure, concentration,
353 economic/political impact
354 177. incentives creating/retaining US jobs
355 178. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans
356 179. regulating financial speculation
357 180. full disclosure of competing/conflicting interests in financial transactions
358 181. breaking up “too-big-to-fail” banks
359 182. regulatory capture
360 183. protection against predatory lending
361 184. minimum 90% US-manufactured content required for “Made in USA”
362 products
363 185. importer-financed quality inspections of all imports
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- 365 We oppose:
366 186. corporate welfare
367 187. insurance credit scoring
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369 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

- 370 AI – Artificial Intelligence
371 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
372 EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act
373 EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit
374 FED – Favorable Experience Dividend
375 FELA – Federal Employers Liability Act
376 FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
377 FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
378 IPERS – Iowa Public Retirement System
379 LPA – Leased Purchase Agreement
380 MFPRSI – Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa
381 MSHA – Mine Safety and Health Administration
382 NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
383 NLRB – National Labor Relations Board
384 OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
385 PERB – Public Employees Relations Board
386 PLA – Project Labor Agreements
387 RRB – Railroad Retirement Benefits

388 SS – Social Security
389 TPA – Trade Promotion Authority
390 TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership
391 UE – Unemployment
392 WC – Workman’s Compensation
393 WPA – Works Progress Administration

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395 **EDUCATION**

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397 We support:

- 398 188. involving community/ parents/educators/students in educational problem
399 solving/decision-making
400 189. minimum 6% SSA for PreK-12 education
401 190. restoring independent allowable growth formula to determine public school
402 funding
403 191. providing educational tools/ resources for students needing additional
404 assistance, including online classes and other technology
405 192. PreK-12 public education for students until age 21
406 193. post-secondary programs tuition-/debt-free for at least 4 years, including:
407 a. vocational programs
408 b. regent state universities
409 c. community colleges
410 194. dyslexia screening for children in PreK-12 schools/IJJS
411 195. state mandates requiring all public schools include instruction in
412 physical/mental health and sex positive/comprehensive/research-based
413 sexual/health programs (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)
414 196. training for all literacy skills
415 197. expansion of full-day kindergarten and universal preschool
416 198. full funding for:
417 a. fine/applied arts
418 b. ELL/ESL programs
419 c. career/vocational education
420 d. literacy education
421 e. STEM
422 f. civic education
423 g. personal financial literacy
424 h. special education and similar programs, including twice exceptional
425 i. gifted programs
426 199. all public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative,
427 salaries/benefits/pensions above national average
428 200. federally funding IDEA at 40% level
429 201. ADA compliance of all school facilities
430 202. restoring funds to AEAs

- 431 203. TLC program
- 432 204. driver's education and foreign language programs provided by local public
- 433 school districts
- 434 205. maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
- 435 206. ECE (public preschool/Head Start services)
- 436 207. meeting Head Start or NAEYC performance standards
- 437 208. placement of special education student to be directly tied to determining
- 438 class size and staffing need
- 439 209. restoring, increasing funding to regent universities and community colleges
- 440 210. living wages, benefit parity, unemployment benefit eligibility, and ongoing
- 441 training for ESPs
- 442 211. increasing statewide minimum dropout age to 18
- 443 212. student-loan forgiveness
- 444 213. bankruptcy protections for borrowers
- 445 214. 100% tax-deductible interest on post-secondary loans
- 446 215. mental health professionals in all schools
- 447 216. reduction of class size
- 448 217. requiring credentialed supervision for home-schooled students
- 449 218. expanding access to public school alternative programs
- 450 219. radon testing for school buildings
- 451 220. modernizing the Fair Funding Formulas for rural schools
- 452 221. an option for a guaranteed rate of return for funds in 529 savings plans
- 453 222. District Voluntary Diversity Plans
- 454 223. eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
- 455 224. increased tax credits for teaching materials educators purchase
- 456 225. strongly regulating accreditation, credit transferability and disclosure of costs
- 457 for all for-profit schools
- 458 226. funding all TRIO programs
- 459 227. party balance of the Iowa Board of Regents
- 460 228. NEA, NEH, NSF, CPB
- 461 229. free nutritional meals for all students, accommodating special diets, and food
- 462 backpack programs

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464 We oppose:

- 465 230. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
- 466 a. vouchers
- 467 b. Education Savings Accounts
- 468 c. charter school pre-tax plans
- 469 231. merit pay
- 470 232. religious bias in publicly-funded education
- 471 233. arming school employees

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473 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

474 AEA – Area Education Agency
475 CPB – Corporation for Public Broadcasting
476 ECE – Early Childhood Education
477 ELL – English Language Learners
478 ESL – English as a Second Language
479 ESP – Education Support Professional
480 IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
481 IJJS - Iowa Juvenile Justice System
482 LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,
483 Asexual/Agender, and Community
484 NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
485 NEA – National Endowment for the Arts
486 NEH – National Endowment for the Humanities
487 NSF – National Science Foundation
488 SSA – Supplemental State Aid to education
489 STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
490 TLC – Teacher Leadership and Compensation System
491 TRIO – Educational Talent Search (ETS), Classic Upward Bound (CUB), Veterans
492 Upward Bound (VUB), Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS), Student Support
493 Services (SSS), Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), Training Grant for Special
494 Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel (TR)

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GOVERNMENT AND LAW

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Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions

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498 We support:

- 500
- 501 234. Automatic/Same-Day Voter Registration
 - 502 235. OCE/RVRA/IRV/RCV
 - 503 236. Iowa's redistricting system used nationwide
 - 504 237. absentee/early-voting
 - 505 238. mandatory election audits
 - 506 239. truth in political advertising
 - 507 240. 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials leaving
 - 508 government
 - 509 241. paid federal/state election holidays
 - 510 242. vote-by-mail
 - 511 243. comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform
 - 512 244. mandatory release of state/national candidates' tax-returns as condition of
 - 513 ballot inclusion
 - 514 245. Johnson Amendment
 - 515 246. Iowa's judicial merit-selection-system

- 516 247. Iowa constitutional amendment requiring full funding for co-equal judicial-
- 517 branch
- 518 248. government transparency
- 519 249. publicly funded campaigns/elections
- 520 250. standardizing election poll-supervision, ballot type/tabulation
- 521 251. re-examining [501(c)(4)] political-activity
- 522 252. requiring political activity transparency—including funding
- 523 253. caucus system improvements
- 524 254. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
- 525 255. VOICE/Fair-Elections-Now-Act
- 526 256. limiting campaigning-time

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528 We oppose:

- 529 257. Citizens United
- 530 258. superdelegates
- 531 259. corporate personhood
- 532 260. Super-PACs
- 533 261. official languages
- 534 262. gerrymandering
- 535 263. national constitutional convention

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537 **Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**

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539 We support:

- 540 264. community right to enact laws protecting health/safety of natural
- 541 persons/environment
- 542 265. repealing 2001 USAPA and 2008 FISAAA
- 543 266. providing tax-credits/employment bonding programs
- 544 267. barring law enforcement officials from sexual activities with
- 545 suspects/detainees
- 546 268. limiting “cavity searches”
- 547 269. Miranda Rights
- 548 270. separating church and state and returning to pre-1954 pledge of allegiance
- 549 271. fully-funding Iowa Legal Aid
- 550 272. individual/legal entity right to BDS any country/corporation
- 551 273. freedom of speech and press
- 552 274. restoring VRA(1965) entirely
- 553 275. renaming Columbus Day
- 554 276. DC/PR/Guam/Territory right to statehood

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556 We oppose:

- 557 277. RFRA
- 558 278. national ID

- 559 279. warrantless-searches/electronic–drone surveillance
- 560 280. non-church religious-exemptions from anti-discrimination laws
- 561 281. presidential self-pardons
- 562 282. subverting civil-rights

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564 **Consumer Protection**

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566 We support:

- 567 283. strengthening/expanding/vigorously enforcing anti-trust laws
- 568 284. penalties that deter corporate malfeasance
- 569 285. personal financial responsibility for law-breaking elected officials
- 570 286. government official insider-trading laws
- 571 287. foreclosure safety-net
- 572 288. CFPB: fully-funded independent agency
- 573 289. GDPR-level PII data protection

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575 We oppose:

- 576 290. robocalls
- 577 291. utility deregulation/privatization
- 578 292. limiting court access
- 579 293. “Pork-Barrel” amendments

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581 **Criminal Justice**

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583 We support:

- 584 294. legalizing cannabis
- 585 295. vacating non-violent drug-offense past sentences
- 586 296. ending war-on-drugs/treating drug-addiction as public health issues
- 587 297. mentally-ill/addicted offender treatment programs
- 588 298. specialty-courts
- 589 299. de-escalation/bias programs/training/improving police-community relations
- 590 300. independent investigations of deaths involving police/corrections
- 591 301. fully-funding/timely rape-kit processing
- 592 302. equitable funding for public defense/prosecution
- 593 303. juvenile sentencing/incarceration reform
- 594 304. citizens’ review boards
- 595 305. HCPA
- 596 306. contemporary Nordic inmate-rehabilitation-model:
 - 597 a. rehabilitation not punishment
 - 598 b. increasing rehabilitation programs for recently released individuals
 - 599 c. inmate minimum wage
 - 600 d. restorative justice
 - 601 e. incarceration alternatives

- 602 307. EJI
- 603 308. community policing
- 604 309. reforming civil/criminal forfeiture laws
- 605 310. victims' services
- 606 311. preventing/identifying/treating human trafficking victims
- 607 312. prosecuting "white-collar" crime
- 608 313. classifying abortion clinics/provider attacks as domestic-terrorism

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610 We oppose:

- 611 314. requiring supreme court super-majorities on constitutional questions
- 612 315. charging defendants for: court-appointed-attorneys/probation/community
- 613 service/jail-rent
- 614 316. shackles/restraints during childbirth
- 615 317. for-profit jails/prisons
- 616 318. capital punishment
- 617 319. mandatory-minimum sentencing
- 618 320. bail-system abuse
- 619 321. law-enforcement militarization
- 620 322. "Stop-and-Frisk" policies
- 621 323. NDAA indefinite-detention provisions
- 622 324. civil/criminal statutes of limitations on child-abuse/sexual-abuse cases
- 623 325. ex-offender housing-discrimination

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625 **Government Services**

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627 We support:

- 628 326. prosecuting government officials charged with quid-pro-quo bribery offenses
- 629 327. full-access to ALL public records excepting PII
- 630 328. substantive funding for:
 - 631 a. safe/reliable/well-maintained bridges/roadways
 - 632 b. secure ports/water supplies/infrastructure
 - 633 c. rural county/city (emergency) services
 - 634 d. FVPSA/VAWA
 - 635 e. Division of Tobacco Use and Control
 - 636 f. Public Broadcasting
 - 637 g. Art in State Buildings
 - 638 h. SHS projects/goals
 - 639 i. prisons
- 640 329. USPS Banking
- 641 330. VOCA compensation going to victims
- 642 331. fully-funding/enforcing federal/state mandates
- 643 332. COLAs including medical costs/food/energy
- 644 333. local/international food-aid programs

- 645 334. State Bank of Iowa
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647 We oppose:
648 335. eminent-domain for private-profit
649 336. nepotism
650 337. fast-track congressional voting without public debate
651 338. tax-cuts defunding public programs
652 339. privatizing/outsourcing government services/assets
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654 **Gun Safety**

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656 We support:
657 340. guardian accountability for minor negligent-gun-access
658 341. public/private property gun-free zones
659 342. updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, restricting:
660 a. silencers/suppressors
661 b. bump-stocks
662 c. high-capacity-magazines
663 d. fragmentary-rounds
664 343. mandatory safety/proficiency training
665 344. expanding NICS
666 345. firearm transfer universal background checks
667 346. registration
668 347. waiting periods
669 348. just-cause Sheriff discretion issuing Concealed-Carry
670 349. mandatory liability insurance for gun/ammunition
671 owners/sellers/manufacturers
672 350. GVROA(2017)
673 351. mandatory reporting lost/stolen firearms
674 352. reasonable gun-regulation/responsible gun-ownership
675 353. gun buybacks
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677 We oppose:
678 354. open-carry
679 355. Dickey Amendment
680 356. NCCR
681 357. private post-1968 firearms transfers without serial numbers
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683 **Immigration**
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685 We support:
686 358. state/federal DREAM/DAPA/DACA/TVDL/UAFSA
687 359. resolving visas/permanent-residency backlogs/prioritizing family unity

- 688 360. Visa denial/removal judicial review
- 689 361. refugee classifying unaccompanied minors
- 690 362. adult/minor-refugee/asylum-seeker resettlement programs
- 691 363. immigration reform eliminating biases/reflecting skills needs/respecting
- 692 national security needs/providing quicker-clearly-defined citizenship
- 693 pathways
- 694 364. undocumented immigrant DL/vehicle registration
- 695 365. expedited vetting Syrian/Yemeni refugees
- 696 366. reinstating Governor Robert D. Ray's refugee-programs
- 697 367. requiring/funding immigrant/minors/guest workers legal representation
- 698 368. applying fair-labor laws/due-process to all
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700 We oppose:

- 701 369. detaining undocumented minors
- 702 370. immigrant detention/deportation quotas
- 703 371. locally enforcing federal immigration laws
- 704 372. mass raids/related enforcement practices
- 705 373. religious exclusion
- 706 374. "papers please"
- 707 375. unnecessary travel-bans
- 708 376. abrogating birthright-citizenship
- 709 377. separating minor children from their parents when they are trying to enter the
- 710 country
- 711 378. internment and concentration camps
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713 **Internet and Telecommunications**

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715 We support:

- 716 379. publicly-owned/universal HSIA
- 717 380. modernized "Fairness Doctrine"/equal-time rule
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719 We oppose:

- 720 381. internet censorship
- 721 382. warrantless bulk-data collection
- 722 383. cyberbullying
- 723 384. FCC's "UHF Discount" allowing media monoliths
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725 **Taxes and Social Security**

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727 We support:

- 728 385. charitable-giving tax-deductions
- 729 386. Veterans Exemption
- 730 387. restoring TIF's original purpose

- 731 388. “public-assistance” penalties for large employers
732 389. fair/just tax-code including progressive-taxation of capital/increasing top-
733 marginal tax-rate
734
735 We oppose:
736 390. chained CPI
737 391. raising retirement age/cutting SS-benefits
738 392. taxing: unemployment/workers’-compensation/disability/SS-benefits
739 393. refundable corporate tax-credits
740 394. corporate tax-loopholes
741 395. SS-fund diversion
742 396. corporate-welfare
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744 **Transportation**

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746 We support:
747 397. Complete-Streets
748 398. crash-prevention engineering
749 399. Main Street Iowa
750 400. helmet laws
751 401. ET3/Hyperloop/High-speed Rail/light-rail feeder-systems
752 402. backseat passenger seat-belt law
753 403. transportation alternative-energies
754 404. rural-transportation expansion
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756 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

- 757 501(c)(3) – a tax-exempt organization
758 501(c)(4) – a tax-exempt and non-profit social welfare organization
759 BDS – Boycott, Divest, Sanction
760 CEC - Citizens Election Council
761 CFPB - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
762 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
763 CPI – Consumer Price Index
764 DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
765 DAPA – Deferred Action for Parents of Americans
766 DC – District of Columbia
767 DL – Drivers License
768 DREAM – Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors
769 EJI – Equal Justice Initiative
770 ET3 - Evacuated Tube-Transport-Technologies
771 FCC - Federal Communications Commission
772 FISAAA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (of 1978) Amendments Act (of 2008)
773 FVPSA – Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

774 GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation
775 GIVFAP - Grow Iowa Values Financial Assistance Program
776 GVROA - Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017
777 HCPA - Hate Crimes Prevention Act
778 HSIA - High-Speed Internet Access
779 ID - Identification
780 IOWA - Best State in the United States of America
781 Johnson Amendment – a provision in the U.S. tax code, since 1954, that prohibits all
782 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates
783 IRV – Instant Runoff Voting
784 NCCR - National Concealed Carry Reciprocity
785 NDAA - National Defense Authorization Act
786 NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System
787 OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics
788 PAC - Political Action Committee
789 PII – Personally Identifiable Information
790 PR – Puerto Rico
791 RCV - Ranked Choice Voting
792 RFRA - Religious Freedom Restoration Act
793 Robert D Ray - Mythical creature, a Republican that embraced immigration
794 RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act
795 SHS – State Historical Society
796 SS – Social Security
797 TIF – Tax Incremented Financing
798 TVDL – Temporary Visitor’s Driver’s License
799 UAFA – Uniting American Families Act
800 UHF - Ultra High Frequency, In this context the name of a rule allowing single-
801 company ownership of TV stations reaching up to 72% of households vs. 39%
802 USAPA- USA Patriot Act
803 USPS – United States Postal Service
804 VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
805 VOCA – Victims of Crime Act
806 VOICE – Voter Owned Iowa Clean Election
807 VRA - Voter Rights Act

808 809 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

810 811 **General Health**

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813 We support:

814 405. comprehensive, universal, single-payer healthcare for all, including but not
815 limited to:

816 a. reproductive health

- 817 b. acute/LTC/ALF, community-based services
- 818 c. wellness/prevention programs
- 819 d. addiction services
- 820 e. evidenced-based holistic/functional medicine/services
- 821 f. reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers equal to UCR
- 822 g. all brain disorders/injuries
- 823 h. affordable/no copay medications
- 824 i. evidence-based Compound/Natural medications
- 825 j. telemedicine
- 826 k. training/supplying first responders using Narcan/Naloxone
- 827 l. statewide EMS
- 828 m. transgender healthcare
- 829 n. medical/assistive-devices/vision/hearing/mental/dental
- 830 406. medical end-of-life options
- 831 407. rescheduling, expanding access to, medical cannabis
- 832 408. state EHR exchanges
- 833 409. healthcare staffing based on acuity/care-levels
- 834 410. increased funding NIH/NSF

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836 We oppose:

- 837 411. privatizing Medicaid
- 838 412. providing substandard/denying medical services due to religious/personal
- 839 bias
- 840 413. exemptions to ISAA
- 841 414. Medicaid block grants
- 842 415. restricting research on
- 843 a. stem-cells
- 844 b. gun violence
- 845 416. waiting lists for HCBS waivers
- 846 417. INCSL
- 847 418. discrimination against LGBTQIA+

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

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851 We support:

- 852 419. accessibility/accommodations for all
- 853 420. increasing inspections of troubled SNF/ALF/MIMR
- 854 421. fully funding:
- 855 a. OAA/LTCOP
- 856 b. dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care
- 857 c. elder-abuse prevention
- 858 d. AAA

- 859 e. full-spectrum continuing care, financial aid/legal assistance for abused
- 860 persons
- 861 f. VAWA
- 862 422. national database for convicted abusers
- 863 423. consumer representation on HHS review boards
- 864 424. training/support/tax credits for at-home caregivers
- 865 425. LTC coverage prior to hospitalization
- 866 426. 911/EMS responder abuse-recognition education/training

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868 **Children and Families**

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870 We support:

- 871 427. increasing inspections of childcare centers
- 872 428. fully funding:
 - 873 a. child welfare systems
 - 874 b. child/maternal/prenatal health programs
 - 875 c. preventing child abuse/neglect/obesity
 - 876 d. BASP
 - 877 e. CSRA/DPPA
 - 878 f. high-quality, subsidized childcare
 - 879 g. FSP
 - 880 h. youth/homeless shelters
 - 881 i. children's mental health system
 - 882 j. CHIP/HAWK-I
- 883 429. mandatory NCARs
- 884 430. SNAP/WIC expansion
- 885 431. background checks for childcare workers
- 886 432. gender-neutral parenting/custody/guardianship
- 887 433. kinship-care/foster-care parity
- 888 434. funding foster children through age 26
- 889 435. strengthening/expanding ASFA, DHS/Ombudsman in foster care

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891 We oppose:

- 892 436. non-medical exemptions to immunizations
- 893 437. sex-assignment surgeries at birth

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895 **Human Services**

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897 We support:

- 898 438. transitional programs from shelters/prisons-into-care, treatment, permanent
- 899 housing
- 900 439. Medicaid for all autistic individuals
- 901 440. contraceptives/abortion coverage

- 902 441. maintaining/strengthening HUD, SS, Medicare/Medicaid, Public
- 903 Transportation, disaster relief, safety-net programs
- 904 442. child/dependent-adult protective services meeting all standards/minimal
- 905 overtime
- 906 443. funding/organizing IEMS for standardized statewide coverage
- 907 444. GHS activities overseen by CDC
- 908 445. research/prevention/treatment addressing opioid epidemic including
- 909 Naloxone funding
- 910 446. equitable health insurance premiums
- 911 447. evidence-based medical cannabis education for medical providers
- 912 448. effective FDA drug-approval
- 913 449. vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions

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915 We oppose:

- 916 450. limiting medical malpractice/negligence claims

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918 **Mental Health**

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920 We support:

- 921 451. mental health parity/availability/affordability
- 922 452. restoring/expanding MHIs
- 923 453. funding:
 - 924 a. tobacco/substance-abuse treatment
 - 925 b. suicide awareness/prevention programs
- 926 454. jail diversion programs/courts
- 927 455. effective treatment length
- 928 456. mental health training/awareness for 911/first responders
- 929 457. sufficient funding for CMHCs
- 930 458. funding for emergency committal beds/transportation

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932 **Reproductive Rights and Family Planning**

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934 We support:

- 935 459. rights/choice of women/individuals to comprehensive reproductive healthcare
- 936 460. Roe vs. Wade
- 937 461. fully funding:
 - 938 a. comprehensive family planning programs/providers
 - 939 b. PP
 - 940 c. HIV/STD/STI/cancer testing/screening
- 941 462. free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools
- 942 463. regulating CPC
- 943 464. breastfeeding/lactation accommodations (not restrooms)
- 944 465. certified nurse midwives

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We oppose:

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466. restricting access to medically necessary abortions

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467. zygotic/embryonic/fetal personhood

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468. restricting accessing abortions using TRAP laws/harassment

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469. forced sterilization, castration, genital mutilation including default

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circumcision

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470. Fetal Heartbeat bill

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471. conversion therapy

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472. parental consent/notification for contraceptives/abortion for minors

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956 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

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AAA - Area Agency on Aging

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ALF – Assisted-Living Facilities

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ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act

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BASP - Before and After School Programs

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CDC - Centers for Disease Control

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CHIP - Children’s Health Insurance Program

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CMHCs – Community Mental Health Centers

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CPC - Crisis Pregnancy Centers

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CSRA - Child Support Recovery Act

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DHS - Department of Human Services

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DPPA - Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act

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EHR – Electronic Health Record

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EMS – Emergency Medical Services

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FDA – Food and Drug Administration

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FSP - Family Support Programs

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GHS – Global Health Services

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HAWK-I - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa

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HCBS - Home and Community Based Services

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HHS – Health and Human Services

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HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

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HUD – Housing and Urban Development

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IEMS - Iowa Emergency Medical Services

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INCSL - Iowa Non-Covered Services Law

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ISAA - Iowa Smoke-Free Air Act

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LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,

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Asexual/Agender, and Community

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LTC – Long-Term Care

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LTCOP - Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

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MC/MD - Medicare/Medicaid

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MHI – Mental Health Institutions

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MIMR – Mental Illness Mental Retardation

- 988 NCAR – National Child Abuse Registries
- 989 NIH – National Institutes of Health
- 990 NSF – National Science Foundation
- 991 OAA – Older Americans Act
- 992 PP - Planned Parenthood
- 993 SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- 994 SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities
- 995 SS - Social Security
- 996 STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease
- 997 STI - Sexually Transmitted Infection
- 998 TRAP - Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers
- 999 UCR – Usual and Customary Rates
- 1000 VAWA – Violence Against Women’s Act
- 1001 WIC – Women, Infants, and Children

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1003 **HUMAN RIGHTS**

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1005 We support:

- 1006 473. “Ban the Box”
- 1007 474. expanding domestic violence laws to include dating relationships
- 1008 475. laws promoting victims’ rights/safety
- 1009 476. funding agencies that address/resolve discrimination
- 1010 477. independent collection/public availability of policing data, increasing
- 1011 transparency/ending racial profiling
- 1012 478. human rights of all incarcerated including voting rights
- 1013 479. reviewing legal processes perpetuating disproportionate incarceration of
- 1014 POC/mandatory training about implicit bias in the justice system
- 1015 480. human rights of immigrants including due process/family
- 1016 preservation/pathway to citizenship
- 1017 481. sanctuary cities
- 1018 482. universal access to physical/mental healthcare/housing/living income/potable
- 1019 water
- 1020 483. equal rights of LGBTQIA+ residents in all areas
- 1021 484. strengthening education about implicit racial bias
- 1022 485. laws/policies affirming dignity/rights of vulnerable populations
- 1023 486. laws/policies providing safe/respectful workplaces
- 1024 487. all-gender restrooms
- 1025 488. strengthening laws/policies assisting people with disabilities
- 1026 489. requiring video/audio recording law enforcement during
- 1027 arrest/interrogation/public interactions and public access to recordings
- 1028 subject to victims’/informants’ rights
- 1029 490. rights of students to safe educational environments
- 1030 491. reproductive rights

- 1031 492. right to privacy
- 1032 493. U.S. following UDHR
- 1033 494. sovereign rights of indigenous people
- 1034 495. protection of all genders' rights from discrimination/harassment/retaliation
- 1035 496. reparations for African-Americans/Native Americans
- 1036 497. expanding Affirmative Action
- 1037 498. establishing US Commission on Human Rights
- 1038 499. expanding gender options, including opt-out, on government forms
- 1039 500. SSRA
- 1040 501. Federal/Iowa ERA
- 1041 502. Universal Habeas Corpus
- 1042 503. the rights of transgender and gender-nonconforming persons, including:
- 1043 a. adding gender identity to hate crimes legislation
- 1044 b. protections for transgender and gender-nonconforming persons in jails
- 1045 and prisons
- 1046 c. adding sexual orientation and gender identity to non-discrimination
- 1047 policies for foster care, adoption, and jury service
- 1048 d. making transgender and gender-nonconforming identity protected
- 1049 classes

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1051 **We oppose:**

- 1052 504. religious exemptions to anti-discrimination laws, including LGBTQIA+
- 1053 505. weakening policies/laws assisting people with disabilities in
- 1054 accessibility/education/employment
- 1055 506. local law enforcement performing immigration duties
- 1056 507. criminalization of addiction/drug use
- 1057 508. voter disenfranchisement through voter suppression/Voter
- 1058 ID/gerrymandering/citizenship question on census
- 1059 509. Stand-Your-Ground Laws except Castle Doctrine
- 1060 510. weakening separation of church and state
- 1061 511. insurance companies denying/limiting health coverage for any reason
- 1062 512. ageism
- 1063 513. drug testing for public assistance eligibility
- 1064 514. solitary confinement
- 1065 515. FOSTA-SESTA
- 1066 516. funding/staffing ICRC

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1068 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

- 1069 SESTA/FOSTA - Stop Enabling Sex Trafficking Act/ Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act
- 1070 ERA - Equal Rights Act
- 1071 UDHR - Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 1072 LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,
- 1073 Asexual/Agender, and Community

1074 SYGL - Stand-Your-Ground-Laws
1075 SSRA - System Safety Risk Assessment
1076 ICE - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
1077 ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross
1078 POC - People of Color

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1080 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

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1082 **Peace and Security**

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1084 We support:

- 1085 517. peaceful conflict resolution, normalized US diplomatic relations with all
- 1086 countries/multilateral solutions to international problems
- 1087 518. closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities
- 1088 519. federal court access for non-US detainees
- 1089 520. promoting human dignity, resolving global poverty, protecting clean air/water,
- 1090 improving education, and reducing hunger/disease
- 1091 521. eliminating WMDs
- 1092 522. territorial integrity of all nations including native American nations
- 1093 523. cultural/educational exchange programs
- 1094 524. maintaining present NATO security alliances
- 1095 525. gender equality/empowerment of women/gender minorities
- 1096 526. taking military action only with clear national defense goals/ informed
- 1097 Congressional consent/ international cooperation
- 1098 527. ending violence against women and sexual/gender minorities, including
- 1099 genital mutilation/honor killings/forced marriage/rape/property confiscation
- 1100 528. prosecuting human traffickers via ICC, protecting victims
- 1101 529. free/fair/open elections
- 1102 530. stricter enforcement of FARA
- 1103 531. repealing 2001, 2002 US AUMF
- 1104 532. treating POWs/enemy combatants humanely
- 1105 533. assisting refugees
- 1106 534. reforming the Pentagon's acquisition system, its funding levels and its
- 1107 allocation of funds

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1109 We oppose:

- 1110 535. economic exploitation
- 1111 536. racial/religious/sexual orientation/gender-identity persecution
- 1112 537. US-sponsored regime changes/ coups/juntas/unelected governments
- 1113 538. genocide
- 1114 539. ethnic cleansing
- 1115 540. terrorism
- 1116 541. imperialism

- 1117 542. preemptive military action
- 1118 543. military/financial support for oppressive regimes
- 1119 544. extra-legal/renditions/torture
- 1120 545. hybrid warfare
- 1121 546. election meddling

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1123 **Iran**

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1125 We support:

- 1126 547. diplomatic engagement
- 1127 548. a nuclear agreement

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1129 We oppose:

- 1130 549. offensive military action against Iran

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1132 **Israel/Palestine**

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1134 We support:

- 1135 550. equal human rights/health/welfare for Palestinians and Israelis
- 1136 551. right of return/just compensation for displaced Palestinians
- 1137 552. rights of BDS
- 1138 553. escrowing aid to Israel until Israel recognizes Palestine at 1966 borders
- 1139 554. Palestinian statehood/UN membership
- 1140 555. peaceful efforts to achieve separate secure Israeli and Palestinian states
- 1141 respecting the rights of all persons

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1143 We oppose:

- 1144 556. Israel Separation Barrier/settlement activities/moving the US Embassy to
- 1145 Jerusalem prior to final resolution and blockade of Gaza Strip
- 1146 557. Anti-Semitism/Islamophobia

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1148 **Afghanistan/Iraq/Syria**

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1150 We support:

- 1151 558. reconstruction and refugee resettlement
- 1152 559. resolving the Syrian conflict and providing humanitarian assistance
- 1153 560. US acceptance of 100,000 Syrian refugees annually

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1155 **Yemen**

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1157 We oppose:

- 1158 561. Saudi involvement in Yemen

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1160 **Ukraine**

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1162 We support:

1163 562. peaceful conflict resolution

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1165 We oppose:

1166 563. Russian territorial annexation

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1168 **Central and South America and the Caribbean**

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1170 We support:

1171 564. normalized relations with Cuba

1172 565. immediately closing WHINSEC

1173 566. investigating US government involvement in 2009 Honduras

1174 coup/subsequent activists' killings

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1176 We oppose:

1177 567. US border wall

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1179 **Rainforests**

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1181 We oppose:

1182 568. clear-cutting

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1184 **Africa**

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1186 We support:

1187 569. famine relief

1188 570. funding economic/agricultural development

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1190 **Asia**

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1192 We support:

1193 571. containing North Korea's nuclear weapons diplomatically

1194 572. peacefully resolving disputed Pacific islands

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1196 **China**

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1198 We oppose:

1199 573. artificial islands in South China Sea

1200 574. Chinese occupation of Tibet

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1202 **Development Assistance**

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1204 We support:

1205 575. culturally sensitive/non-exploitative foreign aid and fair trade agreements
1206 protecting human rights, public health, workers' rights, the environment
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1208 **United Nations**

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1210 We support:

1211 576. US participation in the UN and its agencies, full dues payment

1212 577. ATTCC ATT

1213 578. meeting SDG
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1215 **Treaties and Conventions**

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1217 We support:

1218 579. ratification and/or full participation in:

1219 a. UDHR

1220 b. ICESCR

1221 c. CEDAW

1222 d. CRC

1223 e. CTBT

1224 f. BWC

1225 g. Paris Climate Agreement Under the (UNFCCC)

1226 h. CWC

1227 i. UNCRRPD

1228 j. UNCLOS

1229 k. GFATM

1230 l. START

1231 m. RSICC

1232 n. NPT

1233 o. APMBC

1234 p. ICRW

1235 q. ICJ

1236 r. HRC

1237 s. US Action Plan on UNSCR 1325

1238 t. CCM

1239 u. OPCAT

1240 v. ICPPED

1241 w. Mine Ban Treaty

1242 x. IBHR
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1244 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 1245 APMBC – Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
- 1246 ATT ATTCC – Arms Trade Transfer Code of Conduct
- 1247 AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force
- 1248 BDS – Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions
- 1249 BWC – Biological Weapons Convention/1925 Geneva Protocol
- 1250 CCM – Convention on Cluster Munitions
- 1251 CEDAW – Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against
- 1252 Women
- 1253 CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child CTBT – Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-
- 1254 Ban Treaty CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention.
- 1255 GFATM – Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- 1256 HRC – Human Rights Council
- 1257 IBHR – International Bill of Human Rights
- 1258 ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 1259 ICJ – International Court of Justice
- 1260 ICPPED – International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced
- 1261 Disappearance.
- 1262 ICRW – International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
- 1263 ISIL – The Islamic State of Syria and the Levant
- 1264 FARA – Foreign Agents Registration Act
- 1265 MENA – Middle East and North Africa
- 1266 NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 1267 NPT – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- 1268 OPCAT – Optional Protocol to the Convention on Torture
- 1269 RSICC – Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- 1270 SDG – Sustainable Development Goals
- 1271 START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
- 1272 UDHR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 1273 UNCLOS – United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- 1274 UNCRPD – United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- 1275 UNFCCC – 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 1276 UNSCR 1325 – UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and
- 1277 Security
- 1278 WHINSEC WHISC – Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, the
- 1279 Guantanamo detention facility
- 1280 WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction

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1282 **VETERANS AND MILITARY**

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1284 We support:

- 1285 580. investigation/prosecution of sexual assault/harassment in civilian courts
- 1286 581. full-service VA healthcare for LGBTQIA+
- 1287 582. rigorous oversight of VA hospitals

- 1288 583. increased funding/access to mental health services
- 1289 584. requiring VA payment for veterans' medical care when VA providers are > 30
- 1290 driving miles or the wait for services is > 30 days
- 1291 585. requiring VA physicians to inform/offer patients all potential treatments
- 1292 including cannabis
- 1293 586. 24-hour holds for suicidal veterans at VA facilities
- 1294 587. removing time limits for accessing GI-Bill/educational benefits
- 1295 588. increasing Veteran housing
- 1296 589. policies/funding, VA/VHA for rural/urban Iowa, employment assistance
- 1297 590. National Guard Education Assistance Benefits for Summer School
- 1298 591. citizenship for honorable service/discharges including deportees
- 1299 592. adequate funding for troop training/logistics/support

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1301 We oppose:

- 1302 593. privatization of VA hospitals/medical services
- 1303 594. using mercenaries/private military companies
- 1304 595. denying VA benefits for THC use
- 1305 596. stopping VA disability benefits if receiving SS
- 1306 597. trans-ban

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1308 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

1309 LEO - Law Enforcement Officer

1310 LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,
1311 Asexual/Agender, and Community

1312 SS - Social Security