

# 2018 FOURTH DISTRICT PLATFORM

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We the People of the Democratic Party of Iowa affirm the following as the principles and foundations of our political platform:

We stood with the military and our veterans in war and peace.

We stand with them now and honor their service.

We stood for the right of all people to be treated fairly and equally under the laws of this nation.

We condemn all forms of discrimination based on age, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, disability, sex, gender identity, and country of origin.

Whenever the rights of any of our citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional and civil rights.

We stand as the party for all people.

We stood with the working people of this country when they were exploited.

We stand with them now for their right to organize, to achieve fair wages, a safe workplace and fair benefits.

We stood by minorities, the disadvantaged, the powerless and the poor throughout our party's history.

We stand with them now, in opposing legislation that has a disproportionate adverse impact on minorities, the disadvantaged, the powerless and the poor.

We stood by families in their pursuit of well-being.

We stand with them now in their desire to become healthy, educated, and contributing citizens and we support the freedom to choose family planning.

We stood by the elderly when they were forgotten.

We stand by them now in their need for dignity, income and health-care security.

We stood by independent farmers and small businesses when they faced hard times.

We stand with them now in their pursuit of prosperity and economic security.

We stood with parents, students, and educators to make education a top priority.

29 We stand with them now in their quest to achieve high standards. We support adequate,  
30 equitable, and stable funding sources across school districts. We support free and open access to  
31 knowledge and information. We oppose attempts to distort science or health education.

32 We stood by the people of the earth in working for a clean environment.

33 We stand strongly with them now to achieve a quality, responsible, and sustainable existence in  
34 balance with nature, and the increased use of sustainable energy sources.

35 We support an individual's right to privacy. We support criminal justice reform and adequate  
36 legal representation. We believe in and will continue to work for a truly representative  
37 government that works for the good of ALL people in a compassionate, progressive, responsible,  
38 and fair way that works to achieve peace, prosperity, and a national outlook of confidence and  
39 hope.

40 We look forward to the day when all borders are open to the free exchange of people and ideas.  
41 We stood with people all over the world demanding freedom, justice, and opportunity. We stand  
42 with them now, applauding peaceful progress. We believe that U.S. foreign policy should be one  
43 of genuine cooperation in global solutions for international problems. We endorse efforts to  
44 defend the equality of rights for all persons.

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## STATEMENT OF ISSUES

### AGRICULTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

#### AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

**We support:**

- Legalizing hemp;
- Environmentally responsible farming practices;
- Regenerative agriculture, algae, aquaponics, companion cropping, and other alternative agricultural practices;
- Local, sustainable, organic food systems;
- Diversified agriculture that grows our rural economies;
- Lower crop insurance income caps for subsidy eligibility;
- Anti-trust regulation of seed supply, food production, and processing;
- Restricting pollinator threatening pesticides;
- Enforcing pesticide drift laws;

**We oppose:**

- Vertical integration;
- Subsidizing large agribusiness;

#### LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

**We support:**

- Weight based licensing for commercial manure application;
- Mandatory nutrient management reduction strategies;
- Reasonable CAFO regulation and supervision;
- A CAFO moratorium until there are fewer than 100 impaired waterways or local control;
- Locally controlled CAFO siting;

69 Strengthening the Master Matrix;  
70 Site-specific permits with public notice and comment for all livestock operations;  
71 Financial penalties for permit violations.

72 **We oppose:**

73 Ag-Gag laws.

74 **FOOD POLICY**

75 **We support:**

76 A Farm-to-Plate bill;  
77 Increasing SNAP benefits.

78 **We oppose:**

79 Drug testing SNAP applicants;

80 **ENERGY**

81 **We support:**

82 Reducing fossil fuel extraction and consumption;  
83 Long term extension of the Production Tax Credit;  
84 100% renewable energy by 2030;

85 **ENVIRONMENT**

86 **We support:**

87 Carbon fee and dividend;  
88 Reducing atmospheric CO2 to 350 ppm;  
89 Emphasizing research and implementation of carbon retention and sequestration;  
90 Reducing waste by regulating packaging and promoting recycling;  
91 Fully implementing the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

92 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**  
93 CAFO – Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation  
94 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

95 **ECONOMY, COMMERCE AND LABOR**

96 **WORKERS RIGHTS AND SAFETY**

97 **We support:**

98 Worker’s right to choose medical providers;

99 Public and private workers’ right to strike while maintaining essential services;

100 Non-restroom workplace lactation rooms;

101 Non-punitive paid family, medical, and parental leave;

102 Stronger protections against wage theft and worker misclassification;

103 Restricting employer access to their employee’s Internet presence;

104 **UNEMPLOYMENT**

105 **We support:**

106 Reauthorizing long term unemployment benefits;

107 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

108 **We support:**

109 Entrepreneurship, innovation and investing in Iowans;

110 Full disclosure of competing/conflicting interests in financial transactions;

111 Increased enforcement and expansion of antitrust laws;

112 Reliable, affordable, statewide high-speed broadband and mobile device access;

113 Additional reform to prevent “too big to fail”;

114 Effective regulation and enforcement of financial speculation and high-frequency trading;

115 **LIVING WAGE**

116 **We support:**

- 117 Raising the minimum wage, raised yearly with CPI;
- 118 The rights of municipalities to establish a living wage;
- 119 A COLA for publicly funded retirement programs, making them fully retroactive over a 5-year
- 120 period;
- 121 Repealing right to work laws;
- 122 Protecting IPERS and other public employee retirement systems;
- 123 Restoring Chapter 20;
- 124 Expanding collective bargaining rights;
- 125 Fair share;
- 126 Tipped workers receiving full minimum wage;
- 127 Prevailing wages on all projects receiving public funds;
- 128 Increasing Iowa's earned income tax credit;
- 129 The rights of all Democratic Party staffers and interns to unionize;
- 130 Universal Basic Income;

131 **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

132 **We support:**

- 133 Expansion of mass transportation;

134 **BUDGET AND TAXATION**

135 **We support:**

- 136 Annual evaluation of tax credits;
- 137 A more progressive corporate, personal income, estate and capital gains taxes structure;
- 138 Eliminating offshore tax shelters;
- 139 Eliminating tax incentives for outsourcing jobs overseas;

140 Employee wages and benefits having priority in bankruptcy or work-site closures;

141 Eliminating the social security taxable wage cap;

142 **We oppose:**

143 Privatization of government services;

144 Reducing the social safety net.

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146 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

147 CPI – Consumer Price Index

148 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

149 IPERS – Iowa Public Employees Retirement System

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**EDUCATION**

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**POLICIES TO ENHANCE LEARNING AND EDUCATING**

152 **We Support:**

153 Civics education;

154 Empirically-based education;

155 High quality STEAM, English literacy, physical education and foreign language education;

156 Dual-credit classes;

157 Public online education;

158 No-cost Drivers' Education;

159 Mandatory status for librarians, nurses and counselors;

160 Effective student/teacher ratios;

161 More multicultural educators;

162 Multi-cultural competency training for school personnel;

163 Master teachers in the classroom;

164 Student/counselor ratios per ASCA guidelines;

- 165 Educator developed multiple methodologies for assessing student and school personnel  
166 performance;
- 167 Voluntary age-appropriate, accurate sexual health education including diversity of gender  
168 identities and sexualities;
- 169 Age-appropriate mental health education for all;
- 170 Age-appropriate financial planning instruction;
- 171 Mediation and restorative justice for discipline and anti-bullying programs;
- 172 Eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies;
- 173 Eliminating de-facto school segregation;
- 174 Suspensions/expulsions/criminal referrals as a last resort;
- 175 Increased training to recognize child mental disorders or abuse;
- 176 Non-violent problem solving programs for at-risk youth;
- 177 Zero tolerance for rape/sexual assault;
- 178 Collaborative decision-making by all stake holders;
- 179 Before/after school programs with healthy, free, meals for all;
- 180 Schools using locally sourced food;
- 181 Universal preschool;
- 182 Yearly testing ensuring home and private school students meet Iowa Core Curriculum standards;
- 183 Mandatory registration for home and private school students with their local school district;
- 184 Staggered terms for school boards;
- 185 **We Oppose:**
- 186 Retention of non-proficient 3rd graders;
- 187 Treating education as a for-profit enterprise;
- 188 Distorting science and health education;



189 Arming teachers;

190 **FUNDING OUR FUTURE**

191 **We Support:**

192 Increased funding for all mandated and special programs;

193 Substantially increased funding for community colleges and regent universities;

194 Tuition-free public community colleges/vocational training;

195 Proportionate compensation for adjunct educators;

196 Increased tax credits for teaching materials educators purchase;

197 Requiring state governments to use cash reserves to fully fund allowable growth in public  
198 schools;

199 Fair school funding formulas for rural districts;

200 Property tax reforms adequately funding schools with a minimum 4% annual SSA growth rate;

201 Full Perkins funding of Career and Technical education;

202 Funding top-quality and meaningful professional development for teachers and staff;

203 Pell grants for inmates;

204 Retroactive relief for student debt;

205 Community service student debt repayment;

206 Renegotiable student loans;

207 Returning standard consumer protections to all student loans;

208 Separating marital status from student loan repayment;

209 Tying guaranteed student loan interest rates to the 10-year treasury rate;

210 Loan forgiveness for students staying and working in Iowa;

211 100% tax-deductible interest on Post-Secondary Loans;

212 Expanding and increased funding for the Iowa Tuition Grant to include public institutions;

- 213 Expanding grants and debt-free options for higher education;
- 214 Affordable masters, doctoral and professional programs;
- 215 Apprenticeship programs in higher education and trades;
- 216 Increased college tuition assistance for working and middle-class families;
- 217 Strongly regulating accreditation, credit transferability and disclosure of costs for all for-profit  
218 schools;
- 219 Investing resources in underperforming public schools;
- 220 Funding all TRIO Programs;
- 221 Fully funding AEAs;
- 222 **We Oppose:**
- 223 Using public monies to fund private and for-profit K-12 schools;
- 224 Secondary Markets for Student loans;
- 225 Reforms to Iowa’s education system based on “business principles”;
- 226 Manipulating the party balance of the Iowa Board of Regents;

227 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

- 228 AEA – Area Education Agency
- 229 DE – Department of Education
- 230 ELL – English Language Learners
- 231 ESL – English as a Second Language
- 232 ESP – Education Support Professionals
- 233 SAVE – Secure an Advanced Vision for Education
- 234 SPED – Special Education
- 235 SSA – Iowa legislature: Supplemental State Aid to education
- 236 STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
- 237 STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics
- 238 TAG – Talented and Gifted
- 239 TRIO – Educational Talent Search (ETS), Classic Upward Bound (CUB), Veterans  
240 Upward Bound (VUB), Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS), Student Support  
241 Services (SSS), Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), Training Grant (for Special  
242 Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel (TR)).

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**GOVERNMENT & LAW**

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## ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

247 The Democratic Party is committed to full participation by all Americans in their government  
248 and the democratic process

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### **We Support:**

251 Requiring transparency of all political activities funding;

252 A Constitutional Amendment overturning “Citizens United”;

253 Improving the Caucus System;

254 Voting systems requiring a paper trail and open-source software;

255 Enabling voter participation including alternative voting systems;

256 Iowa First in Nation Status;

257 VOICE and Fair Elections Now Act;

258 Popular vote for President;

259 Abolishing Super Delegates;

260 Non-partisan redistricting systems;

261 Recall mechanism;

262 Limiting campaigning time;

263 Iowa Caucus Presidential candidates providing their last three year’s tax returns;

264 Campaign and debate processes that include third-party candidates;

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### **We Oppose:**

267 Voter suppression efforts;

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## CIVIL RIGHTS

### **We Support:**

270 Legislation, organizations and movements that fight for equal rights and social justice;

271 Equal rights and access to facilities for all Iowans;

- 272 Removing gender/sex from all government forms;
- 273 Ban The Box (Employers removing from their hiring applications the check box that asks if
- 274 applicants have a criminal record);
- 275 Separation of Church & State;
- 276 Legislation and funding promoting safe, accessible public spaces;
- 277 Habeas Corpus;
- 278 Community Policing;
- 279 DOJ investigation of police custody deaths;
- 280 Renaming Columbus Day;
- 281 Puerto Rico's right to declare bankruptcy;
- 282 Statehood for Washington DC and Puerto Rico;
- 283 Pro-family policies regardless of marital status, gender or sexual orientation;
- 284 Setting a minimum marriage age;

285 **We Oppose:**

- 286 Religious exemptions from anti-discrimination laws;
- 287 Warrantless Governmental surveillance;
- 288 Eminent domain for private profit;
- 289 Presidential self-pardons;
- 290 Subversion of Civil rights;

291 **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

292 **We Support:**

- 293 Ending predatory lending and corrupt banking practices;
- 294 Reinstating Glass/Steagall;
- 295 The CPFEB;

296 Eliminating corporate tax loopholes;  
297 Stronger corporate malfeasance penalties;  
298 Foreclosure safety net;  
299 Protecting intellectual property rights;  
300 GDPR-level PII data protection for US citizens;

301 **We Oppose:**

302 Limiting access to the courts;  
303 Unfunded mandates;  
304 “Pork-Belly Amendments”;

305 **TAXES AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

306 **We Support:**

307 Strengthening and expanding Social Security;  
308 Prohibiting diversion of SS funds to general funds;  
309 Progressive Taxation;  
310 Closing the Carried Interest loophole;  
311 Enacting the Stop the Corporate Inversions Act;  
312 Restoring TIF’s original purpose;  
313 Taxing high-frequency trading;  
314 Penalizing large employers whose employees are eligible for public assistance;  
315 Increasing/expanding EIC;  
316 Wall Street’s Fair Share Act;  
317 Repealing the 2017 Tax and Jobs Act;  
318 A COLA for SSDI;

319 **We Oppose:**

320 Raising the retirement age;

321 Taxation of unemployment, workers' compensation, disability and SS benefits;

322 Corporate welfare;

323 Tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs;

324 **GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

325 **We Support:**

326 Timely Supreme Court nomination hearings;

327 SCOTUS following the Federal Judicial code of conduct;

328 Reinstating 'Art in Public Buildings' funding;

329 Local and international food aid programs meeting all people's essential needs;

330 Funding the Division of Tobacco Use and Control to support education, prevention, and  
331 enforcement;

332 Restoring funding for state historical digitizing Iowa newspapers;

333 Hiring a strong consumer protectionist to head the CFPB;

334 Reopening the CFPB's Equifax probe;

335 The US Postal Service offering low-cost basic banking services;

336 Indexing Congressional annual pay-raises to SS COLA;

337 Establishing a State Bank of Iowa;

338 **We Oppose:**

339 Using taxpayer money to settle sexual harassment suits;

340 Nondisclosure agreements;

341 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

342 **We Support:**

343 Treating non-violent/minor drug offenses as a public health, not a criminal issue;  
344 Criminal justice reform focused on rehabilitation not punishment;  
345 Legalizing cannabis;  
346 Raising wages for incarcerated persons;  
347 State/Federal Supreme Court retroactivity in criminal cases;  
348 Reforming civil and criminal forfeiture laws;  
349 The Whistleblower's Act;  
350 Iowa's system of judge selection;  
351 Eliminating civil and criminal statutes of limitations on child abuse and sexual abuse cases;  
352 Fully funding Iowa's judicial System;  
353 Funding:  
354       Violence Against Women Act;  
355       Victims' Services;  
356 Identifying and treating human trafficking victims;  
357 Aggressive law enforcement efforts to prevent human trafficking including providing adequate  
358 funding for treatment and public education;  
359 De-escalation instead of use-of-force;  
360 Prosecuting "white-collar" crime;  
361 Classifying attacks on abortion clinics/providers as domestic terrorism;  
362 **We Oppose:**  
363 Militarization of law enforcement;  
364 Privatized prisons;  
365 Defendant reimbursement for court appointed representation;  
366 The death penalty;  
367 Housing discrimination against ex-offenders;

368 SESTA/FOSTA;

369 **IMMIGRATION**

370 **We Support:**

371 Comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship;

372 The DREAM Act;

373 Due process regardless of citizenship/immigration status;

374 Requiring & funding legal representation for immigrants, minors & guest workers;

375 Applying fair labor laws to all persons;

376 Driver's license availability for qualified individuals regardless of immigration status;

377 Expediting backlogs for permanent residency, prioritizing family unity;

378 Aligning immigration laws and enforcement with humanitarian values;

379 **We Oppose:**

380 Abrogating birthright citizenship;

381 Payments to Mexico to deter Central American immigrants;

382 Local enforcement of federal immigration laws;

383 **MILITARY AND VETERANS**

384 **We Support:**

385 Expanding the VA Office of Rural Health to include all veterans;

386 Policies and funding for VA and VHA so that all veterans have:

387 resources to acquire further education;

388 assistance in finding employment;

389 expanded VA services from local providers;

390 Expedited VA services;

391 Investigation/prosecution of sexual assault/harassment cases in civilian courts;

392 Adequate family assistance during extended active service duty for Reserve components;



393 Living wage for active personnel;

394 Veteran's business startups;

395 Expanding USERRA;

396 **We Oppose:**

397 FISA;

398 USA Freedom Act;

399 Private Military Companies;

400 **PUBLIC SAFETY**

401 **We Support:**

402 A comprehensive NICS;

403 Common sense gun regulation and responsible gun ownership;

404 Gun buybacks;

405 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET**

406 **We Support:**

407 A free and fair press;

408 Net neutrality;

409 Adequate funding for independent public broadcasting;

410 News outlets not naming a winner until all polls close;

411 **We Oppose:**

412 The Sinclair merger/media monopolies;

413 Internet censorship;

414 Social networking identification/password as condition entering the United States;

415 **TRANSPORTATION**

416 **We Support:**

417 Crash-prevention engineering;

418 High-speed rail;

419 Expanding rural transportation options.

420 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

421 CFPB – Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

422 COLA – Cost of Living Allowance

423 DOJ – Department of Justice

424 DREAM – Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act

425 EIC – Earned Income Credit

426 FISA – Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

427 GDPR- General Data Protection Regulation

428 NICS - National Instant Criminal Background Check System

429 PII – Personally Identifiable Information

430 SCOTUS – Supreme Court Of The United States

431 SESTA/FOSTA – Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act/Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act

432 SS – Social Security

433 SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance

434 TIF – Tax Increment Financing

435 USERRA – Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

436 VA – Veterans Administration

437 VHA – Veterans Health Administration

438 VOICE – Voter Owned Iowa Clean Election

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**GENERAL HEALTHCARE, REIMBURSEMENT AND COVERAGE**

443 **We Support:**

444 A Medicare-for-All public, comprehensive healthcare system;

445 Insurance reimbursement for healthcare services for facilities such as wellness centers and  
446 private gyms;

447 Insurance parity for all evidence-based medicine;

448 Increased research/treatment for chronic diseases;

449 Income based subsidized non-emergency medical transportation;

450 Medical Marijuana;

451 Complete cost transparency for patients and providers;

452 Medicare/Medicaid negotiating prices;

453 First responders/EMS as essential services;

454 Medicare coverage of hearing, vision, dental, medically necessary products and LTC;

455 ACA consumer's ability to opt into Medicaid;

456 Remove for-profit MCO's from Medicaid;

457 A secure, portable digital personal medical information system;

458 Long-term studies of GMO health effects;

459 FDA regulation of vitamins/supplements;

460 Diversity training for healthcare providers;

461 Re-importation of medications;

462 Science-based methodology for funding healthcare research;

463 Increased funding for

464 Evidence-based preventative healthcare;

465 Stem Cell research;

466 Domestic violence/sexual abuse prevention, shelters and programs;

467 Radon testing;

468 **We Oppose:**

469 Pharmaceutical advertising;

470 Medicare/Medicaid vouchers and block grants;

471 Medicare/Medicaid privatization;

472 Anti-trust exemption for health insurance companies;

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474 **MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS**

475 **We Support:**

- 476 Restoring and expanding Iowa's MHI's;
- 477 Mental health training for 911, EMS and first responders;
- 478 Insurance coverage for tele-medicine;
- 479 Mental health and substance abuse courts;
- 480 Mental health parity;
- 481 Eating disorders coverage;
- 482 De-stigmatizing mental illness;
- 483 Jail diversion programs;
- 484 Increased funding for:
  - 485 Mental health and substance abuse services, treatment and rehabilitation;
  - 486 Emergency committals beds;
  - 487 Incentives to attract mental health professionals;

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## **AGING AND DISABILITIES**

- 490 **We Support:**
- 491 LTC insurance coverage without a prior hospitalization requirement;
- 492 In-home and community-based services;
- 493 Training and support for caregivers and family members;
- 494 Caregiver tax credits;
- 495 Increasing LTC inspectors and Ombudsmen;
- 496 Timely state inspections of LTC facilities and paid in-home care providers;
- 497 Meaningful penalties for violating laws/regulations protecting patients;
- 498 Increased ADA compliance;
- 499 Consumer representation on HHS review boards;
- 500 Federal Death with Dignity Act banning insurance exclusions;
- 501 Increased funding for:

502 Older Americans Act (OAA);  
503 Dementia research on prevention, expanded diagnosis and support services;  
504 Elder-abuse prevention;

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## 506 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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### 508 **We Support:**

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510 Preventative health and development programs, pre-natal to age 26;

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512 Raising income eligibility levels for child assistance programs;

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514 Kinship-care and foster-care parity;

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516 A state-run facility for adjudicated minor females, with improved treatment;

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518 Family-friendly shelters;

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520 WIC expansion;

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522 Gender-neutral guardianship policies;

523 Repealing Iowa Code sections:

524 232.68(4)(c);

525 139A.8(4)(a)(2);

526 237A.1(3)(b);

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528 Increased funding for:

529 Child welfare and protective services;

530 Juvenile mental health;

531 DHS, CASA, and the juvenile court system;

532 Training, licensure and oversight of childcare providers;

533 Before and after-school activities;

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### 535 **We Oppose:**

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537 Home schooling for foster and subsidized adopted children;

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## 539 REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND FAMILY PLANNING

### 540 **We Support:**

541 The right of all persons to make their own reproductive choices;

542 Funding Planned Parenthood;

543 Student access to barrier-based contraceptives in public schools;  
544 Breastfeeding/lactation rooms in work places and public facilities;  
545 Certified Nurse Midwives care;  
546 Free medically supervised contraception;  
547 Financial and pre-natal support for women planning to have their child adopted out;  
548 Requiring pharmacists fill all family-planning prescriptions;

549 **We Oppose:**

550 Limiting access to reproductive health, abortion facilities and providers;  
551 Iowa's Fetal Heartbeat bill;  
552 Forced sterilization, castration and genital mutilation;

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**LGBTQQIA\* HEALTH**

555 **We Support:**

556 Requiring coverage of all physician prescribed gender-affirming therapies;  
557 Placing foster youth according to their gender identity;  
558 Option of "no sex" selection on birth records;

559 **We Oppose:**

560 Conversion therapies;  
561 Surgical gender assignment at birth;

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**ECONOMIC SECURITY**

564 **We support:**

565 Increased funding for:  
566 Non-discretionary food assistance programs;  
567 Transitional programs from shelters and prisons into care, treatment and permanent housing;  
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## VETERANS HEALTH

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### **We support:**

- Free public health care for all Veterans;
- Timely and appropriate medical and mental health coverage for veterans and their families;
- VA mobile units for specialized services;
- Full VA medical benefits for all reserve components;
- Expanding the Injured Veterans Grant Program;
- Medical care at local facilities;
- Official recognition for Veterans exposed to chemical agents;
- Programs for:
  - Mental health/family counseling;
  - Substance abuse treatment;
  - Suicide prevention;
  - Non-traditional therapies;
  - Prosthetic use and care;

### **We Oppose:**

- VA privatization.

### **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

- ACA – Affordable Care Act
- ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
- CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate
- DHS – Department of Human Services
- EMS – Emergency Medical Service
- FDA – Food and Drug Administration
- GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
- LGBTQQIA\* - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Ally Community
- LTC – Long Term Care
- MCO – Managed Care Organization
- MHI – Mental Health Institute
- VA – Veterans Administration
- WIC – Women Infant and Children
- 232.68(4)(c) - Grants exemptions of compliance with generally-applicable regulation of child care

614 facilities to certain church-affiliated child care programs  
615 139A.8(4)(a)(2) – Grants a religious exemption to prosecution of parents and guardians found  
616 responsible for child abuse and/or neglect as a result of a sincerely held religious belief  
617 237A.1(3)(b) – Grants a religious exemption for immunization requirements for children  
618 attending public K-12 schools and licensed child care centers.

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## 622 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### 623 **We support:**

- 624 Protecting the US from terrorist attack without suppressing basic human and civil rights;
- 625 Never facilitating or sanctioning torture;
- 626 Restricting trade with nations that allow child or slave labor;
- 627 Ending military aid to governments violating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- 628 Assisting refugees on humanitarian grounds not religious tests;
- 629 Diplomatic resolution of conflicts;
- 630 Diplomacy and international cooperation as the primary means of enhancing US security;
- 631 Ending genocide and human rights violations as defined by the International Human Rights  
632 Convention;
- 633 Understanding climate change is an international security threat;
- 634 Complying with the Paris Climate Accord;
- 635 The right to exist as part of a tribe or ethnic group while maintaining cultural identity;
- 636 Ratification of the UN conventions on:
  - 637 Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women;
  - 638 The Rights of Children;
  - 639 The International Criminal Court;
  - 640 The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;
- 641 LGBTQQIA\* rights;



- 642 Eliminating nuclear weapons;
- 643 Renegotiating trade agreements to FLO International trade standards;
- 644 **We Oppose:**
- 645 Undermining US intelligence and security agencies by partisan politics;
- 646 A US Border wall;
- 647 Subverting democratic principles and processes in the name of national security;
- 648 Racial, religious or ethnic profiling;
- 649 Nations interfering in other nations' elections;
- 650 US support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

651 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

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653 FLO – Fairtrade Labelling Organization International

654 LGBTQQIA\* - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex,

655 Asexual/Ally Community

656 UN – United Nations

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