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# 2018 Iowa Second Congressional District Democratic Party Platform

## Statement of Principles

1. We believe the purpose of government is to act on behalf of the public good, to create and execute policies and laws that promote and protect everyone's human rights equally, to protect our shared environment, to promote justice, safety and security and to oversee the equitable distribution of resources, affording all citizens the opportunity to attain their highest level of social, cultural, economic, mental and physical well-being.
2. We value diversity. We are committed to the inclusion and full participation of diverse populations in our society, in the Democratic Party and in the democratic processes of government regardless of status within any protected class such as age, race, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical characteristics, associational preference, ethnicity, disability, illness or language.
3. We affirm our commitment to social and economic justice. Whenever the rights of any of our citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, to preserve, protect and secure basic human rights, civil rights and civil liberties.
4. We believe in a society in which fairness and community are guiding values, where every person has an equal opportunity.
5. We believe the family, whether traditional or non-traditional, should be sustained and enhanced. We share, through government, the responsibility to assist those families who cannot adequately provide for their members.
6. We believe a full and rewarding life includes access to, and the opportunity to participate in and support the arts and humanities.
7. We reaffirm the separation of church and state.
8. We support military/veterans care.
9. We support candidates running as Democrats in the Iowa Second Congressional District who adhere to this Democratic Platform.
10. We demand that our governing bodies develop policies promoting sound energy practices, permanently protecting our environment, and addressing the problems of global warming. We cherish our land and family farms and deplore the concentration of food production in the hands of a few corporations. We recognize the fundamental right of all peoples to safe and healthy food sustainably produced.
11. We believe a healthy American economy depends on the dignity with which the American worker is treated. We affirm the right of all workers to bargain collectively and support organized labor. A sustainable economy and job growth depend on a positive climate for small business development. We support a progressive system of taxation.

- 53 12. An informed citizenry is essential for a democratic society. We are strongly committed to  
54 free public education and providing accessible, affordable, and lifelong quality education to  
55 all at all educational levels.
- 56 13. We are committed to honest and open government. The complexities of crime and violence  
57 demonstrate the need for multifaceted solutions involving legislation, education, community  
58 action, and personal responsibility.
- 59 14. We believe all people have a right to accessible, affordable, quality health care and the  
60 benefits of continued medical research.
- 61 15. We affirm the ideal of a world in which all peoples live peacefully with tolerance and good  
62 will toward others. United States foreign and domestic policy decisions should promote that  
63 ideal.

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## Statement of Issues

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### Labor, Economy, Commerce

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#### Workers' Rights

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##### We support

- 68 16. Raising minimum wage to \$15 per hour, regularly indexed to COL.
- 69 17. Local municipal control of minimum wage raises.
- 70 18. The rights of all employees to benefits including minimum 3-weeks paid vacation, 9  
71 months of paid parental leave, sick leave, and health insurance.
- 72 19. Making all forms of wage theft and pension theft illegal with penalties and support to  
73 enforce the law.
- 74 20. Equal pay for equal work.
- 75 21. Banning employers from inquiring about salary history.
- 76 22. Laws requiring temporary employees employed over 90 days become a regular  
77 employee with benefits.
- 78 23. State prevailing wage on construction projects.

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##### We oppose

- 80 24. Employment-at-will.

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## Collective Bargaining

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### We support

- 83 25. Reinstating/expanding chapter 20 protections for public workers.
- 84 26. Maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan, increasing funding, and allowing public
- 85 buy-in.
- 86 27. Majority sign-up.
- 87 28. Employee Free Choice Act.
- 88 29. Making the hiring of replacement workers during a labor dispute illegal.

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### We oppose

- 90 30. Exploitation of prison labor.
- 91 31. Right-to-work.

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## Social Benefits Programs

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### We support

- 94 32. Expanding SBP benefits.
- 95 33. Fully funding SBP.
- 96 34. Public control of SBP.

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### We Oppose

- 98 35. FICA tax cap.

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## Wealth/Corporations/Taxation

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### We support

- 101 36. A democracy free from the corruption and influence of concentrated wealth.
- 102 37. A fair and just tax code that includes progressive taxation of capital, increasing the top
- 103 marginal tax rate, and closing tax loopholes.
- 104 38. Tax audits of high income earners above \$300,000 and large corporations.
- 105 39. Estate tax on estates of \$2.5 million or more.
- 106 40. Increasing the earned income and dependents' tax exemptions.
- 107 41. Property tax credits that benefit low-income, veterans, elderly and disabled people.
- 108 42. Tax credits for renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- 109 43. The use of PLA by local and state governments.
- 110 44. Requiring satisfactory contractor safety records for bid submission on government
- 111 contracts.

112 45. Reforming tax laws that allow people to sell real estate and then reinvest in farmland to  
113 avoid paying taxes.

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We oppose

115 46. Tax incentives/loopholes which subsidize the export of jobs/profit.

116 47. All forms of corporate welfare, including tax incentives and breaks to large corporations.

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## Banking/Finance

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We support

119 48. Breaking up “too-big-to-fail” banks.

120 49. USPS Postal banking.

121 50. Matching student loan interest rates with LIBOR.

122 51. Banning predatory lending practices.

123 52. Community lending, chartered banks, and credit unions.

124 53. We support a 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act.

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We oppose

126 54. Tax hikes on credit unions.

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## Health and Human Services

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### Health

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We support

130 55. Comprehensive, universal, single-payer healthcare for all, including but not limited to:

131 a. Reproductive health services,

132 b. Acute/LTC, community-based services,

133 c. Wellness/prevention programs,

134 d. Chemical dependency services,

135 e. Evidenced-based holistic/functional medicine/services.

136 f. Reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers equal to UCR,

137 g. Fully funding care and non-discriminatory treatment of all brain disorders/injuries,

138 h. Affordable or no copay medications,

139 i. Evidence-based Compound/Natural medications, Telemedicine,

140 j. Narcan/Naloxone for 911 responders,

141 k. Eliminating waiting lists for HCBS waivers,

142 l. Fully funded, statewide EMS Services,

143 m. Transgender healthcare.

- 144 n. Medical and assistive devices, vision, and dental.  
145 56. We support low barrier access to clean needles through a harm reduction-based  
146 program.  
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#### We oppose

- 148 57. Any compromise to single-payer.  
149 58. Privatization of Medicare/Medicaid.

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### Mental Health

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#### We support

- 152 59. Mental Health services for all.  
153 60. Fully funding jail diversion programs.  
154 61. Restoring/expanding MHI, regionally located.  
155 62. Sufficient funding for CMHC.  
156 63. Wellness programs/centers.  
157 64. Suicide awareness/prevention programs.  
158 65. Mental health training/awareness for 911/EMS responders and law enforcement.

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### Aging and Disabilities

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#### We support

- 161 66. Reauthorization of the OAA.  
162 67. Fully funded HCBS, VRS and service/therapy animals.  
163 68. Mandatory substantive training for caregivers/family, with compensation.  
164 69. Consumer representation on health/human services review boards.  
165 70. Family/community support services, including transportation.  
166 71. Expanding program flexibility/funding to permit home living choices and maintenance.  
167 72. Strengthening/expanding the ADA.  
168 73. AAA.

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### Children's Services

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#### We support

- 171 74. NCAR and criminal background checks.  
172 75. Before/after school programs.  
173 76. Supporting former foster children when needed, until 26.  
174 77. Kinship-care/foster-care parity.

- 175 78. WIC expansion.  
176 79. Affordable, subsidized, regulated and inspected daycare.  
177 80. Expanding DHS/Ombudsman oversight in foster care/adoptions.  
178 81. Strengthening/expanding ASFA.

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We oppose

- 180 82. Religious exemptions (medical).

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## Reproductive Rights

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We support

- 183 83. Individual's right to reproductive health choices.  
184 84. Emergency contraceptives/abortions access without parental consent.  
185 85. Safeguarding clinicians, clinics and clients from harassment/violence.  
186 86. Fully funding comprehensive family planning programs including Planned Parenthood.  
187 87. STD screening.  
188 88. Pharmacists to fill pregnancy-related prescriptions.  
189 89. Accommodations for milk/nursing (not restrooms).  
190 90. Roe v Wade.  
191 91. Unrestricted access to abortion.

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We oppose

- 193 92. Restricting access to medically necessary abortions.  
194 93. Forced sterilization.  
195 94. FGM.  
196 95. Mandatory ultrasounds and coercive counseling.  
197 96. Personhood for fetuses.  
198 97. Provider/employer-based religious exemptions.  
199 98. Conversion Therapy.

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## Medical Research

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We support

- 202 99. Increase NIH and NSF funding.  
203 100. Fully funding all research and treatment to include, but not limited to: Cancer, AIDS,  
204 Hepatitis, Alzheimer's/Dementia and Toxins exposure.  
205 101. Funding Stem-cell research, including embryonic and gene therapy.  
206 102. Economic valuation of prevention strategy.

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## Patient Rights and Consumer Protection

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We support:

- 209 103. Death with Dignity Act.
- 210 104. Physician/Healthcare Provider choice.
- 211 105. Healthcare without religious discrimination/personal bias.
- 212 106. Legally accessible Medical Cannabis, and expanding qualifying medical conditions.
- 213 107. Evidence-based Medical Cannabis education for medical providers.
- 214 108. Effective (Fast Track) FDA drug-approval.
- 215 109. Vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions.
- 216 110. Narcan, clean needle exchange, and methadone treatment accessibility.
- 217 111. Healthcare staffing based on acuity/care levels.
- 218 112. Increasing inspections of troubled SNF/ ALF/ MIMR.

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We oppose

- 220 113. Prescription drug advertising.
- 221 114. Casino exemptions to ISAA.

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## Abused Persons

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We support

- 224 115. National abuser database.
- 225 116. Preventing abuse/neglect.
- 226 117. 911/EMS responder abuse-recognition training.
- 227 118. Fully funding/training victims' services.
- 228 119. VAWA funding.

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## Assistance for Food, Housing and Homelessness

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We support

- 231 120. Safe, decent, affordable housing for all.
- 232 121. Increase non-discretionary funding for food assistance programs.
- 233 122. Expanding Housing Trust Fund.
- 234 123. Mixed-income zoning.
- 235 124. Expanding HUD - Low-income housing.
- 236 125. Section 8 and 42 programs.
- 237 126. Funding Domestic Violence Shelters.
- 238 127. Increasing Homeless Shelter block grants.
- 239 128. Family/pet friendly "Wet" and "Dry" shelters.



- 240 129. Increasing funding for job/life skills training.  
241 130. Funding transition programs.  
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## International Affairs

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244 United Nations  
245 We support  
246 131. Implementation of IBHR.  
247 132. US participation in the UN and its agencies, full dues payment, without preconditions.  
248 133. Full participation in UNHRC.

## U.S. Policy

- 249 We support  
250 134. U.S. adherence to international standards regarding humane treatment of prisoners  
251 of war and security detainees.  
252 135. Immediate closing of the Guantanamo detention facility.  
253 136. Reducing the number of U.S. military bases worldwide.  
254 137. US adopt no first use policy with nuclear weapons.  
255 138. US participation in free-trade only if trade is fair and provisions protect: labor's right  
256 to organize and negotiate a living wage; human rights, the environment, and economic  
257 interests of all countries.  
258 139. The Paris Climate Agreement.  
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## We oppose

- 260 140. Torture and extraordinary rendition.  
261 141. Violence, suicide bombing, human shields, collective punishment perpetrated in  
262 support of US interests.  
263 142. Military and financial support for repressive regimes.  
264 143. US military over-reliance on private contractors.  
265 144. Assassinations by drones without a state of war.  
266 145. 2001 and 2003 Authorization for the Use of Military Force.  
267 146. Initiation of major military involvement without congressional authorization.  
268 147. Loaning, selling, trading of arms to nations with Human Rights violations.  
269 148. US-sponsored coups and military juntas.

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## Israel/Palestine Conflict

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### We support

- 272 149. US effort to reach a 2-state solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.  
273 150. Israel's and Palestine's right to live within secure borders.  
274 151. Health and welfare of the Israeli and the Palestinian people.  
275 152. The Right of Return or just compensation for displaced Palestinians.  
276 153. US pressure to end Israel's settlement activity on territory occupied in and after the  
277 Six-Day War, including BDS on products/investments from settlements.  
278 154. An end to the Israeli/Egyptian blockade of the Gaza Strip.  
279 155. Reducing or ceasing US military aid to Israel.

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### We oppose

- 281 156. Moving US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem or US considering Jerusalem as the  
282 Capital of Israel before final resolution.  
283 157. The Separation Barrier precluding Palestinian freedom of movement.  
284 158. Israel's military detention of Palestinian children.  
285 159. Anti-BDS legislation.

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## Middle East Policy

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### We support

- 288 160. Iran Nuclear Agreement.  
289 161. Peaceful conflict resolution in Syria.  
290 162. International multilateral humanitarian effort.  
291 163. Accepting 100,000 refugees annually.  
292 164. The withdrawal of all American military assets from.

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### We oppose

- 294 165. U.S. military involvement in Yemen, including the supply of military aid and arms to  
295 Saudi Arabia.  
296 166. Military actions against Iran.

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## Asia

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### We oppose

- 299 167. China building artificial islands in South China Sea.  
300 168. Chinese IP infractions.  
301 169. Chinese occupation of Tibet.

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## Agriculture, Energy & Environment

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### Agriculture

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#### We support

- 305 170. Economic assistance to beginning farmers.
- 306 171. Encouraging development/redevelopment within cities/towns to protect farmland.
- 307 172. Local control over environmental impacts of farming.
- 308 173. Legalize industrial hemp.
- 309 174. Ending hunger at home/abroad by 2030.
- 310 175. Require farmers pass approved water/air quality plans meeting state/federal
- 311 standards to receive federal subsidies.
- 312 176. Cost-of-living indexing for SNAP.
- 313 177. Making permanent/expanding renewable energy tax credits..
- 314 178. Regulating GMOs.
- 315 179. Soil conservation.
- 316 180. CAFO moratorium.
- 317 181. Limiting CAFO impact.
- 318 182. Organic farming. Strengthening certification requirements.
- 319 183. Stringent regulations of agricultural/horticultural chemicals.
- 320 184. Protecting welfare of domestic animals; humane treatment of agricultural animals.
- 321 185. We support changing CAFO classification from farm to industry.

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#### We oppose

- 323 186. Concentrated control of seed supplies, food production, processing and retailing.
- 324 187. Ag-Gag.

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### Environment and Energy

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#### Water

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#### We support

- 328 188. Strengthen/enforce clean water/water conservation regulations.
- 329 189. We support protecting water from industrial/agricultural waste; clean up costs of
- 330 nitrate/phosphorus contaminated water to be shared by companies/farms that produce
- 331 nitrogen/phosphorus runoff.
- 332 190. Prohibiting drawdown/contamination of aquifers/rivers/lakes/and groundwater for
- 333 commercial purposes.

334 191. Prohibiting interstate/long distance diversion of water from aquifers/lakes/rivers to  
335 arid/drought areas.  
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## Air

337 We support

- 338 192. 80% reliance on renewable energy by 2030.  
339 193. Cap and dividend to reduce greenhouse gases.  
340 194. Enforce and increase CAFÉ standards.  
341 195. Provide incentives/grants for energy conservation/efficiency and carbon neutral  
342 buildings.  
343 196. Subsidizing wind/solar/geothermal/biomass energy.  
344 197. Holding companies responsible for direct/earthquake/indirect fracking damage.  
345 198. Ban urban leaf burning.  
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We oppose

- 347 197. Fossil fuels/nuclear power subsidies.  
348 198. Tar sands oil/Keystone XL Pipeline/Bakken Pipeline.  
349 199. Re-licensing/construction of coal and nuclear power plants.  
350 200. Fracking.  
351 201. Deep water and arctic drilling for oil, natural gas, and minerals.  
352 202. Sand mining for fracking.  
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## Watershed and Natural Spaces

354 We support

- 355 203. Integrated watershed management and monitoring, including buffer zones, retention  
356 basins, aquifers, wetlands.  
357 204. Restriction of clear cutting/ logging/mining/mineral and fossil fuel extraction on public  
358 lands.  
359 205. Reducing nitrogen/phosphorus/pollutants.  
360 206. Returning waterways to healthy conditions.

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## Stewardship

362 We support

- 363 207. Growth planning/sustainable development, creating livable, walkable neighborhoods.  
364 208. Preserving farmland and sensitive/unique natural areas.  
365 209. Regulating energy commodity speculation.

- 366 210. Sequestering methane/carbon/mercury.
- 367 211. Prohibiting mercury seals.
- 368 212. Banning non-biodegradable polystyrene/plastic bags, packaging, and straws.
- 369 213. Energy conservation education.
- 370 214. Programs for habitat and biodiversity preservation.

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#### We oppose

- 372 215. Grandfathering the right to pollute.
- 373 216. Clear-cutting, mining, over-grazing, or fuel drilling on public lands/eco-sensitive
- 374 areas.
- 375 217. Building/rebuilding on flood plains.
- 376 218. Removing scientific data and resources on climate change from
- 377 government archives/websites.
- 378 219. Censoring scientists from publicizing climate change/scientific research.
- 379 220. Lead shot.

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## Government and Law

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### Campaigns, Elections, & American Institutions

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#### We Support

- 383 221. Voter-marked paper ballots.
- 384 222. Banning Federal/State elected/appointed officials from becoming lobbyists within five
- 385 years of leaving government.
- 386 223. Mandatory random election audits.
- 387 224. Automatic voter registration.
- 388 225. Paid holidays for Federal/State elections.
- 389 226. Publicly-financed elections.
- 390 227. Voting by mail.
- 391 228. Independent CEC.
- 392 229. Public disclosure of registered lobbyist contacts.
- 393 230. Free/equal media time for all candidates.
- 394 231. Public disclosure of political contributions.
- 395 232. Early voting.
- 396 233. Comprehensive congressional ethics reform.
- 397 234. All candidates releasing their tax returns.
- 398 235. Protecting elections from foreign interference.
- 399 236. Reinforcing VRA.
- 400 237. IRV.
- 401 238. The Johnson Amendment.
- 402 239. Iowa's judicial merit selection system.

- 403 240. Amending Iowa Constitution requiring full funding for co-equal judicial branch.
- 404 241. Government transparency.
- 405 242. Right of U.S. Territories becoming States.
- 406 243. Prohibiting Super PACs.
- 407 244. Posse-comitatus.

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### We Oppose

- 409 245. Voter photo IDs.
- 410 246. Citizens United.
- 411 247. Establishing an official language
- 412 248. Superdelegates.
- 413 249. Voter suppression.
- 414 250. Gerrymandering.
- 415 251. National constitutional convention.
- 416 252. Corporate personhood.

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### Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

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### We Support

- 419 253. Non-discrimination.
- 420 254. Separation of church and state.
- 421 255. CRA.
- 422 256. ADA.
- 423 257. Federal/Iowa ERA.
- 424 258. Universal habeas corpus.
- 425 259. Expanding government forms' gender options.
- 426 260. SSRA.
- 427 261. Equal LGBTQIA+ rights, including marriage, parenting, fostering, and adoption.
- 428 262. Public financing of all Public Broadcasting.
- 429 263. Sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression as protected classes.
- 430 264. Funding and staffing the ICRC.
- 431 265. Adequate funding for Iowa legal aid services.
- 432 266. The rights of individuals or legal entities to BDS any country or corporation.
- 433 267. Freedom of speech and the press.
- 434 268. Home Rule.

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### We Oppose

- 436 269. National ID cards.
- 437 270. Warrantless searches, electronic and drone surveillance.
- 438 271. "Enemy detainee" status.
- 439 272. Unreasonable search and seizures.

- 440 273. Imposition of religious liberty at the expense of other liberty.
- 441 274. Patriot Act and Freedom Act provisions violating Constitutionally protected civil
- 442 liberties.
- 443 275. Favoring private enterprise with eminent domain or public asset sales
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## Criminal Justice

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### We Support

- 446 276. Legalizing, taxing and regulating all recreational drugs.
- 447 277. Criminal justice, sentencing, and incarceration reform.
- 448 278. Video/audio-recording of all police during arrest and interrogation.
- 449 279. Comprehensive sex-offender law reform.
- 450 280. Programs and laws to reduce human trafficking.
- 451 281. Specialty courts and community-based alternatives to incarceration.
- 452 282. Strengthening and enforcing anti-trust laws.
- 453 283. De-escalation and bias programs/training to improve police-community relations.
- 454 284. Independent investigators of police use of deadly force.
- 455 285. Fully-funding, timely rape-kit processing.
- 456 286. Elimination of the bail system.
- 457 287. Balanced funding for public defender and district attorney agencies.
- 458 288. Juvenile sentencing and incarceration reform.
- 459 289. Fair juror compensation.
- 460 290. Citizens' review boards.
- 461 291. HCPA.
- 462 292. Prisoners' human rights.
- 463 293. Civil asset forfeiture reform.
- 464 294. Laws preventing elder abuse.
- 465 295. Restorative justice programs.
- 466 296. Vacating past sentences for simple drug possession.
- 467 297. Contemporary Nordic inmate rehabilitation model.
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### We Oppose

- 469 298. Capital punishment.
- 470 299. Privatized prisons.
- 471 300. Militarization of law enforcement.
- 472 301. Religious/Ethnic profiling.
- 473 302. "Stop and Frisk" policies
- 474 303. Mandatory minimum sentencing.
- 475 304. Felony/inmate disenfranchisement.
- 476 305. Mass incarceration.

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## Consumer Protection

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### Support

479 306. Enforcement and strengthening of Dodd-Frank.

480 307. A foreclosure safety net.

481 308. Low income utility rates up to 150% of FPG.

482 309. Genetic patent reforms.

483 310. Fully-funding the FDA.

484 311. Banning using credit ratings in hiring decisions.

485 312. CFPB as a fully-funded independent agency.

486 313. Creating Public Iowa State Bank.

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### Oppose

488 314. Excessive collection/retention of personal data by government or private business.

489 315. Utility deregulation and privatization.

490 316. Predatory payday lending.

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## Government Services

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### Support

493 317. Secure ports, water supplies, and infrastructure.

494 318. Full Access to all public records including electronic records.

495 319. Adequate funding for rural county/city (emergency) services.

496 320. Increased funding for FVPSA and VAWA.

497 321. Ensure that federal fines/penalties collected under VOCA compensate the victims.

498 322. Fully-funding federal/state mandates.

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### Oppose

500 323. Privatizing/outsourcing government services/assets.

501 324. Privatizing the USPS and retirement pre-funding requirement.

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## Gun Safety

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### Support

504 325. Banning semi-automatic weapons that fire high-velocity rounds, high capacity  
505 magazines, bump stocks, and silencers.

506 326. "Gun-free zones."

507 327. Closing "gun show loopholes."



- 508 328. The right to prohibit firearms on one's property.  
509 329. "Armed and Angry" law.  
510 330. Updating/amending the 2nd Amendment.  
511 331. A minimum age requirement of 21 years for the purchase of guns.  
512 332. Firearm licensing, mandatory safety training, national background checks,  
513 registration, waiting periods, and county sheriff discretion with just cause when issuing  
514 weapon permits.  
515 333. Mandatory liability insurance for gun/ammunition owners, sellers, manufacturers.  
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#### Oppose

- 517 334. The Dickey Amendment.  
518 335. "Stand your ground" laws.  
519 336. "Open carry."  
520 337. Gun ownership for domestic violence offenders.  
521 338. Civilian Firearms in public buildings.  
522 339. NCCR.  
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#### Immigration

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- #### Support
- 525 340. Expanding the guest worker program to provide the same labor/consumer rights as a  
526 US citizen.  
527 341. Iowa as a Sanctuary State.  
528 342. Sanctuary cities.  
529 343. Expanding adult and minor refugee and asylum-seeker resettlement programs, and  
530 honoring international commitments.  
531 344. DACA.  
532 345. DAPA.  
533 346. DREAM.  
534 347. Immigration reform eliminating biases, reflecting skills needs emphasizing family  
535 reunification, respecting national security needs, and providing quicker/clearly-defined  
536 pathways to citizenship.  
537 348. Driver licenses/vehicle registration for undocumented immigrants.  
538 349. Judicial review for visa denial/removal orders.  
539 350. Expedited admission of Syrian/Yemeni refugees.  
540 351. Reinstating Governor Robert D. Ray's refugee programs.  
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#### Oppose

- 542 352. Mass raids and related enforcement practices.  
543 353. Religious criteria for exclusion.  
544 354. Immigrant detention.

- 545 355. Deportation quotas.
- 546 356. Border walls.
- 547 357. "Papers please" laws.
- 548 358. Unnecessary travel bans.
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## Internet and Telecommunications

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### Support

- 551 359. Net neutrality
- 552 360. Online privacy rights
- 553 361. Universal HSIA
- 554 362. FTC authority to restrict harmful/deceptive advertising to children.
- 555 363. Timely notification by data owner of PII compromise.
- 556 364. Publicly-owned HSIA.
- 557 365. Modernized "Fairness Doctrine."
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### Oppose

- 559 366. Censoring the Internet.
- 560 367. NSA bulk data collection.
- 561 368. Social networking identification to employers as condition of employment.
- 562 369. Cyberbullying.
- 563 370. "UHF Discount" by the FCC
- 564 371. Media consolidation.
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## Marriage & Domestic Partnerships

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### Support

- 567 372. Universal marriage equality.
- 568 373. UAFA.
- 569 374. RFMA.
- 570 375. Domestic Partnership recognition.
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### Oppose

- 572 376. Sex-based bias in custody decisions.
- 573 377. Employment/housing discrimination against people in same gender
- 574 marriages/partnerships.
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## Racial Justice

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## Support

- 577 378. Slavery reparations
- 578 379. Fair and equitable housing opportunities.
- 579 380. Revising criminal justice training for greater equity.

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## Oppose

- 581 381. Racial profiling.
- 582 382. Excessive policing of CoC.
- 583 383. Redlining.

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## Taxes and Social Security

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### Support

- 586 384. TEA.
- 587 385. COLA for SS & EITC.
- 588 386. Financial Transaction Tax on Wall Street and taxing offshore profits
- 589 387. Limiting TIF.
- 590 388. Restricting tax credits to large corporations that don't provide significant numbers of
- 591 jobs, and mandating corporations provide a living wage to receive tax credits.
- 592 389. Banning the use of allocated funds to fund other social programs.
- 593 390. Reform of GIVFAP to prioritize small business.
- 594 391. Capping personal residential property taxes for low-income citizens
- 595 392. Separating the SS Trust Fund from the federal budget
- 596 393. Homestead Exemption
- 597 394. Charitable giving tax deductions
- 598 395. Tax penalties on corporations that offshore
- 599 396. Protecting, strengthening, and expanding Social Security, Medicare and Railroad
- 600 Retirements.
- 601 397. Veterans Exemption

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### Oppose

- 603 398. Taxation of unemployment, worker compensation and S.S. Benefits.
- 604 399. Tax cuts for the wealthy.
- 605 400. Multi-National Corporate welfare.
- 606 401. Refundable corporate tax credits.

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## Transportation

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### We Support

- 609 402. Increased funding and availability of public transit, including light rail feeder systems.
- 610 403. Funding for safe, reliable, and well-maintained bridges and roadways.
- 611 404. Main Street Iowa.
- 612 405. Complete Streets.
- 613 406. Helmet laws.
- 614 407. ET3/Hyperloop/High-speed Rail
- 615 408. Back seat passenger seat belt law.
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## Veterans Issues

617 We support:

- 618 409. investigation/prosecution of sexual assault and/or harassment by civilian law
- 619 enforcement officers and courts.
- 620 410. rigorous oversight of VA hospitals.
- 621 411. increased funding and access to mental health services for veterans.
- 622 412. requiring the VA to pay for a veteran's use of civilian health care facilities when VA
- 623 provider is greater than 30 driving miles away.
- 624 413. requiring VA physicians to offer all potential treatments, including the use of
- 625 cannabis.
- 626 414. Offering 24h holds to all suicidal veterans in crisis, at point of care and at the VA
- 627 415. Removing time limits on access to GI Bill and educational benefits for Veterans
- 628 416. Increasing Veteran housing in Iowa for Veterans of post 9/11 wars
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We oppose:

- 630 417. Privatization of VA hospitals or VA medical services
- 631 418. Distribution of military combat equipment to LEOs or other public entity.
- 632 419. USA Freedom Act.
- 633 420. Testing of urine and blood for THC
- 634 421. Stopping VA benefits for positive THC results
- 635 422. Stopping VA disability benefits (rated %60 to %100) upon reaching the age of social
- 636 security.
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## Education

638 We Support

- 639 423. Funding:
- 640 a. ICN.
- 641 b. Public K-12 and post-secondary institutions, ensuring fully-staffed schools,
- 642 classroom materials, grants, financial aid, and ADA compliance, including
- 643 directing resources to struggling public schools.

- 644 c. TLC system, Iowa Mentoring and Induction program and professional  
645 development to supplement SSA, and compelling Iowa to complete SSA process  
646 within 30 days of governor's budget completion.
- 647 d. reading initiative programs, including mandated summer-reading programs.
- 648 e. STEM-to-STEAM transition.
- 649 f. Before and after-school programs and early childhood development, including  
650 universal preschool.
- 651 g. ELL programs, Head Start, special education and similar programs, and TAG.
- 652 h. Current number of AEAs.
- 653 i. Nutritional meals, accommodating special diets, and food backpack programs.
- 654 j. Pre-K through 3rd-grade foreign-language fluency.
- 655 k. Apprenticeship/internship/career/technical education and awareness programs.
- 656 l. Federal school-to-work opportunities.
- 657 m. Public libraries.
- 658 n. Community approved K-12 diversity programs.
- 659 424. Education boards having diverse representation (gender/ethnicity/income/etc).
- 660 425. Vetting education reform proposals before implementation.
- 661 426. Expanded physical-fitness, fine-arts, social-studies, informational literacy, civics, and  
662 languages standards.
- 663 427. Preserving statewide penny sales tax for repair/maintenance of school infrastructure,  
664 and textbooks/materials/technology.
- 665 428. Adequate, up-to-date instructional equipment/technology, not to replace face-to-face  
666 instruction.
- 667 429. Significantly lowering ratios of administrative/administrative support budgets to  
668 faculty/staff.
- 669 430. Living wages, benefit parity, unemployment benefit eligibility, and ongoing training for  
670 ESPs.
- 671 431. Appropriate student/professional ratios, including one social worker/250 students.
- 672 432. Equity in transportation.
- 673 433. Appropriate mental-health staffing/programming.
- 674 434. School safety programs, without arming educators.
- 675 435. Anti-bullying resources.
- 676 436. Trauma-informed intervention, age-appropriate conflict resolution, and restorative  
677 discipline programs.
- 678 437. Mitigating school building toxins.
- 679 438. Community-college funding allocation, allowing local-tax funding.
- 680 439. Tuition/debt-free public higher education regardless of citizenship/immigration  
681 status.
- 682 440. Student-loan forgiveness
- 683 441. Increasing student-loan grace period to 12 months.
- 684 442. Requiring community colleges to have librarian/media specialists/counselors/health  
685 programs, including adult literacy services and ELL support.
- 686 443. Teacher unions/bargaining rights restoration.

- 687 444. Increased veterans educational benefits.
- 688 445. Programs/grants assisting advanced-degree holders obtaining secondary teaching
- 689 credentials, and practicing teachers gaining endorsements, in shortage areas.
- 690 446. Increased local control over public school calendars, state standards application, and
- 691 funding allocations.
- 692 447. Simple majority bond-issue approval.
- 693 448. Effective public input prior to school district real-estate sale.
- 694 449. All public k-12/higher-education, non-administrative, salaries above national
- 695 average.
- 696 450. Shared governance.
- 697 451. Dual-credit community-college programs.
- 698 452. Sex positive/comprehensive/research-based sexual/health programs (including
- 699 LGBTQ+ and non-binary).
- 700 453. K-12 controlled public/private STEAM program partnerships.
- 701 454. Ensuring sufficient equal access to community college locations.
- 702 455. Require credentialed supervision for home-schooled students.
- 703 456. Enforcing budgetary reporting law compliance.
- 704 457. Open access to public-funded STEM research.
- 705 458. Gardens/greenhouses for schools.
- 706 459. Teacher evaluation systems, designed and implemented at state and local level with
- 707 educator input.
- 708 460. State/school-district student performance accountability.
- 709 461. Common Core as a non-mandated descriptive tool.
- 710 462. Holding school administrators to public officials' conflict-of-interest disclosure laws.
- 711 463. Ensuring one Board of Regents member is a non-political appointment.
- 712 464. Wider opportunity for advanced classes.
- 713 465. Federal legislation allowing multiple measures assessing student/teacher/school
- 714 performance.
- 715 466. Mandatory K-12 school attendance.
- 716 467. Enforcing regulations/inspections for licensed day-cares.
- 717 468. Eliminating state-mandated grade retention.
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## We Oppose

- 719 469. Public money funding non-public k-12.
- 720 470. State/local-tax policies adversely affecting public-education funding.
- 721 471. Unfunded school-district mandates.
- 722 472. Withholding retirement benefits due to unpaid student loans.
- 723 473. Across-the-board cuts after school budgets are state approved.
- 724 474. Standardized tests as the primary measure of
- 725 performance/curriculum/instruction/funding allocation/teacher evaluation.
- 726 475. Regents institution funding based on enrollment criteria.
- 727 476. Faith-based content in public schools.

- 728 477. Zero-tolerance/discriminatory impact in discipline.
- 729 478. Community-college District Offices.

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## List of Acronyms

- 731 *AAA – Area Agencies on Aging*  
732 *ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act*  
733 *AEA - Area Education Agency*  
734 *ALF - Assisted Living Facilities*  
735 *ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act*  
736 *BDS - Boycott, Divestiture, and Sanctions*  
737 *CEC - Congressional Ethics Commission*  
738 *CFPA - Consumer Finance Protection Bureau*  
739 *CMHC – Community Mental Health Centers*  
740 *COL - Cost of Living*  
741 *COLA - Cost of Living Adjustment*  
742 *CRA - Civil Rights Act of 1964*  
743 *DACA - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals*  
744 *DAPA - Deferred Action for Parents of Americans*  
745 *DHS - Department of Human Services*  
746 *DREAM - Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act*  
747 *EITC - Earned Income Tax Credit*  
748 *ELL - English Language Learner*  
749 *EMS - Emergency Medical Services*  
750 *ERA - Equal Rights Act*  
751 *FCC - Federal Communications Commission*  
752 *FDA – Food & Drug Administration*  
753 *FGM - Female Genital Mutilation*  
754 *FPG - Federal Poverty Guidelines*  
755 *FTC - Federal Trade Commission*  
756 *FVPSA - Family Violence and Prevention and Service Act*  
757 *GIVFAP - Grow Iowa Values Financial Assistance Program*  
758 *HCBS – Home- and Community-Based Services*  
759 *HCPA - Hate Crimes Prevention Act*  
760 *HIV/AIDS – Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*  
761 *HSIA - High-Speed Internet Access*  
762 *HUD – Housing and Urban Development*  
763 *HUD Section 8 – Low-income housing, government subsidized*  
764 *HUD Section 42 – Low-income housing, not government subsidize*  
765 *IBHR - International Bill of Human Rights*  
766 *ICRC - Iowa Civil Rights Commission*  
767 *IPERS - Iowa Public Employee Retirement System*  
768 *IRV - Instant Run-off Voting*  
769 *ISAA - Iowa Smokefree Air Act*  
770 *LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, Asexual*  
771 *LIBOR - London Interbank Offered Rate*  
772 *LTC - Long Term Care*



773 *MHI - Mental Health Institutions*  
774 *MIMR - Mental Illness Mental Retardation Facilities*

775 *NCAR – National Child Abuse Registries*  
776 *NIH – National Institute for Health*  
777 *NSA - National Security Agency*  
778 *NSF – National Science Foundation*  
779 *OAA – Older Americans Act*  
780 *PAC - Political Action Committee*  
781 *PII - Personally Identifiable Information*  
782 *PLA - Project Labor Agreements*  
783 *RFMA - Respect for Marriage Act*  
784 *SBP - Social Benefits Programs*  
785 *SNF - Skilled Nursing Facilities*  
786 *SSRA - Surveillance State Repeal Act*  
787 *STD - Sexually Transmitted Disease*  
788 *STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Mathematics*  
789 *STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics*  
790 *TEA - Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda*  
791 *THC - Tetrahydrocannabinol*  
792 *TIF – Tax Increment Financing*  
793 *UAFA - Uniting American Families Act*  
794 *UCR – Usual and Customary Rates*  
795 *UNHRC - United Nations Human Rights Council*  
796 *USPS - United States Postal Service*  
797 *VAWA - Violence Against Women Act*  
798 *VOCA - Victims of Crime Act*  
799 *VRA - Voting Rights Act of 1965*  
800 *VRS – Vocational Rehabilitation Services*  
801 *WIC – Women, Infants and Children*