

1 **THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
2 **IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
3 **PLATFORM**  
4 **APRIL 28, 2018**

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6 **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**  
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8 We are justly proud of our Democratic Party, its heritage, and its accomplishments.  
9 From its inception, the Democratic Party has committed itself to establishing and  
10 maintaining the rights and worth of the individual. We believe in a pro-active  
11 government that helps to secure these rights for all of its citizens. This belief commits us  
12 to promoting and safeguarding a quality of life that recognizes basic human dignity.  
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14 We freely welcome all those who join in our concern for human dignity, social justice,  
15 and quality of life for people. We value our diversity and believe that it strengthens our  
16 country. Our history as a party and as a nation compels us to oppose discrimination  
17 based on race, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, gender, economic status, sexual  
18 orientation, gender identity, or any other bias-based categorization imposed on  
19 individuals or groups.  
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21 Individual liberty is the cornerstone of American democracy. The government must  
22 protect the right to dissent. Limits must not be placed on any non-violent expression of  
23 personal beliefs or opinions.  
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25 The answer to governmental fiscal problems lies in a strong economy founded upon  
26 broadly based prosperity. We know that our success as a nation rests largely on the  
27 strength, inventiveness, and perseverance of our citizens. Market forces alone often do  
28 not serve the common good. We believe in a government that protects ALL individuals  
29 and assures equal opportunities for all.  
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31 The Democratic Party is inclusive; we welcome people of all beliefs and encourage a  
32 free and open discussion of issues. It is imperative the Democratic Party make the  
33 recruitment and election of Democratic women a top priority in all local, state and  
34 federal office elections. We treasure our democracy, in which every voter should count  
35 and every vote should be counted.  
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37 We encourage all levels of the Iowa Democratic Party to develop programs to increase  
38 participation in and accessibility to Democratic Party Caucuses. Young people are our  
39 future and we welcome them to join our party. County chapters of Young Democrats  
40 should be established and supported.  
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42 As temporary stewards of our natural resources, we demand that our governing bodies  
43 develop policies and enforce laws protecting our environment permanently from

44 wasteful and indiscriminate use. Clean air, healthy water, and diverse ecosystems,  
45 including our national parks, oceans, and ancient forests, are part of our children's  
46 future and must be protected.

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48 The infrastructure of our communities, our state and our nation is an investment in our  
49 future. The base of our future is a strong educational system and expanded  
50 opportunities that not only provide entry-level jobs, but also recognize an employee's  
51 talents fairly and equitably.

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53 We support America's historic role as a leader in the search for a just peace in troubled  
54 parts of the world. We support America's leadership role in the effort to eliminate  
55 terrorism. In doing so we must respect human rights and continue to work closely with  
56 our allies to ensure world-wide support for our efforts.

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### **[SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND IDP BYLAWS]**

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60 The Bylaws of the Iowa Democratic Party (IDP), Article I, Section 1, Paragraph B, says,  
61 "The Statement of Principles shall be a statement of abiding Democratic values and  
62 principles. This document is to be reviewed by the Platform committee for the purpose  
63 of making recommendations for additions and changes to reflect changes in the law, or  
64 to remove a statement achieved as Party goals."

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66 The Third District Democrats make the following recommendation to the Iowa  
67 Democratic Party State Central Committee.

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- 69 A. give the platform committee authority to submit whatever changes it wishes  
70 to make to the statement of principles in the platform report to the convention  
71 every two years; or
- 72 B. remove the statement of principles from the platform report; or
- 73 C. have the State Central Committee prepare the statement of principles for the  
74 States Convention, rather than having 99 county versions, and 4 district  
75 versions.

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77 Under each of these three options, convention delegates would still have the ability to  
78 make any changes they wish to make to the statement of principles.

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80 This would not be effective in 2018 but would apply in 2020.

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### **[SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY]**

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84 We support the Democratic Party's, Democratic Candidates' and Democratic Elected  
85 Officials' efforts and dedication, at all levels, in ensuring all aspects of events including  
86 but not limited to: the venue itself; candidate or Party fund-raisers; dinners or other large

87 gatherings, such as, Hall of Fame and galas; Central Committee, convention planning  
88 meetings, business meetings (of all kinds at all levels); caucus, polling, and convention  
89 locations and processes; and, Party and campaign offices are accessible for all.  
90 Furthermore, we encourage and support all efforts to make this Party more inclusive by  
91 ensuring our Democratic Principles are upheld and the civil rights of all are respected.

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## **AGRICULTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

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

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97 We support:

- 98 1. clean/safe drinking/recreational waters
- 99 2. locally grown/processed crops/livestock
- 100 3. restorative farming
- 101 4. crop/livestock diversification, including industrial hemp/cannabis
- 102 5. expanding markets for farmers

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### **Agricultural Policy**

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106 We support:

- 107 6. increasing SNAP funding and benefits
- 108 7. increasing Leopold Center funding significantly
- 109 8. increasing CRP/CSP funding
- 110 9. capping crop insurance premium subsidies
- 111 10. market-indexing USDA loan rates
- 112 11. conservation compliance to receive federal subsidies
- 113 12. antitrust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
- 114 13. the right to save seeds for personal use
- 115 14. domestic ownership of farmland
- 116 15. commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production
- 117 16. defining CAFOs as industries
- 118 17. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion until rules for local control of  
119 siting are adopted
- 120 18. legal protection/conservation of healthy soil
- 121 19. farmer-owned grain reserves
- 122 20. GMO seed labeling
- 123 21. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
- 124 22. the public's right to know permit compliance/TRI/chemical use
- 125 23. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessments ensuring public  
126 safety/air/water quality
- 127 24. odor nuisance regulation/enforcement
- 128 25. a mandatory/monitored/enforced nitrate and phosphorus reduction strategy

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- 130 We oppose:  
131 26. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture  
132 27. "Ag-Gag" laws

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### 134 **Livestock Management**

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- 136 We support:  
137 28. eliminating CAFOs' pollution-control property tax exemptions  
138 29. responsible antibiotic use  
139 30. humane animal treatment  
140 31. fair livestock market access

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- 142 We oppose:  
143 32. unregulated and excessive hormone use

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### 145 **Food Supply and Safety**

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- 147 We support:  
148 33. strong safety/labeling requirements to ensure public food safety and  
149 understanding of product, including origin/process location

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### 151 **Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production and Use**

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- 153 We support  
154 34. the Paris Climate Accords  
155 35. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy  
156 36. electric vehicle infrastructure  
157 37. higher CAFE standards  
158 38. 50% renewable energy by 2030  
159 39. energy conservation  
160 40. smart-grid improvement  
161 41. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes  
162 42. the CPP  
163 43. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste  
164 44. regulating energy commodity speculation  
165 45. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies  
166 46. carbon fees and dividends  
167 47. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa  
168 48. the Clean Line  
169 49. IRPS/FIT

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- 171 We oppose:  
172 50. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies

- 173 51. tar-sands/pet coke
- 174 52. new coal power plants
- 175 53. nuclear power plants re-licensing/construction
- 176 54. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
- 177 55. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
- 178 56. reclassifying national monuments as private property

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## 180 **Environment, Stewardship and Livability**

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182 We support:

- 183 57. amending Iowa's Constitution to provide environmental protection
- 184 58. environmental protection and public-health over corporate profits
- 185 59. reduction/reuse/recycling
- 186 60. municipal composting/recycling
- 187 61. enforcing ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
- 188 62. funding REAP and NRORTF
- 189 63. funding IDNR above 2009 levels
- 190 64. enacting IEQA
- 191 65. banning neonicotinoid pesticides to protect pollinators
- 192 66. encouraging habitat restoration for pollinators/bees
- 193 67. expanding the bottle-bill
- 194 68. sequestering carbon
- 195 69. reclaiming mercury/lead
- 196 70. local control of sand-mining siting
- 197 71. permanently protecting ANWR
- 198 72. using recycled plastic to mend roads
- 199 73. gravity energized LED lighting

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201 We oppose:

- 202 74. lead/plastic shot
- 203 75. lead wheel-weights
- 204 76. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses
- 205 77. environmental protection rollbacks

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## 207 **Watershed Management**

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209 We support:

- 210 78. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
- 211 79. publicly owned/affordable clean water
- 212 80. incentives for sustainable technologies/integrated watershed management
- 213 81. accessible IDNR well data/testing
- 214 82. fully protecting/enforcing CWA including intermittent streams/wetlands

- 215 83. Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version Three enacted under  
216 President Obama

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## 218 **Planning and Zoning**

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220 We support:

- 221 84. "Smart Growth"  
222 85. sustainable development  
223 86. livable/walkable neighborhoods  
224 87. preserving farmland/sensitive and unique natural areas  
225 88. LEED requirements for public building  
226 89. preserving and replacing topsoil for new development  
227 90. notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within 1 mile before  
228 permitting CAFO construction/expansion  
229 91. local approval for fossil fuel pipelines  
230 92. community gardens

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232 We oppose:

- 233 93. subsidies for urban growth on farm and park lands  
234 94. eminent domain abuse  
235 95. annexation without a binding vote of the targeted residents/property owners

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

- 238 50 by 30 – 50% clean energy by 2030  
239 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act  
240 AFO – Animal Feed Operations  
241 ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge  
242 CAA – Clean Air Act  
243 CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy  
244 CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation  
245 Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated electrical  
246 energy from NW Iowa to Illinois  
247 CPP – Clean Power Plan  
248 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program  
249 CSP – Conservation Services Program  
250 CWA – Clean Water Act  
251 EPA – Environmental Protection Act  
252 ESA – Endangered Species Act  
253 FIT – Feed-In Tariffs  
254 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism  
255 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
256 IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act  
257 IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards

258 IWILL – Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (subsumed under NRORTF)  
259 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design  
260 NRORTF--Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund  
261 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service  
262 REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection  
263 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
264 TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports  
265 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture  
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## 267 **ECONOMY, COMMERCE AND LABOR**

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### 269 **Labor**

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271 We support:

- 272 96. restoring and strengthening public-sector bargaining rights and protections
- 273 97. workers having the rights to organize and join unions
- 274 98. project labor agreements
- 275 99. equal pay for equal work
- 276 100. union apprenticeships and memberships
- 277 101. workers' rights to select their own doctor for workplace injuries
- 278 102. use of trade unions for infrastructure jobs
- 279 103. preserving and protecting unemployment insurance benefits
- 280 104. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan
- 281 105. Family Medical Leave Act
- 282 106. Fair Labor Standards Act
- 283 107. a state-sponsored defined benefit retirement system for Iowans, similar to
- 284 IPERS
- 285 108. expanding Federal Davis-Bacon Act to include all publicly funded projects
- 286 109. a community-college based job training program for displaced workers
- 287 110. restoring protections under Iowa Worker's Compensation Law prior to 2017
- 288 111. prosecuting unfair labor practices
- 289 112. setting minimum wage at the living wage as defined by MIT
- 290 113. reducing inequity between executive and employee compensation
- 291 114. temporary employees being paid equivalent wages to permanent employees
- 292 for equivalent work
- 293 115. making it easier to prove employment discrimination
- 294 116. a responsible, integrated strategy for artificial intelligence innovation that
- 295 protects and retrains workers
- 296 117. reopening Iowa Workforce Development offices
- 297 118. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level

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299 We oppose:

- 300 119. recertification election requirements for public unions

- 301 120. privatizing public-sector jobs
- 302 121. wage theft, employee misclassification, unfair overtime requirements, and
- 303 other employer abuses
- 304 122. restricting local government's ability to establish a wage rate higher than the
- 305 state minimum wage
- 306 123. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
- 307 124. hiring replacement workers for laid off or striking Union workers
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309 **Economy**

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311 We support:

- 312 125. net neutrality
- 313 126. statewide access to broadband
- 314 127. consumer protections for E-commerce, cashless transactions, and security
- 315 on the Internet
- 316 128. current laws regulating Iowa Credit Unions
- 317 129. an equitable and more progressive tax system
- 318 130. eliminating social security taxable wage cap
- 319 131. taxing high-frequency trading
- 320 132. equitable trade agreements assuring full transparency, protecting workers'
- 321 rights, and the environment
- 322 133. government entities purchasing US union-made products
- 323 134. US manufacturing military components
- 324 135. regulating financial speculation
- 325 136. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
- 326 137. incentives creating/retaining/returning jobs to US
- 327 138. increasing public transportation including rail
- 328 139. small businesses
- 329 140. transparency and accountability for municipal, state, and federal funds
- 330 granted to corporations as incentives
- 331 141. expanding antitrust merger and conduct enforcement analysis to consider, in
- 332 addition to price and efficiencies, market structures and concentration,
- 333 impact on labor and innovation, coordinated effects, and the impact on our
- 334 democratic institutions
- 335 142. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans
- 336 143. updating, modernizing, and maintaining infrastructure throughout the State of
- 337 Iowa and United States
- 338 144. establishment of a national universal basic income
- 339 145. clearly labeling the full retail price of products and services in stores and
- 340 online

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342 We oppose:

- 343 146. corporate welfare



- 344 147. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
- 345 148. off-shore tax shelters by US individuals, corporations, and foreign
- 346 subsidiaries
- 347 149. Acting Governor Reynolds' proposed tax cuts
- 348 150. renaming social security earned benefits as federal benefits
- 349 151. regulatory capture
- 350 152. corporations having the constitutional status as individuals
- 351 153. corporate tax evasion via subsidiary and descendant companies

## 352 **EDUCATION**

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355 We support:

- 356 154. involvement from the community, parents, and public education professionals
- 357 in matters of education problem solving and decision making
- 358 155. fulfilling school administrators' requests for at least 6% State Supplemental
- 359 Aid for K-12 education
- 360 156. restoring the independent allowable growth formula to determine public
- 361 school funding
- 362 157. providing educational tools and resources for students who need additional
- 363 assistance including online classes and public radio and television
- 364 158. the right of students with disabilities to access public education until age 21
- 365 159. access to post-secondary programs debt-free for at least two years including:
- 366 a. vocational programs
- 367 b. regent state universities
- 368 c. community colleges
- 369 160. dyslexia screening for children in K-12 schools and the Iowa Juvenile Justice
- 370 system
- 371 161. state mandates that require all public schools include instruction in physical
- 372 health, mental health, and sex education that is thorough, medically-
- 373 accurate, fact-based, age-appropriate, and relevant
- 374 162. training for all four literacy skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing
- 375 163. expansion of full-day kindergarten and universal preschool
- 376 164. full funding for:
- 377 a. fine and applied arts
- 378 b. ELL/ESL programs
- 379 c. career and vocational education
- 380 d. literacy education
- 381 e. math, science, and technology
- 382 f. civic education
- 383 g. personal financial literacy
- 384 165. recruiting and retaining quality teachers with salaries and benefits, including
- 385 pensions, at or above the national averages
- 386 166. the Teacher Leadership Compensation program

- 387 167. maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
- 388 168. restoring and increasing funding to the regent universities and community
- 389 colleges
- 390 169. unemployment benefits for para-educators
- 391 170. District Voluntary Diversity Plans
- 392 171. programs to decrease the high school dropout rate
- 393 172. expansion of student loan forgiveness programs to reward community
- 394 service and public service jobs
- 395 173. mental health professionals in all schools
- 396 174. the reduction of class size through additional staff
- 397 175. keeping student loan interest rates low
- 398 176. standards for home schooling and registration/monitoring of home-schooled
- 399 students by local school districts
- 400 177. radon testing for school buildings
- 401 178. increasing funding for the Pell Grant and Workstudy programs
- 402 179. modernizing the Fair Funding Formulas for rural schools
- 403 180. an option for a guaranteed rate or return for funds in 529 savings plan
- 404

405 We oppose:

- 406 181. teacher compensation based on standardized test scores
- 407 182. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
- 408 a. voucher systems
- 409 b. education savings accounts
- 410 c. charter school pre-tax plans
- 411 183. religious bias in publicly funded education
- 412 184. arming school employees
- 413 185. any unauthorized guns on school grounds
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## 415 GOVERNMENT

### 416 **Elections and Voting**

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419 We support:

- 420 186. public disclosure and limits on all contributions to political entities
- 421 187. a national election day holiday
- 422 188. ranked choice voting and instant runoff elections in primaries
- 423 189. absentee and early voting
- 424 190. open source voting machine software
- 425 191. exclusively publicly funded elections
- 426 192. open and transparent lobbying activity
- 427 193. fair and timely confirmation proceedings of judicial appointees
- 428 194. repealing the Iowa 2016 Voter Registration Acts

- 429 195. standardization for all elections in Iowa regarding poll supervision, ballot type  
430 and tabulation  
431 196. public office holders and candidates release at least ten years of tax returns  
432 197. paper ballots and/or records to backup electronic voting systems  
433 198. non-partisan voter roll maintenance system  
434 199. the Special Counsel's investigation into outside influence in American  
435 elections  
436 200. restoring the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in its entirety  
437 201. re-examining IRC [501(c)(4)] status for organizations engaging in political  
438 activity  
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440 We oppose:

- 441 202. unpledged superdelegates  
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### 443 **Gun Control**

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445 We support:

- 446 204. expansion of the NICS, universal background checks, on firearms transfers  
447 205. re-classification of 'bump stocks' as restricted items under Title II of the  
448 National Firearms Act  
449 206. passage of the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017  
450 207. gun buyback programs  
451 208. mandatory reporting of lost/stolen firearms  
452 209. updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994  
453 210. a ban on private transfers of firearms without serial numbers  
454 211. the rights of businesses/local governments to ban weapons on their premises  
455 212. closing the "Charleston loophole", preventing firearms sales without a  
456 completed background check  
457 213. the repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act  
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459 We oppose:

- 460 214. sales of high capacity magazines and suppressors  
461 215. national concealed carry reciprocity  
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### 463 **Judiciary and Criminal Justice**

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465 We support:

- 466 216. adequate prison funding  
467 217. eliminating drug conviction questions on employment and housing  
468 applications, and FAFSA  
469 218. increased funding for drug and mental health courts, re-entry programs, and  
470 legal aid  
471 219. alternatives to incarceration for non-violent crimes

- 472 220. automatic voting rights restoration  
473 221. fully funding the Iowa judiciary including restoring the judiciary program that  
474 financially assists survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault  
475 222. FISA  
476 223. prosecuting violence at abortion clinics as domestic terrorism  
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478 We oppose:

- 479 224. private prisons  
480 225. juvenile life sentences  
481 226. mandatory minimum sentencing  
482 227. the USA PATRIOT Act  
483 228. indefinite detention provisions in NDAA  
484 229. any bill requiring a super majority of Justices when ruling on the  
485 constitutionality of a state law  
486 230. Racism and discrimination  
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## 488 **State and Federal Policy**

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490 We support:

- 491 231. protections of Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, IPERS  
492 232. District of Columbia and Puerto Rico statehood  
493 233. Iowa maintaining its judicial merit-selection/retention-election  
494 234. legalizing/decriminalizing cannabis  
495 235. the Office of Congressional Ethics  
496 236. repeal of "English only law"  
497 237. open meeting requirements for all congressional conference committee  
498 meetings  
499 238. transparency in earmark voting and authorship for all draft legislation  
500 239. changing the formula of COLA increases to include medical costs, food and  
501 energy  
502 240. DACA recipients with a path to citizenship  
503 241. recognition of transgender/nonbinary gender on all party and government  
504 documents where gender disclosure is optional or required  
505 242. the right of transgender individuals to choose the gender they identify with on  
506 government and employment forms  
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508 We oppose:

- 509 243. privatization of government services and public resources  
510 244. any constitutional convention  
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## 512 **Taxes and Social Security**

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514 We support:

- 515 245. increasing the EITC and Iowa's CCA income threshold  
516 246. periodic review of all corporate tax credits and abatements

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518 We oppose:

- 519 247. 2017 "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act"

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521 **Transportation**

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523 We support:

- 524 248. maintaining safe and economic transportation options that make use of  
525 alternative energies

- 526 249. driver's licenses for eligible drivers regardless of immigration status

- 527 250. motorcycle helmet laws

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529 **Veterans**

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531 We support:

- 532 251. reforming VA benefits to be more inclusive for all veterans

- 533 252. immediate citizenship for non-citizens upon honorable discharge from US  
534 Military service

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536 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

537 CCA - Child Care Assistance

538 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

539 EITC - Earned Income Tax Credit

540 FAA - Federal Aviation Administration

541 FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

542 FISA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

543 IPERS – Iowa Public Employees Retirement System

544 IRC - Internal Revenue Code

545 NDAA – National Defense Authorization Act

546 NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System

547 VA - Veterans Administration

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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551 **General**

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553 We support:

- 554 253. universally accessible single payer health care, including mental, dental, and  
555 vision care

- 556 254. medical end of life options

- 557 255. removing cannabis from Schedule 1, expanding access to medical cannabis,  
558 and clarifying that those who participate and follow the rules are not violating  
559 any federal law  
560 256. increasing scrutiny of abuse/neglect cases, especially from mandatory  
561 reporters  
562 257. maintaining existing state licensing of medical professionals  
563 258. stem cell research  
564 259. fund CDC to do research on gun violence  
565 260. disease prevention, care management and targeted incentives to encourage  
566 wellness

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568 We oppose:

- 569 261. denying medical services or providing substandard care due to personal  
570 and/or religious bias by medical or pharmaceutical professionals  
571 262. non-medical exemptions to vaccinations  
572 263. casino exemptions to the Smoke-free Air Act  
573 264. repealing the ACA without a Medicare buy-in option or universal health  
574 coverage  
575 265. Medicaid block grants

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### 577 **Mental Health, Addiction, and Disability Support Systems**

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579 We support:

- 580 266. mental healthcare parity  
581 267. restoring and expanding mental health facilities  
582 268. increasing respite services  
583 269. employment of persons with disabilities in an integrated workforce with equal  
584 wages as opposed to segregated in Sheltered Workshops with low wages  
585 270. increased home and community-based services  
586 271. funding for non-emergency medical transportation

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### 588 **Children and Families**

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590 We support:

- 591 272. increased access to affordable housing  
592 273. sufficient funding/services for:  
593 a. child welfare systems  
594 b. child and maternal health programs  
595 c. programs that prevent child abuse and neglect  
596 d. child care and youth programs  
597 e. SNAP, WIC, Community Eligibility, and other anti-hunger programs  
598 274. adequate supervision and timely inspection of child-care centers, SNF, LTC  
599 facilities and paid in-home care

600 275. full and fair enforcement of Iowa and federal Child Support Recovery Acts  
601 and Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act  
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603 We oppose:

604 276. LGBTQIA+ conversion therapy  
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## 606 **Adults**

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608 We support:

609 277. legislation ensuring appropriate funding of LTC facilities and dementia units  
610 to assure proper staffing and training for the number and acuity of residents

611 278. tax credits for caregivers caring for elderly and disabled family members

612 279. fully funding the Department of Aging and restoring funds for long-term care  
613 ombudsmen  
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## 615 **Reproductive Rights**

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617 We support:

618 280. the right of women to make their own reproductive choices

619 281. the right of transgender individuals to make their own reproductive choices

620 282. full funding for Planned Parenthood

621 283. student access to free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools  
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623 We oppose:

624 284. reducing funding and decreasing access to women's healthcare, birth  
625 control, acute care and abortion

626 285. parental notification requirements for minors seeking contraceptives or  
627 abortions  
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## 629 **Reimbursement and Coverage**

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631 We support:

632 286. continuity of Medicaid coverage for autistic individuals regardless of age

633 287. long-term funding for Medicare, Medicaid, Iowa DHS, and VA benefits

634 288. community health centers

635 289. regulating healthcare and drug costs

636 290. expanding Medicaid to include assisted living

637 291. increasing Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement to providers

638 292. insurance coverage for contraceptives and abortions

639 293. coverage for transgender-related healthcare

640 294. establishing a state-run health record information exchange with patient opt  
641 out

642 295. repealing Iowa Non-Covered Services Law

- 643 296. restoring the state-run Medicaid system  
644 297. allowing Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) and other government programs to  
645 negotiate with pharmaceutical companies on drug prices and healthcare  
646 services  
647 298. setting price caps on pharmaceutical drugs including access to life-sustaining  
648 medications  
649 299. adequate provision of anti-overdose medications for healthcare providers,  
650 police departments, and other community members trained in its  
651 administration

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653 We oppose:

- 654 300. privatizing/reduced funding for Medicare and Medicaid  
655 301. discrimination against patients by providers based on coverage source  
656 302. limiting access to abortion services based on fetal heartbeat

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

- 659 ACA – The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, colloquially known as  
660 “Obamacare”  
661 CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
662 LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex,  
663 Asexual  
664 LTC – Long-term Care  
665 SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities  
666 VA – Veterans Administrations  
667 DHS – Department of Human Services  
668 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
669 WIC – Women Infants and Children

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### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

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673 We support:

- 674 303. “Ban the Box” legislation removing criminal record questions from initial  
675 applications for employment and housing  
676 304. universal voting rights to include those currently incarcerated  
677 305. expanding domestic violence laws to include dating relationships  
678 306. legislative initiatives that promote the safety of crime victims  
679 307. adequately funding agencies that address and resolve complaints of  
680 discrimination  
681 308. the independent collection and public availability of data concerning  
682 discriminatory policing/profiling with the goal of increasing transparency and  
683 ending racial profiling  
684 309. the human rights of all incarcerated people



- 685 310. a thorough review of the legal process that perpetuates the disproportionate
- 686 incarceration of persons of color and mandatory training about implicit bias
- 687 for people working in the justice system
- 688 311. the human rights of immigrants, including due process, family preservation
- 689 and a pathway to citizenship
- 690 312. sanctuary cities
- 691 313. healthcare, including physical and mental health care, as a fundamental
- 692 human right
- 693 314. the equal rights of LBGQTQIA+ residents, including family leave, public
- 694 accommodations, government forms, adoption placement, employment
- 695 rights, military service and other areas
- 696 315. strengthening education about implicit racial bias, including training for those
- 697 working in the justice system
- 698 316. laws and policies that affirm the dignity and rights of vulnerable populations
- 699 including elderly, children and persons with disabilities
- 700 317. laws and policies to provide safe, respectful and harassment-free public and
- 701 private workplaces
- 702 318. all gender restrooms
- 703 319. the strengthening of laws and policies that assist persons with disabilities
- 704 320. use of video and audio body cameras by law enforcement providing public
- 705 access to all recordings
- 706 321. rights of students to have a safe educational environment
- 707 322. reproductive rights
- 708 323. access to safe and affordable water as human right
- 709 324. the right to privacy
- 710 325. U.S. abiding by UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 711 326. the sovereign rights of indigenous people

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713 We oppose:

- 714 327. efforts to create religious exemptions to LBGQTQIA+ anti-discrimination laws
- 715 328. weakening or withdrawing policies and laws that assist persons with
- 716 disabilities in accessibility, education and employment
- 717 329. requiring local law enforcement to perform immigration enforcements and
- 718 duties delegated to ICE
- 719 330. the criminalization of addiction and drug use
- 720 331. the disenfranchisement of voters through voter suppression efforts not limited
- 721 to Voter ID laws, gerrymandering, and adding the citizenship question to the
- 722 census
- 723 332. stand-your-ground-laws except as they apply to the Castle Doctrine
- 724 333. the death penalty
- 725 334. the weakening of the separation of church and state
- 726 335. insurance companies denying or limiting health coverage based on sexual
- 727 orientation or gender identity

- 728 336. ageism  
729 337. drug testing to determining eligibility for public assistance  
730 338. the dehumanization of inmates including the use of extended solitary  
731 confinement

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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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### **Southeast Asia**

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737 We support:

- 738 339. denuclearization of North Korea through six-party talks  
739 340. engaging China strategically while promoting freedom of religion, the press,  
740 and the seas--especially the South China Sea  
741 341. renegotiating and eventually joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and  
742 removing any extension of patent law regarding medications beyond the  
743 present time limitation set by current law  
744 342. the rule of law in the Philippines  
745 343. Myanmar's warming to democracy  
746 344. cessation of Rohingya persecution and ethnic cleansing in Myanmar

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748 We oppose:

- 749 345. any preemptive North Korean strike  
750 346. extrajudicial killings in the Philippines

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### **Middle East**

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754 We support:

- 755 347. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's resignation and a negotiated political  
756 transition to democratic pluralism  
757 348. humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees  
758 349. security to Syria's neighbors specifically including the nonstate entities of the  
759 Kurdish regions during this crisis  
760 350. a negotiated two-state solution between Israel and Palestine wherein both  
761 live in sustained and stable peace  
762 351. commitment to Iraqi democracy and encouragement of inclusive institutions  
763 352. no further nuclear-specific sanctions in Iran, as long as Iran continues to  
764 abide by the nuclear agreement's terms

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### **Africa**

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768 We support:

- 769 353. continued aid to our African partners in confronting terrorist organizations  
770 354. growth of democracies on the continent

- 771 355. dedicating ourselves to strengthening democratic institutions
- 772 356. promoting human rights and governmental accountability
- 773 357. assisting in global health challenges

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## 775 **Russia**

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777 We support:

- 778 358. full enforcement of the Russian sanctions
- 779 359. continued coordination with our European allies to expose, contain, and deter
- 780 Russia's "hybrid warfare" campaigns and election meddling
- 781 360. Ukrainian territorial integrity
- 782 361. Georgia's territorial integrity

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784 We oppose:

- 785 362. Russia's annexation of Crimea and arming of separatist militias in Donbass
- 786 363. Russia's occupation of Abkhazia and South Ossetia

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## 788 **Latin America**

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790 We support:

- 791 364. NAFTA's preservation as fundamental to American prosperity and economic
- 792 growth - especially to lowan farmers now seeing expanded markets and
- 793 opportunities
- 794 365. "Cuban thaw" and pushing to normalize relations and end the embargo
- 795 366. Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's resignation and his political
- 796 opponents' freedom

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## 798 **Global**

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800 We support:

- 801 367. the continued role of the United States in cooperation with other nations to
- 802 maintain global peace and security
- 803 368. maintaining our commitment to the special relationship with the United
- 804 Kingdom and to our NATO and EU allies
- 805 369. the United Nations
- 806 370. unwavering commitment to international rules-based order
- 807 371. coordinated international efforts to stop ethnic cleansing/genocide