

POLK COUNTY PLATFORM COMMITTEE
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AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture: Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply to Promote Clean Air, Water, Diverse Ecosystems, National Parks, Oceans, and Forests

We support:

1. research-based actions reducing global warming
2. clean/safe drinking/recreational water
3. research-based initiatives for clean air
4. independent family farms
5. sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices
6. crop/livestock diversification
7. legal protection/conservation of healthy soil
8. farmers transitioning to sustainable agriculture
9. reforestation

Agriculture Policy: Stewardship of Natural Resources for Enhanced Living Conditions

We support:

10. increasing SNAP
11. funding the Leopold Center
12. CRP/CSP/CREP
13. capping crop insurance subsidies
14. market-indexing USDA loan rates
15. conservation compliance for federal/state/local subsidies
16. antitrust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
17. right-to-save seeds for commercial/personal use
[Minority report to strike "commercial/"]
18. defining CAFOs as industry
19. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion
20. local control of CAFO siting
21. industrial hemp/cannabis production
22. domestic ownership of farmland
23. commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production
24. legal protection for people/property affected by pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
25. public's right-to-know permit compliance/TRI
26. Master Matrix with environmental assessment
27. independent, collectively-owned marketing/processing/grain facilities
28. strong odor/fecal waste nuisance regulation/enforcement
29. laws permitting nuisance suits against factory farms
30. funding mandatory/enforced nutrient reduction strategies

31. banning manure applications to snow-covered/frozen ground
32. increasing CAFO inspections
33. digitized land records for manure management plans
34. providing economic security for independent family farmers
35. protecting migrant workers from deportation/discrimination in housing/health/education

We oppose:

36. vertical-integration of large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture
37. "Ag-Gag" laws

Livestock Management: Protecting Our Environment from Wasteful and Indiscriminate Use

We support:

38. eliminating CAFOs pollution-control property tax exemptions
39. reducing antibiotic use
40. humane animal treatment, including during slaughter
41. fair livestock market access

We oppose:

42. hormone use in livestock

Food Supply & Safety: Ensuring a safe contaminant-free food supply and safety for food processing workers

We support:

43. strong safety/labeling requirements for foods including origin/processing locations
44. access to locally-grown/fresh/healthful foods
45. enacting laws for safer/slower speed in packinghouse lines
46. banning forever chemicals like PFAS

Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production & Use

We support:

47. adopting US Climate Alliance Goals
48. Green New Deal
49. fossil-fuel conversion to clean/renewable energy
50. 75% de-carbonized energy by 2030
51. complete de-carbonization of the economy by 2050
52. expansion of levels 2 and 3 electric charging infrastructure
53. higher CAFE standards
54. energy conservation
55. smart-grid improvement
56. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes

57. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste
58. regulating energy commodity speculation
59. extending geothermal/wind/solar energy/electric vehicle (EV) subsidies
60. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal
61. the Clean Line
62. IRPS/FIT

We oppose:

63. nuclear/biogas/corn ethanol/fossil-fuel subsidies
64. tar-sands oil/pet-coke/crude oil/carbon pipelines
65. coal power plant construction
66. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
67. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
68. reclassifying national monuments as private property
69. additional fees/restrictions on sale of EV/hybrid vehicles

Environment Stewardship and Livability: Placing Our Children's Future Above Corporate Profits

We support:

70. Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act
71. consulting BIPOC/frontline communities regarding land/water/air/energy policy
72. programs for monitoring/reducing emerging contaminants
73. designating Loess Hills a National Reserve
74. constitutionally mandated environmental protections/conservation funding
75. prioritizing reduction while increasing reuse/recycling
76. municipally supported composting/recycling
77. enforcing EPA/IDNR/ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
78. fully funding REAP
79. enacting IEQA
80. banning neonicotinoid pesticides
81. expanding the bottle-bill
82. reclaiming mercury/lead
83. control of sand-mining siting.
84. permanently protecting ANWR

We oppose:

85. lead/plastic shot
86. lead wheel-weights
87. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses
88. investment/development/construction of CCS infrastructure

We support:

89. publicly-owned/affordable clean water
90. state/federal funding to replace lead pipes
91. sustainable agricultural technologies/integrated watershed management

92. amending CWA for "Point Source" to include intermittent streams/aquifers/wetlands
93. completely accessible IDNR well data/testing

Planning and Zoning: To promote livable and walkable neighborhoods, preserve farmland, and our unique and sensitive natural resources

We support:

94. "Smart Growth" planning
95. sustainable, flood control infrastructure
96. comprehensive access to public transit
97. LEED requirements for public buildings
98. low-emission building materials
99. preserving/replacing top-soil to an 8" depth for new development
100. notifying all landowners/residents within 5 miles at least 180 days BEFORE permitting CAFO
101. local citizens' balloted approval for new pipeline infrastructure

We oppose:

102. subsidizing urban growth on farm/park lands
103. eminent domain for corporate/private use
104. annexation without binding votes of targeted residents/property owners

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
- AFO – Animal Feed Operations
- ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- BIPOC – Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- CAA – Clean Air Act
- CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy
- CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
- Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated electrical energy from NW Iowa to Illinois
- CREP – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
- CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
- CSP – Conservation Services Program
- CCS – Carbon Capture and Sequestration
- CWA – Clean Water Act
- EPA – Environmental Protection Act
- ESA – Endangered Species Act
- EV - All-electric Vehicles
- FIT – Feed-In Tariffs
- GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
- IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
- IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards

LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
PFAS - Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances
REAP – Resource Enhancement and Development
SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

ECONOMY, COMMERCE, AND LABOR

Collective Bargaining/Unions/Labor

We support:

105. Fair-Share
106. prosecuting unfair labor practices
107. strengthening child labor laws
108. restoring/strengthening Chapter 20 protections
109. workers right to organize/join unions/strike (PRO act)
110. PLAs/LPAs
111. union apprenticeships and memberships
112. use of unions for infrastructure jobs/WPAs
113. EFCA
114. government entities purchasing US union-made products
115. Majority Sign-Up
116. federal jobs program (WPA)
117. NLRB/PERB

We oppose:

118. recertification election requirements for public unions
119. privatizing public-sector jobs
120. right-to-work
121. union-busting
122. replacing laid-off/striking union workers

Unemployment/Benefits

We support:

123. unemployment benefits for all employees
124. reauthorizing long-term unemployment benefits

We oppose:

125. waiting for WC/UE benefits

Workers' Compensation/Safety

We support:

126. considering bidders' safety records for government contracts
127. increased staffing and funding OSHA/MSHA/NIOSH
128. right to refuse unsafe work without retaliation
129. greater employee/union participation in OSHA inspections
130. workers' rights to select their medical providers for workplace injuries
131. restoring protections under Iowa Worker's Compensation Law
132. WC choice of doctor

Employment Practices

We support:

133. whistleblower protections for employees
134. equal pay for equal work
135. paid FMLA for all employees
136. FLSA
137. removing barriers to proving employment discrimination
138. responsible, integrated strategies for automation related job loss to protect/retrain workers
139. community-college based job training programs for displaced workers
140. \$22 minimum wage indexed to cost of living
141. reducing executive and employee compensation inequity
142. proportionate wages/benefits for part-time workers
143. tipped workers receiving full minimum wage
144. guaranteed paid time off for personal needs such as vacation, sick time, disability, and family leave
145. local control of minimum wage raises above the state minimum
146. making all forms of wage theft and pension theft illegal with penalties and support to enforce the law
147. Right to Rest laws

We oppose:

148. employment-at-will doctrine
149. unfair overtime practices
150. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
151. use of credit scores for employment decisions

Retirement

We support:

152. fully honored, secure, portable retirement
153. fully funding/protecting IPERS/FED/MFPRS/RRB/FELA
154. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan

- 155. COLA for publicly funded retirement programs
- 156. measuring the economy on how well human needs are met

Government Policy

We support:

- 157. establishment of a business-funded paid disability fund for all workers in the state of Iowa
- 158. fully funded Social Security payments adjusted to cost of living
- 159. guaranteed full election day paid holiday
- 160. strong antitrust and consumer protection laws and enforcement
- 161. investment for university STEM and Arts programs
- 162. increasing available/affordable housing
- 163. programs for disadvantaged persons to gain sought-after skills
- 164. expanding Davis-Bacon Act to include publicly-funded projects
- 165. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level
- 166. net neutrality
- 167. creating an Iowa Public Bank
- 168. statewide broadband access
- 169. Dodd-Frank and a 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
- 170. the establishment of a national universal basic income
- 171. expansion of public mass-transit
- 172. equitable/transparent trade agreements
- 173. transparency/accountability of public funds granted to corporations
- 174. a federal jobs and infrastructure program employing Puerto Ricans
- 175. integration of people with disabilities in work places with equal work, pay and opportunities

We oppose:

- 176. renaming Social Security earned benefits as federal benefits
- 177. deregulating industry
- 178. fast-tracking trade agreements
- 179. privatizing the Post Office

Taxes

We support:

- 180. retaining the state historic tax credit program
- 181. eliminating Social Security payroll tax cap
- 182. taxing high-frequency trading
- 183. a more progressive tax structure
[Minority report to add “with a minimum top marginal bracket of 50%”]
- 184. estate tax beginning with \$2.5 million estates
- 185. increasing EITC/dependent exemptions
- 186. property tax credits that benefit low-income/veterans/elderly/disabled people
- 187. sunset and evaluate business tax credits every year

188. returning to the Eisenhower-era progressive tax brackets
189. bolstering the Social Security Trust Fund
190. legislation allocating revenue for:
 - a. infrastructure improvements
 - b. healthcare access
191. depositing state and local funds only in state-chartered banks
192. adequate funding of the IRS and Iowa Dept. of Revenue allowing them to pursue deliberate tax evasion, prioritizing high dollar recovery and high dollar evaders
193. re-establishing Iowa's progressive income tax

We oppose:

194. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
195. increasing taxes on credit unions
196. off-shore tax shelters
197. corporate tax evasion
198. regressive taxes

Bankruptcy

We support:

199. honoring full-pension benefits in the case of bankruptcy
200. listing employees as first-in-line creditors
201. removing barriers to discharging student loans

Business Practices

We support:

202. expanding antitrust analysis to consider market structure, concentration, economic/political impact
203. incentives creating/retaining US jobs
204. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans
205. regulating financial speculation
206. full disclosure of competing/conflicting interests in financial transactions
207. breaking up "too-big-to-fail" banks
208. protection against predatory lending
209. minimum 90% US-manufactured content required for "Made in USA" products
210. importer-financed quality inspections of all imports

We oppose:

211. regulatory capture
212. corporate welfare
213. insurance credit scoring

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

AI – Artificial Intelligence

COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act
EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit
FED – Favorable Experience Dividend
FELA – Federal Employers Liability Act
FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
IPERS – Iowa Public Retirement System
LPA – Leased Purchase Agreement
MFPRSI – Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa
MSHA – Mine Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NLRB – National Labor Relations Board
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PERB – Public Employees Relations Board
PLA – Project Labor Agreements
PRO – Protecting the Right to Organize
RRB – Railroad Retirement Benefits
SS – Social Security
STEM – Science Technology Engineering Math
TPA – Trade Promotion Authority
TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership
UE – Unemployment
USPS – United States Postal Service
WC – Workman’s Compensation
WPA – Works Progress Administration

EDUCATION

We support:

214. adequate funding for public schools/AEA’s/community colleges/public universities
215. a more equitable method for funding public schools based on student need
216. eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
217. efforts to attract/retain educators from underrepresented populations
218. a safe/inclusive environment that protects students from bullying/harassment/bias/retaliation
219. recognition of individual religious liberty while opposing any form of school-sanctioned religious practice
220. enforcement of Title IX protections against discrimination based on gender identity
221. reinstatement of District Voluntary Diversity Plans
222. all educational institutions serving as sanctuaries for undocumented students
223. SSA increases of no less than 4 ½ percent

- 224. funding for on-site, adequate educational support-staff, including but not limited to:
 - a. librarians
 - b. paraprofessionals/associates
 - c. nurses
 - d. licensed mental-health providers
 - e. school counselors
- 225. full and sustainable funding for:
 - . mental-health needs
 - a. those living in poverty
 - b. fine/applied arts
 - c. ELL/ESL programs
 - d. career/vocational education
 - e. literacy education
 - f. STEM
 - g. civic education
 - h. personal financial literacy
 - i. special-education and similar programs, including twice-exceptional
 - j. gifted programs
 - k. programs to prevent drop out of at-risk students
 - l. nutrition programs
- 226. restoring funding to AEAs for special-education
- 227. all public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative, salaries/benefits/pensions above the national average
- 228. a competitive living-wage/benefits for education support-staff
- 229. unemployment benefits for non-instructional staff who experience seasonal layoffs
- 230. providing a well-rounded education that includes access to the arts/music/physical-education/CTE/foreign-language/STEM/work-based learning, and other programs
- 231. age-level appropriate technology/STEM and instruction for PreK-12 students
- 232. medically-accurate/fact-based/age-appropriate sex education/family planning in all public schools (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)
- 233. training for all literacy skills
- 234. thorough/fact-based/all-inclusive approach to teaching science and Indigenous/American/world history
- 235. restoring/maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
- 236. restoring the requirement of district-assigned certified teacher oversight of homeschooling
- 237. universal free appropriately-funded high-quality preschool for all 4-and 5-year-old children
- 238. free nutritious breakfast and lunch for all students, including special diets, and food backpack programs
- 239. adequate free transportation for all children PreK-12 enrolled in public schools
- 240. changing the TLC system to encourage the best teachers to stay in the classroom and engage with students

- 241. Free tuition for:
 - . Vocational programs
 - a. Regent state universities
 - b. Community colleges
- 242. student loan forgiveness
- 243. bankruptcy protections for student loan borrowers
- 244. restore rights of educators and other public employees to engage in collective bargaining and to strike
- 245. creating a common mental-health standard for K-12
- 246. investing an additional \$300M in education instead of the Governor's planned \$300M corporate tax-cut
- 247. financial-aid for aspiring tech-workers to attend tech boot camps
- 248. ensuring protections for Indigenous, POC, and LGBTQIA+ students/staff
- 249. including the stories/experiences/contributions of Indigenous, POC, and LGBTQIA+ individuals in our learning communities
- 250. ADA compliance of all school facilities
- 251. reduction of class size and special-education rosters
- 252. childcare caps remain unchanged to provide for children's needs and safe supervision
- 253. learning-disability screening in PreK-12 schools/IJJS
- 254. anti-bias PDs
- 255. maintenance of the tenure system within public universities
- 256. maintaining the Iowa tuition grant program
- [Minority report to strike]
- 257. creating a monthly stipend program for all college students

We oppose:

- 258. religious bias in publicly-funded education
- 259. any diversion/allocation of public education dollars to any private/charter school or for-profit educational institution
- 260. using tax dollars to fund PreK-12 private schools through methods including:
 - a. Vouchers/scholarships
 - b. ESAs
 - c. Tuition tax-credits
 - d. Charter school pre-tax plans
- 261. Unfunded mandates for school districts/staff
- 262. merit pay
- 263. arming school employees
- 264. conflict of interest from politicians/representatives/spouses who financially benefit from private-school funding
- 265. the School to Prison Pipeline
- 266. criminalizing educators for teaching equitable topics
- 267. banning of books/literary resources
- 268. the allowance /endorsement of any group/club that is recognized by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

ADL – Anti-Defamation League
AEA – Area Education Agency
CTE - Career Technical Education
ESA – Education Savings Account
ELL – English Language Learners
ESL – English as a Second Language
IJJS – Iowa Juvenile Justice System
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
PD – Professional Development
POC – People of Color
STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
SSA – Supplemental State Aid to education
TLC – Teacher Leadership and Compensation

GOVERNMENT

Controlled Substances

We support:

- 269. decriminalizing and destigmatizing addiction
- 270. commutation and expungement of non-violent cannabis arrests and convictions

Statehood

We support:

- 271. self-determination for all U.S. territories
- 272. statehood and full democracy for the District of Columbia
- 273. giving citizens of all U.S. territories the same inalienable rights as all U.S. citizens

Religion

We support:

- 274. the complete separation between religion and government
- 275. enforcement of regulations on tax-exempt religious institutions, including the Johnson Amendment

We oppose:

- 276. Christian Nationalism
- 277. theocracy
- 278. RFRA/laws/organizations weaponizing religious beliefs
- 279. opening legislative sessions with prayer

[Minority report to strike]

Criminal Justice Reform

We support:

280. restoration of voting rights for all individuals regardless of felony conviction
281. voting rights of incarcerated people
282. full funding of public legal services
283. "Ban the Box"
284. reducing prison populations
285. nonpartisan merit selection of judges
286. prioritizing restorative justice (ensuring the inclusion of the needs of victims in the process) including giving access to accredited basic adult/higher education funding/Pell Grant eligibility for all incarcerated people and fully funding reentry programs.
287. creation of diverse and independent citizen review boards with authority to request and obtain full, prompt, and unabridged access to all documents and media relevant to complaints, investigate department procedures, widely disseminate their findings, and to recommend disciplinary action or criminal charges
288. addressing the white supremacy and racism of our criminal justice system
289. separating law enforcement from immigration administration
290. federal standards for use of force
291. the right to record interactions with police
292. gender-responsive practices for all incarcerated/detained persons, including women and transgender/gender-variant/nonbinary individuals and ensuring all body searches are conducted by staff of the incarcerated/detained person's preferred gender
293. incarcerated individuals being placed in a facility which best aligns with their expressed gender identity
294. data collection/reporting of racial representation in pretextual stops
295. Decriminalizing
 - a. sex work e.g. the New Zealand approach
 - b. homelessness
 - c. Poverty
 - d. mental health crises
 - e. Disability
 - f. HIV status
 - g. migration
296. demilitarizing municipal and state police forces and reallocating that funding for policing toward community investment and safety programs, services for unhoused people, and emergency medical services.
297. collecting and publishing data on the use of force in police departments across the country to promote transparency and accountability.

We oppose:

298. capital punishment
299. life sentences without possibility of parole for all persons

- 300. defendants paying for court-appointed attorneys
- 301. private prisons
- 302. charging convicted persons for their incarceration or terms of their sentencing
- 303. cash bail
- 304. cruel prison sentencing, mandatory minimums, and reliance on prison system
- 305. racial profiling
- 306. pretextual stops
- 307. solitary confinement and other cruel treatment
- 308. qualified immunity
- 309. criminalizing victims of sex trafficking
- 310. criminalizing self-defensive actions against domestic abuse

Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions

We support:

- 311. Improved accessibility to our democratic system such as adoption of rank choice voting, publicly financed elections, automatic voter registration, simplified caucuses, mail in voting, and guaranteed election leave
- 312. absentee/early-voting
- 313. 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials
- 314. comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform
- 315. mandatory release of state/national candidates' tax-returns as condition of ballot inclusion
- 316. a full funded, independent judicial branch
- 317. strengthen the freedom of information
- 318. The Freedom to Vote Act of 2021
- 319. requiring transparency of donors of [501(c)(4)] political-activity
- 320. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
- 321. limiting campaigning-time
- 322. an open/fair process for the recall of elected officials
- 323. running of fair primaries and caucuses

We oppose:

- 324. Citizens United
- 325. official languages
- 326. gerrymandering, including prison gerrymandering
- 327. National Constitutional Convention
- 328. obstacles and barriers to participating in a democratic system including voter suppression efforts, inaccessible caucuses, voter roll purges, SuperPACs, Super Delegates, and privately financed elections.
- 329. The Electoral College

Gun Control

We support:

- 330. firearm purchase age of 21

- 331. changing concealed weapons permits in Iowa from “no permit” to “may permit” with standards
- 332. “Red Flag” Legislation
- 333. VAWA
- 334. current “gun-free zones”
- 335. expansion of NICS
- 336. registration on all firearms
- 337. funding CDC research on gun violence
- 338. health and human services to treat gun violence as a health issue to better define dangerous and unusual weapons.
- 339. mandatory waiting period before all firearm purchases
- 340. requiring all gun owners to carry liability insurance
- 341. a time-limited license with competency check for anyone who uses a firearm
- 342. mandatory reporting of lost/stolen firearms
- 343. funding government buy-back programs

We oppose:

- 344. the sale/possession/use of all firearms and magazines/clips capable of firing more than 10 rounds of ammunition
- 345. devices that convert a weapon to automatic firing mode
- 346. Iowa becoming an “Open Carry” state and reciprocity laws
- 347. gag orders on doctors talking about gun violence/prevention with patients
- 348. “Thoughts and Prayers” as a legislative resolution to gun violence
- 349. “Stand your Ground” and “Guns for Tots” laws
- 350. adding “Strict Scrutiny” language to the Iowa Constitution
- 351. “Ghost” guns

Human Rights

We support:

- 352. expanding/protecting/upholding tenants’ rights
- 353. strengthening fair housing law/enforcement
- 354. safe and affordable housing
- 355. full public ownership and management of utilities, including internet
- 356. science based public health and safety recommendations
- 357. LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights
- 358. gender-neutral markers on all forms of government-issued identification
- 359. the right of transgender/non-binary persons to use the restroom, locker room, or other gender-separated public accommodation which best aligns with their expressed gender identity
- 360. the rights of transgender youth to participate in athletics that matches their gender identity
- 361. automatic, consensual co-parent recognition of same-gender/non-binary couples
- 362. transgender or intersex persons’ rights to pass through airport security or security at national points-of-entry without being forced to undergo humiliating/sexually degrading security measures

- 363. requiring public and private insurance options/policies to cover transition-related HRT and gender-affirming surgeries
- 364. striking the exceptions clause from the thirteenth amendment
- 365. alleviating homelessness with tiny villages powered by solar energy and supportive housing
- 366. repealing prohibitions and limits on the approval and construction of safe housing in cities, except on agricultural land that is not served by infrastructure.
- 367. acknowledging that adequate food, water, housing, education, healthcare, reproductive freedom, and a dignified standard of living as human rights
- 368. the addition of "gender not determined" to Iowa birth certificates.
- 369. the right of people to address their municipal governments without unreasonable restriction or threat of arrest.
- 370. indigenous sovereignty and respect of treaties as supreme law
- 371. Black Lives Matter
- 372. reparations for Black and indigenous people
- 373. human rights of incarcerated people

We oppose:

- 374. oppressive and cruel legislation targeting transgender individuals
- 375. surgical requirement for transgender/non-binary persons to change the sex marker on any government-issued identification
- 376. compelling anyone to divulge the sexual orientation and/or gender identity of a minor under their supervision to that minor's parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- 377. banning LGBTQIA+ individuals from military service
- 378. prohibiting LGBTQIA+ individuals from donating blood/tissue/organs on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or sexual activity
- 379. involuntary surgical intervention/compulsory prescription of hormone treatment for intersex individuals (including newborns), or individuals with ambiguous genitalia
- 380. involuntarily disclosing gender identity/expression on government documents
- 381. white supremacy
- 382. terrorism
- 383. human trafficking
- 384. systemic discrimination
- 385. all religious exemptions to laws resulting in discrimination to any protected class
- 386. conversion therapy

Reproductive and Sexual Justice

We support:

- 387. a permanent line item in the Iowa state budget allocating funding for victim services at \$6.7 million or more
- 388. eliminating the statute of limitations for crimes of sexual violence
- 389. expanding middle and high school health education curriculums to include information about healthy relationships, consent, and dating violence
- 390. healthcare access for victims of sexual abuse and assault, regardless of whether or not a crime is reported

- 391. free access to contraceptives and feminine hygiene items
- 392. Planned Parenthood
- 393. a fully funded state agency to centralize the efficient testing and storage of rape kits.
- 394. addressing the racial disparities in maternal health and mortality
- 395. universal paid parental leave of at least 18 weeks

We oppose:

- 396. discriminatory practices that belittle, ignore, or dehumanize the suffering of LGBTQIA+ and disadvantaged persons
- 397. the patriarchy

Immigration

We support:

- 398. comprehensive immigration reform with a fair and achievable path to citizenship.
- 399. raising the refugee cap
- 400. expanding legal immigration
- 401. reducing the family reunification backlog
- 402. making Iowa a welcoming place for all
- 403. DACA/DAPA in the interim until comprehensive reform is achieved
- 404. expansion of programs providing financial support to refugees and immigrants

We oppose:

- 405. family separation
- 406. immigration detentions
- 407. exclusionary policies based on race, religion, and nationality

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- CDC – Centers for Disease Control
- CEC – Citizens Election Council
- IRV – Instant Runoff Voting
- NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System
- NPVIC – National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
- OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics
- RCV – Ranked Choice Voting
- RFRA – Religious Freedom Restoration Acts
- RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act
- VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
- VOICE – Voter Owned Iowa Clean Election

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

General

We support:

- 408. guaranteeing full medical healthcare coverage for all at the national level that includes dental, vision, hearing, reproductive, mental health, pharmaceutical, disability care, elder care, and eliminates duplicative private healthcare coverage
[Minority Report: strike plank and replace with “all-inclusive universal healthcare”]
- 409. implementing a de-privatized Medicaid to cover anything at the state level that a national comprehensive healthcare program does not cover
- 410. medical end-of-life options, including aid-in-dying for terminally ill, mentally capable adults and emancipated minor
- 411. local authority over public health emergencies versus a state declaration or executive order to override a county or municipal ordinance, or school district
- 412. expanding medical cannabis access and research
- 413. cannabis legalization, expunging related charges/convictions, and reinvestment into communities most affected by the war on drugs
- 414. clean water, housing, and food security as basic human rights
- 415. increasing scrutiny of abuse/neglect cases
- 416. maintaining existing state licensing for medical professionals
- 417. prioritizing preventive care
- 418. expanded funding for low income and affordable housing
- 419. increasing human services employees and volunteers
- 420. the CROWN Act
- 421. inclusive care policies offering flexibility, choice, and equity, which support All Care.
- 422. a well- and sustainably-funded public health system that prioritizes the Essential Services of Public Health

We oppose:

- 423. making healthcare coverage dependent on employment status, citizenship or permanent residency status, or economic status
- 424. disparate treatment based on personal/political/religious bias by medical and pharmaceutical professionals
- 425. non-medical vaccine exemptions
- 426. denying undocumented individuals access to services and coverage

Mental Health, Addiction, Disability, and Long-Term Support

We support:

- 427. mental health (MH/MI) parity
- 428. increasing funding for quality, well-staffed, and consumer-controlled HCBS for elderly, disability, MH/MI, and addiction services
- 429. savings plans for future disability services/needs
- 430. least restrictive settings
- 431. restoring and expanding MH/MI facilities
- 432. undoing institutional basis of LTSS on proposed DIA
- 433. fair compensation, training, and supervision for direct-care/in-home caregivers
- 434. increasing staff-to-resident ratios in LTC facilities and tax credits for family caregivers
- 435. restoring funds for LTCO
- 436. funding for respite services
- 437. legalizing and regulating all drugs
- 438. creating supervised injection sites
- 439. funding science-based research into psychedelic/psychotropic drugs to address MH/MI
- 440. prioritizing accessibility and inclusivity

Children, Families, and LGBTQIA+ Rights

We support:

- 441. laws establishing/protecting the right to abortion care at the state and national level
- 442. guaranteeing quality affordable childcare to meet the diverse needs of families at the state and national levels, making it available in all geographic areas, ensuring proper funding to childcare providers, and establishing sensible regulations regarding teacher/student ratios and criteria for establishing centers
- 443. sufficient funding/services for:
 - a. child welfare and MH/MI systems
 - b. child and maternal health programs
 - c. financial support for families in need
 - d. prevention of child abuse and neglect
 - e. Child Death Review Team services
 - f. family based services to reduce reliance on congregate and foster care
 - g. adequate supervision and timely inspection of all child-care centers
- 444. effective enforcement of child support obligations
- 445. funding evidence-based child protection services
- 446. government funded agency-led employment programs for non-custodial parents
- 447. minimum 6 months paid parental/guardian leave
- 448. minimum 6 months paid leave for family care
- 449. a person's right to make their own reproductive choices

- 450. Planned Parenthood funding
- 451. student access to free barrier-based contraceptives in schools
- 452. access to science-based education

We oppose:

- 453. denial of reproductive healthcare to women
- 454. religious exemptions for parents/guardians guilty of child abuse/neglect
- 455. reducing/denying funding and/or access to reproductive healthcare, birth control, and abortion
- 456. any state or federal legislation that restricts or denies abortion care
- 457. parental notification requirements for minors seeking contraceptives/abortions
- 458. conversion/reparative/reorientation therapy
- 459. medically unnecessary surgeries on intersex infants/children
- 460. mandating ultrasounds before abortions

Reimbursement and Coverage

We support:

- 461. funding in-perpetuity for healthcare programs, Iowa DHS, Iowa DPH, and VA benefits
- 462. expanding Medicare/Medicaid to include assisted living
- 463. increasing Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement to providers
- 464. contraceptives, abortions, and infertility services coverage
- 465. nonbinary/intersex/transgender-related healthcare coverage
- 466. allowing CMS and other government programs to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies
- 467. regulation and transparency in all healthcare pricing
- 468. setting price caps on pharmaceuticals and all medical devices
- 469. criminalizing pharmaceutical companies and making their CEOs and C-Level executives criminally liable with significant jail time for increasing costs by:
 - a. removing drugs from the market
 - b. limiting production
 - c. denying access to specific consumers
- 470. equal access to affordable generic and brand name drugs based on individual needs
- 471. affordable and accessible STD/STI/HIV/AIDs testing and treatment

We oppose:

- 472. Profit-based healthcare reimbursement
[Minority report to strike]
- 472. privatization of Medicare/Medicaid

- 473. discrimination against patients based on coverage source
- 474. reduced funding for Medicare and Medicaid
- 475. pharmaceutical marketing/ads targeting non-medical professionals
- 476. surprise medical billing

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- ACA – The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) of 2010, colloquially known as "Obamacare"
- CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- CROWN Act – Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair
- DHS – Department of Human Services
- DIA – Disability Integration Act
- DPH – Department of Public Health
- EHR – Electronic Health Record
- HCBS – Home and Community-Based Services
- HIV/AIDs – Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
- LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, Asexual
- LTC – Long Term Care
- LTCO – Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- LTSS – Long Term Support Services
- MH/MI – Mental Health and Mental Illness
- MSW – Masters of Social Work
- STD/STI – Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Sexually Transmitted Infections
- VA – Veterans Administrations

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Peace and Human Rights

We support:

- 478. diplomacy first
- 479. multilateral equitable solutions to international/global problems
- 480. UDHR and protecting individual human dignity
- 481. territorial integrity and self-determination of all nations
- 482. cultural/educational exchange programs
- 483. ending violence against vulnerable populations
- 484. coordinating efforts to end human trafficking/prosecute traffickers and solicitors /protect survivors
- 485. free/fair/transparent democratic elections
- 486. NATO membership and other strategic alliances
[Minority report to strike]
- 487. UN membership
- 488. CRC

- 489. Paris Agreement, international climate cooperation, promoting clean/renewable/sustainable energy
- 490. WHO and other global health organizations

We oppose:

- 491. racial/religious/place-of-origin/language/sex/gender-identity persecution
- 492. criminalization/discrimination of the LGBTQIA+ and providing U.S. aid to countries that do
[Minority report to strike after "LGBTQIA+"]
- 493. foreign governmental interference/donations into US campaigns/direct payments to political entities

Military

We support:

- 494. repealing 2001/2002 AUMF
- 495. limiting military deployment to Congressionally approved actions or to imminent threats
- 496. transparency in military expenditures documented through routine auditing
- 497. limiting American troops and contractors in combat zones
- 498. preventing cyber attacks and election interference from foreign actors
- 499. prosecution of war crimes
- 500. closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities

We oppose:

- 501. unprovoked war
- 502. signature drone strikes
- 503. contracting/privatizing military efforts
- 504. use of child soldiers as defined by the CRC

Nuclear

We support:

- 505. multilateral agreements, such as START/NPT, curbing the development/use of nuclear weapons/hypersonic missiles
- 506. expanding international inspections of all atomic energy/nuclear weapons sites

We oppose:

- 507. nuclear first strike policy

Immigration

We support:

- 508. humane treatment, due process rights, including legal representation in court, for all immigrants/undocumented/refugees
- 509. UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees
- 510. expanding access to TPS/citizenship/visas/asylum

511. abolishing ICE

[Minority report to strike and replace with “ICE protecting the due process rights of all individuals, both US and foreign national”]

We oppose:

- 512. inhumane/unreasonable treatment/detention/imprisonment of all persons
- 513. for-profit detention centers
- 514. border militarization and walls
- 515. banning persons and quotas based on country of origin/religion
- 516. continuing use of Title 42 Covid expulsions
- 517. using safe third country agreement

Trade

We support:

- 518. fair trade and enforcement of WTO obligations
- 519. meeting the needs of labor and the environment in trade agreements
- 520. an international minimum corporate tax
- 521. prosecuting corporations/corporate leadership for environmental/ethical misconduct
- 522. releasing frozen financial assets for the purposes of humanitarian aid
- 523. relinquishing nationally-held/funded vaccine patents
- 524. international state publicly held debt forgiveness/foreign aid

We oppose:

- 525. economic exploitation/imperialism
- 526. ~~Punitive sanctions~~
[minority report to retain plank]
- 527. trade wars
- 528. tax havens
- 529. poverty wages/forced labor/modern slavery/child labor
- 530. currency manipulation
- 531. intellectual property/patent theft

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force

CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child

ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community

NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NPT – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty

TPS – Temporary Protected Status

UDHR-Universal Declaration of Human Rights

WHO-World Health Organization