

1 **IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY STATE PLATFORM**
2 **ADOPTED BY THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED**
3 **AT THE JUNE 16, 2012, STATE CONVENTION**

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5 **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**
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7 We are proud of our Democratic Party as the party of our nation's heritage,
8 accomplishments, and diversities. Our American spirit is a beacon to people struggling
9 for their rights throughout the world. No part of that heritage is more valuable than our
10 beliefs in the inclusion of ALL and commitment to ALL, with recognition of the rights and
11 worth of each individual.

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13 We, the People of the Democratic Party of Iowa, affirm the following:

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15 We supported our military and veterans in war and peace.
16 We support them now and honor their service.

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18 We supported the right of all people to be treated fairly and equally under the laws of
19 this nation.

20 We stand as the party for all people. We condemn all forms of discrimination.
21 Whenever the rights of any citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered.
22 We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional
23 and civil rights.

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25 We supported the working people of this country when they were exploited.
26 We support them now for their right to organize, to achieve decent wages with health
27 and retirement benefits and a safe workplace.

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29 We supported families in their pursuit of well-being.
30 We support them now in their desire to become healthy, educated, and contributing
31 citizens. We support the freedom to plan their family.

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33 We supported the elderly when they were forgotten.
34 We support them now in their need for dignity, income and healthcare security.

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36 We supported independent farmers and small businesses when they faced hard times.
37 We support them now in their pursuit of prosperity and economic security.

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39 We supported parents, students, and educators to make education a top priority.
40 We support them now in their quest to achieve high standards. We support free and
41 open access to knowledge and information. We oppose attempts to distort science or
42 health education.

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44 We supported the people of the earth in working for a clean environment.
45 We support them now to achieve a responsible, prosperous and sustainable existence
46 with nature.

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We supported people all over the world demanding freedom, justice, and opportunity. We support them now, applauding their peaceful progress.

We believe that our foreign policy should be one of genuine cooperation in global solutions for international problems. We endorse efforts to defend the equality of rights for all persons. We support an individual's right to privacy and adequate legal representation. We look forward to the day when all borders are open to the free exchange of ideas, people, and goods.

We recognize that we will not get everything we want. Compromise is necessary when important values conflict and priorities of different people are not the same. But we will not be bullied into caving on vital issues.

We believe in and will continue to work for a truly representative government that works for the good of ALL people in a compassionate, responsible and progressive way that works to achieve peace, prosperity, and a national outlook of confidence and hope.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Iowa Democratic Party pledges to fight for the Working Class and those who wish to be Middle Class, and to defend democracy against plutocracy.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

We support:

1. the Federal Government issuing Cold War Medal to all veterans who served between September 1945 and December 1991
2. Iowa Combat veterans receiving free tuition at Regents universities and community colleges
3. mandatory full-funding by the US Government for the Federal GI Bill
4. full funding for all Department of Veterans Affairs programs
5. increased professional staffing for all Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMCs) and Outreach Centers accommodating the extensive need for Doctors, Dentists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Family Counselors and Social Workers
6. increased funding for the Iowa Veterans Home and its program
7. expedited processing of disability payments and pensions to eligible retirees and compensable disabled veterans
8. full accounting for all POWs and MIAs with faster declassification of records, recovery and return of all remains
9. increased emphasis in research programs developing treatment and service related to service connected illnesses/injuries; mental illness, spinal cord injuries; traumatic amputations, Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and chemical injuries

- 93 10. more funding for veterans in job training, education, physical therapy programs
- 94 11. awarding the Purple Heart to Veterans who suffered chemical injury/illness
- 95 related to chemical exposure during "Military Actions"
- 96 12. prompt, fair and thorough investigation of all harassment complaints in the
- 97 military
- 98 13. Gold Star License Plates issued by the Iowa DOT at the request of a passed
- 99 soldier's immediate family memorializing any fallen combat soldier
- 100 14. more VA outreach centers and mobile outreach units
- 101 15. complete and adequate equipment for combatants in combat situations
- 102 16. recognition of same sex marriages in the armed forces, allowing the spouse
- 103 notification of injury or death, visitation, beneficiary of soldier and benefits
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ECONOMY, COMMERCE & LABOR

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We support:

- 110 17. Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
- 111 18. "Fair Share"
- 112 19. unionization, collective bargaining striking rights
- 113 20. Iowa Public employees' collective bargaining law
- 114 21. Federal Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA)
- 115 22. National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Department of Labor (DOL) funding
- 116 23. funded/staffed state prisons
- 117 24. non-discriminatory parental leave benefits
- 118 25. Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- 119 26. increased bargaining for public sector employees
- 120 27. equal Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) workers'
- 121 rights/employment opportunities
- 122 28. public works construction Project Labor Agreements (PLA)
- 123 29. Davis-Bacon Act

We oppose:

- 126 30. "Right-to-work"
- 127 31. "lockouts" and hiring replacement workers during labor disputes
- 128 32. job outsourcing
- 129 33. mandating overtime/limiting overtime pay
- 130 34. internships providing neither pay nor college credit
- 131 35. privatizing public jobs
- 132 36. expanding Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) exemptions

Job Security, Workers Rights, Safety

We support:

- 137 37. choice of doctor for worker compensation injuries
- 138 38. improved workplace ergonomic requirements

- 139 39. employee protection after plant closure/bankruptcy
- 140 40. court access for discharged/injured workers
- 141 41. re-opening full-service Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) offices
- 142 42. strengthening whistle-blower protections
- 143 43. expanding unemployment benefit eligibility
- 144 44. increasing work-related death benefits
- 145 45. employer penalties for violating labor law/arbitration agreements

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147 We oppose:

- 148 46. replacing bargaining unit workers with prison labor
- 149 47. "Employment at Will" doctrine
- 150 48. employer's requiring applicants/employees to provide social media passwords
- 151 49. employer and insurance screening based on personal credit, polygraph,
- 152 genetic information

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154 **Wages**

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156 We support:

- 157 50. prevailing wage for construction workers on government projects
- 158 51. proportional wages/benefits for part-time/contingent employees
- 159 52. enacting living wage standard

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161 **Pension/Insurance**

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163 We support:

- 164 53. actuarially fully funded Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS),
- 165 Favorable Experience Dividend (FED) and Municipal Fire and Police
- 166 Retirement System (MFPRS) for the long term
- 167 54. strengthening criminal provisions for pension protection violators
- 168 55. fully protecting worker's retirement funds
- 169 56. public employees statewide health insurance program
- 170 57. securing portable retirement/healthcare plans
- 171 58. Non-Discrimination Policy for filing, testifying for Workers Compensation

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173 **Economic Development**

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175 We support:

- 176 59. encouraging development of local small businesses
- 177 60. incentives for new/returning US manufacturing companies including job
- 178 training/placement
- 179 61. encouraging investment in inner-city neighborhoods
- 180 62. help for mortgages troubled by lender deception
- 181 63. President's efforts to stabilize the housing market
- 182 64. simplifying conditions needed to confirm employment discrimination (age,
- 183 race, etc.)
- 184 65. increased public works infrastructure funding and job creation

- 185 66. implementation of a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) type program
- 186 67. transparency to consumers of financial products/services
- 187 68. limits on commercial lending charges
- 188 69. prosecuting financial institutions' corporate officers for fraudulent activities
- 189 70. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- 190 71. Glass-Steagall Act
- 191 72. Dodd-Frank Act
- 192 73. Sarbanes-Oxley
- 193 74. accountability for all public funds provided to and disbursed by corporations
- 194 75. technology for visually impaired access to home appliances

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196 We oppose:

- 197 76. privatizing public services

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199 **Commerce/Trade**

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201 We support:

- 202 77. improving the nation's mass transportation system, including better rural
- 203 access
- 204 78. trade agreements that provide living wages, sound environmental/humane
- 205 conditions
- 206 79. greater congressional trade negotiations oversight
- 207 80. trade agreements that support sustainable farming practices
- 208 81. trade regulations enforcement
- 209 82. effective commodities/securities trading regulation
- 210 83. promoting USA made products
- 211 84. the American Jobs Act

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213 We oppose:

- 214 85. efforts crippling the U.S. Postal Service (USPS)
- 215 86. foreign countries managing US ports

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217 **Budget and Taxation**

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219 We support:

- 220 87. legislation reducing use of off-shore tax shelters by U.S. individuals and
- 221 corporations
- 222 88. creating a more progressive tax structure and closing most loopholes
- 223 89. letting the "Bush Tax cuts" expire
- 224 90. corporate tax surcharges on public traded corporations operating in the U.S.
- 225 on officer compensation exceeding 25 times that of the lowest paid worker and
- 226 prohibiting its deduction from corporate earnings

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AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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AGRICULTURE FOR PRODUCTIVE LIVING AND A HEALTHY FOOD SUPPLY

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We support:

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91. traditional family farms & organic farming

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92. crop and livestock diversification, including industrial hemp

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Agricultural Policy

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We support:

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93. socially responsible, environmental, producer friendly "Farm, Food, and Jobs bill"

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94. immediate elimination of pollution control property tax exemption for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

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95. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

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96. farm subsidy caps at \$100,000 per entity

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97. market indexing US Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan rates

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98. conservation compliance for crop insurance eligibility

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99. anti-trust regulation of seed supply, food production, and processing

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100. right to save seeds for personal use

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101. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) safe seed use labeling

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102. protecting non-GMO farmers from lawsuits over accidental GMO

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contaminations/planting by GMO patent holders

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103. farmer owned grain reserves

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104. fair livestock market access

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105. American ownership of farmland

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106. legal protection of finite soil resources

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107. growing pharmaceutical GMOs in open environments

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108. vertical integration of livestock production

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109. the "Ag-Gag" bill

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Livestock Management

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We support:

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110. local siting of CAFOs

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111. ending odor nuisance lawsuit protection

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112. strengthening the Master Matrix

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113. reducing antibiotic use and eliminating hormones in livestock

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114. commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production

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115. humane treatment of animals

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Food Supply & Safety

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We support:

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116. strong standards for USDA organic labeling

- 277 117. legal/enforceable definition of GMOs, with testing/regulation
278 118. clear food labeling of:
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280 • irradiation
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284 • origin
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287 **ENERGY: COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION &** 288 **USE**

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290 We support:

- 291 119. converting from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy
292 120. higher Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for all vehicles
293 121. aggressive policies with financial resources to reduce greenhouse gases,
294 achieve energy independence, and local job growth including: energy
295 conservation, smart grid improvement, net metering
296 122. safe transport/storage of nuclear waste and fracking wastewater
297 123. decreasing dependence on nuclear power
298 124. regulation of energy commodity speculation
299 125. subsidizing wind/solar/geothermal/biomass energy
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301 We oppose:

- 302 126. fossil fuels/nuclear power subsidies
303 127. tar sands oil/Keystone XL Pipeline
304 128. re-licensing/construction of coal & nuclear power plants
305 129. fracking without environmental and geological protections
306 130. deep water and arctic oil drilling
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308 **ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP AND LIVABILITY**

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310 We support:

- 311 131. environmental protection/public health over corporate profits
312 132. preservation of the land, air, and water, with the resources they hold, which
313 are owned in common by the American public (the Commons) with no new
314 clear-cutting, mining, grazing, or fuel drilling on public lands/eco-sensitive
315 areas
316 133. increased reduction, reuse, and recycling plastics, electronics, batteries
317 134. protection of water resources from industrial waste
318 135. solid enforcement of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Iowa
319 Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) regulations; Endangered Species
320 Act (ESA), Clean Air Act (CAA), and Clean Water Act (CWA): No exemptions
321 136. full funding of Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)
322 137. protecting bees by banning neonicotinoid pesticides

- 323 138. expanding the bottle bill
324 139. sequestration of carbon and mercury

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326 We oppose:

- 327 140. lead shot
328 141. polluters' "grandfather" clauses

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330 **Watershed Management**

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332 We support:

- 333 142. publicly owned, affordable clean water
334 143. integrated watershed management, including buffer zones, retention basins,
335 aquifers, and wetlands
336 144. reducing nitrogen, phosphorus, and other pollutants
337 145. returning waterways to healthy, swimmable and fishable condition

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339 **Planning and Zoning**

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341 We support:

- 342 146. "Smart Growth" planning/sustainable development, creating livable, walkable
343 neighborhoods
344 147. preserving farmland and sensitive/unique natural areas
345 148. counties to zone, issue permits
346 149. Leadership in Energy and Efficient Design (LEED) requirements for public
347 buildings
348 150. strict adherence to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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350 We oppose:

- 351 151. favoring private enterprise with Eminent Domain or sale of public assets
352 152. subsidies for urban growth on farmland

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354 **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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356 **Health**

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358 We support:

- 359 153. Obamacare, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)
360 154. full funding for Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawk-I)
361 155. reimbursement rates for providers through Medicare/Medicaid equal to Usual
362 and Customary Rates (UCR)
363 156. increased funding for tobacco prevention/cessation
364 157. universal, single-payer, accessible health care, including dental, vision,
365 hearing, non-traditional, long term care, and wellness and prevention efforts.
366 158. research into chronic and/or toxin-provoked illnesses
367 159. medical cannabis
368 160. stem-cell research, including embryonic

369 161. re-importation of FDA approved drugs

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371 **Mental Health**

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373 We support:

374 162. nondiscriminatory treatment of individuals with mental health disorders,
375 developmental disabilities and brain disorders

376 163. jail diversion programs for substance abuse and mental illness

377 164. sufficient beds in state institutions for emergency committals

378 165. sufficient funding for Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)

379 166. increasing funding for care of individuals with
380 neurodevelopmental/neurodegenerative/brain disorders

381 167. sufficiently funded, statewide, regionally managed mental health and disability
382 system, with equal representation for rural counties, with staff trained to
383 understand cultural differences

384 168. research into Alzheimers/other dementias

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386 **Aging and Disabilities**

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388 We support:

389 169. safe Long Term Care (LTC) services funded for investigation, intervention and
390 resolution of problems and increased funding for the Long Term Care

391 Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)

392 170. reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA)

393 171. increased funding for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for the
394 elderly and persons with disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS),
395 and service animals

396 172. training for caregivers, including family, and adequate compensation for
397 caregivers, including a refundable tax credit for costs incurred by caregivers

398 173. eliminating the in-the-home restriction for personal mobility device coverage

399 174. consumer representation on health and human services review boards

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401 **Children's Services**

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403 We support:

404 175. a national child abuser database

405 176. increased funding for subsidized childcare

406 177. fair enforcement of child support from noncustodial parents

407 178. supporting foster children through age 21

408 179. funding for Early Childhood Development Programs and food programs for low
409 income children

410 180. increased funding for before/after school programs

411 181. the Protect Our Kids Act

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413 **Protection for all Citizens**

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- 415 We support:
416 182. passage by Congress of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) fully
417 restored to include Native American and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and
418 Transgender (LGBT) victims
419 183. investigation of all complaints submitted by mandatory reporters
420 184. continued use of minority impact statements on future grant legislation
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422 **Women's Rights and Reproductive Health**

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424 We support:
425 185. the right of women to make their own healthcare decisions including
426 reproductive choices, and affordable contraceptives for all persons
427 186. safeguarding doctors, clinics and clients from domestic terrorism
428 187. increased funding for Planned Parenthood
429 188. developmentally appropriate and accurate sex education
430 189. accommodations for women who express milk during working hours or nurse
431 their babies away from home (not restrooms)
432 190. Iowa licensure of Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs)
433 191. requiring pharmacists to fill pregnancy-related prescriptions
434 192. emergency contraceptive access without parental consent with appropriate
435 follow-up counseling
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437 **Economic Security for All**

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439 We support:
440 193. fully-funded group care facilities including children's and domestic violence
441 shelters and shelters for the homeless with transition facilities to help them
442 move into homes
443 194. grandparent or kinship stipends equal to that received by foster parents
444 195. public assistance recipients NOT penalized for working while receiving
445 benefits
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- 447 We oppose:
448 196. Paul Ryan Budget Bill
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450 **EDUCATION**

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452 We support:
453 197. President Obama's education mission
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455 **Reform and invest in K-12 Education**

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457 We support:
458 198. strong, well-rounded education programs for music, fine arts, physical
459 education, vocational training, media education, Science, Technology,
460 Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and elementary and secondary foreign

- 461 language
462 199. state standards with local control of curriculum
463 200. overhauling No Child Left Behind (NCLB) including:
464 • accurately identifying and supporting struggling schools and students
465 • high quality teacher training in all academic disciplines and using multiple
466 methods to evaluate prospective teachers
467 • consulting local educators in reform of Iowa's educational system
468 • top quality continuous professional development for educators, including
469 mentoring
470 201. using multiple fair measures to assess student, teacher, and school
471 performance
472 202. a statute establishing professional rights for licensed educators
473 203. flexible individual learning plans to enhance student success
474 204. low student/teacher ratios
475 205. comprehensive, fact-based, age appropriate, relevant reproductive health
476 education
477 206. academic technology integration in Iowa Public Schools
478 207. providing organic, nutritious, locally produced foods in schools
479 208. encouraging character building

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481 **Policies to Enhance Learning and Educating**

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483 We support:

- 484 209. requiring all teacher preparation programs to hold national professional
485 accreditation
486 210. public-private partnerships to enhance community and parent involvement
487 211. reestablishing librarians, nurses and guidance counselors to mandatory status
488 212. local districts establishing their school calendars within state-approved number
489 of hours
490 213. access and funding to instruction in literacy and math for alternative schools,
491 high school drop outs, the unemployed, new immigrants and prisoners
492 214. strong regulation of higher education, including for-profit education,
493 emphasizing: accreditation, credit transferability, cost control, disclosure
494 215. anti-bullying legislation
495 216. curricula like those in leading Trends in International Mathematics and Science
496 Studies (TIMSS) countries

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498 **Fulfilling Special Needs**

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500 We support:

- 501 217. adequately funding instruction for special education, Talented and Gifted
502 (TAG), English Language Learners (ELL) and instruction in multicultural,
503 racial, ethnic, and religious diversity issues
504 218. aid, including nutrition, for students who need additional assistance

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506 **Funding Our Future**

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We support:

219. funding to at least their previous highest inflation-adjusted levels
 - universal preschool
 - Head Start
 - after school, K-12, school to work programs
 - community colleges
 - Regents Universities
 - Area Education Agencies (AEAs)
220. competitive professional salaries for full-time and adjunct educators and living wages for support staff, para-educators and substitute teachers
221. increased tax deductions for teaching materials by public school teachers
222. equalizing tax burden and opportunity among school districts
223. requiring a simple majority to pass educational bond issues
224. full funding of all mandated programs
225. increasing funding of public libraries including access to eBook and information technology
226. exempting previously approved budgets from across-the-board cuts

Financial Aid for our Human Capital

We support:

227. increasing higher education access with low loan interest rates, a refundable college opportunity tax credit, aid to reduce tuition, Pell Grants
228. extending deferral of student loans to one year post graduation
229. subsidizing loan forgiveness programs for community service
230. increasing funding for TRIO programs
231. repealing the Solomon Amendment

We oppose:

232. mid-year reductions of state and federal financial aid to schools
233. any voucher system or tax credit using public funds for private schools
234. tying teacher pay and evaluation to student standardized tests

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Peace and Security

We support:

235. strengthening border and port security
236. closing detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay
237. human rights and habeas corpus protection
238. combating terrorism as an international criminal problem
239. resolving global poverty, protecting clean water, and reducing hunger and disease
240. eliminating all nuclear weapons

- 553 241. enhancing gender equality and political empowerment of women
- 554 242. preventing genocide and mass atrocities
- 555 243. taking military action only with clear national defense goals, informed
- 556 Congressional consent and funding, and, whenever possible, international
- 557 cooperation
- 558 244. ending violence against women, including genital mutilation, honor killings, and
- 559 rape
- 560 245. closing the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation
- 561 (WHINSEC)
- 562 246. international support for democratic movements
- 563 247. protecting victims and prosecuting human traffickers
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565 We oppose:

- 566 248. rendition to foreign prisons and secret sites
- 567 249. persecution based on sexual orientation
- 568 250. US sponsoring coups, juntas, unelected governments
- 569 251. human shields, torture, collective punishments, suicide bombings, interference
- 570 with aid workers, and blockades affecting basic civilian needs
- 571 252. illegal U.S. military aid
- 572 253. militarization of space
- 573 254. use of mercenaries
- 574 255. amnesty for war criminals
- 575 256. rape as a weapon of war
- 576 257. preemptive war without an imminent threat to US security
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578 **Middle East**

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580 We support:

- 581 258. verifiably containing Iran's nuclear program to peacefully prevent weapons
- 582 development
- 583 259. peaceful efforts to achieve separate and secure Israeli and Palestinian states,
- 584 along 1967 borders with modifications, working with all parties to resolve the
- 585 conflict and respecting the rights of all persons
- 586 260. promoting genuine democracy in Egypt, Syria, Libya, Iran, and elsewhere in
- 587 the region
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589 We oppose:

- 590 261. further Israeli settlements in disputed territory
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592 **Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq**

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594 We support:

- 595 262. expedited withdrawal of US combat troops from Afghanistan
- 596 263. reconstruction and refugee resettlement in Iraq and Afghanistan through
- 597 international cooperation
- 598 264. stabilizing Pakistan

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Central and South America and the Caribbean

We support:

265. normalized relations with Cuba

We oppose:

266. training, military, financial support of repressive regimes

267. clear-cutting Amazon rainforests

Africa

We support:

268. rapid international peacekeeping intervention in armed conflicts

269. food aid to relieve famine

Asia

We support:

270. diplomacy with China to improve cooperation and trade agreements, expand citizen's rights and protect dissidents

271. diplomacy in containing North Korea's nuclear weapons

Development Assistance

We support:

272. culturally sensitive, non-exploitive foreign aid and fair trade agreements protecting human rights, public health, worker's rights and the environment

273. open-bid reconstruction and disaster relief contracts favoring local contractors/laborers

274. reducing pollution, supplying clean water, ending dependence on non-renewable energy

275. promoting voluntary reproductive health and family planning

276. meeting UN Millennium Development goals

We oppose:

277. trade with nations allowing child or slave labor or human trafficking

United Nations (UN)

We support:

278. full dues payment

279. regional security partnerships to resolve international problems and crises

280. an Arms Transfers Code of Conduct

281. Ban Ki moon's declaration of LGBT rights as an international human rights priority

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Treaties and Conventions

We support:

282. adherence to signatory international law

283. Ratification and/or full participation in:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UHDR)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of Children (CRC)
- Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
- Biological Weapons Convention Protocol (BWC)
- Ottawa Land-mine Treaty
- Kyoto Protocol style agreements to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC)
- Chemical Weapons Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (CWC)
- Geneva Conventions
- UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRDP)
- Convention on Destruction of Chemical Weapons (CDCW)
- Cluster Munitions Treaty (CMT)
- Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (GFATM)
- New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)
- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (RSICC)

GOVERNMENT & LAW

Campaigns, Elections, & American Institutions

We support:

284. publicly-financed elections

285. merit-based judicial selection/retention

286. universal voter registration

287. limits on lobbyists' activities/contributions

288. internet-posted lobbying contacts

289. timely public disclosure of contributions from any source to any candidate/Political Action Committee (PAC)/ballot measure

290. limiting contributions to "super PACs" to individual campaign contribution limit

We oppose:

291. Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission

292. photo IDs for voting

293. laws restricting the right to vote

294. voter suppression

691 295. projecting election results before polls close
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693 **Civil Rights & Civil Liberties** 694

695 We support:

- 696 296. affirmative action in education/employment/government
- 697 297. state/federal statutes protecting all people from discrimination in, including but
698 not limited to, employment, housing, obtaining insurance, adoption, visitation,
699 marriage and immigration
- 700 298. Iowa Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) funding
- 701 299. reforming Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools
702 Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA Patriot Act)
- 703 300. civil rights restoration upon criminal sentence completion
- 704 301. due process
- 705 302. a constitutional amendment guaranteeing an individual right to privacy
- 706 303. accessibility of all aspects of all meetings and conventions
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708 We oppose:

- 709 304. National ID Cards
- 710 305. warrantless domestic surveillance
- 711 306. indefinite detention provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act
712 (NDAA)
- 713 307. criminalization of poverty, victimization and exploitation of the poor
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715 **Consumer Protection** 716

717 We support:

- 718 308. mortgage renegotiation
- 719 309. prohibiting companies from sharing customers' personal information without
720 written approval
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722 **Criminal Justice** 723

724 We support:

- 725 310. adequate prison staffing
- 726 311. eliminating drug conviction questions on job/housing applications and Free
727 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- 728 312. reforming statutes of limitations concerning sexually abused victims and
729 offenders
- 730 313. increased funding for reentry programs
- 731 314. increased funding for drug and mental health courts
- 732 315. increased funding for Legal Aid
- 733 316. Restorative Justice
- 734 317. expanding community-based correctional services
- 735 318. adequately funding state court systems
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- 737 We oppose:
738 319. capital punishment
739 320. prison privatization
740 321. juvenile life sentences
741 322. racial-ethnic profiling
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Government Services

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745 We support:
746 323. additional rural emergency services funding
747 324. expanding "Main Street Iowa"
748 325. federal discrimination protection including Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and
749 Transgender (GLBT) protection
750

- 751 We oppose:
752 326. privatizing government functions/services
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Gun Regulation

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756 We support:
757 327. licensing, safety training, background checks, waiting periods, registration
758

- 759 We oppose:
760 328. firearms possession by abusers under a protection order
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Immigration

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764 We support:
765 329. fair, effective, humane comprehensive immigration reform
766 330. E-verify
767 331. equal K-1 Visa access regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity
768 332. temporary residency and/or a pathway to citizenship for foreigners married to
769 US citizens including LGBT until Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is repealed
770 333. reinstating HIV/AIDS as grounds for medical asylum
771 334. Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act
772 335. full judicial review of visa denials/removal orders
773 336. increased priority for family reunification
774 337. addressing applicant backlogs for permanent residency
775 338. reforming immigration detention policies
776 339. Uniting American Families Act (UAFSA)
777 340. Sanctuary Cities
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- 779 We oppose:
780 341. state/local immigration law creation
781 342. separating families
782 343. humanitarian refugees admission limits

- 783 344. mass raids and related enforcement policies/practices
784 345. Diversity Visa (DV) quotas
785 346. visa limitations based on nationality/income
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787 **Internet and Telecommunications**

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789 We support:
790 347. greater online privacy rights
791 348. First Amendment protection for electronic media
792 349. Fairness Doctrine
793 350. unlicensed broadcast spectrum for community networks
794 351. net neutrality
795 352. Internet publication of all public documents
796 353. anti-trust legislation to reduce media consolidation
797 354. nation-wide high-speed broadband policy, including strong privacy protections,
798 fair use and promoting affordable, publicly-owned nation-wide hi-speed
799 Internet
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- 801 We oppose:
802 355. Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA)/Protect IP Addresses Act (PIPA)/attempts to
803 censor the Internet
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805 **Marriage**

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807 We support:
808 356. fully non-discriminatory parenting and adoption rights including LGBT
809 357. marriage equality, recognizing marriage as a civil right
810 358. Respect for Marriage Act (RFMA)
811 359. listing same-sex parents on vital records
812 360. Iowa Supreme Court's decision: Varnum v. Brien
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- 814 We oppose:
815 361. constitutional amendments restricting marriage
816 362. Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
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818 **Participation in Government**

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820 We support:
821 363. promoting youth involvement
822 364. filibuster reform
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- 824 We oppose:
825 365. Unrelated amendments
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827 **Taxes and Social Security**

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- 829 We support:
830 366. progressive and equitable taxation
831 367. expanded college tuition/student loan interest tax credits
832 368. Increased Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
833 369. Social Security (SS) payroll tax on all forms of income without caps
834 370. Tax Increment Funding (TIF) reform
835 371. securities transactions micro-tax
836 372. enforcing laws regarding tax-exempt status for religious institutions
837 373. estate tax on all estates valued over \$5 million
838 374. "Buffett Rule"
839 375. reforming commercial property taxes
840 376. full reimbursement to local governments for all revenue lost from commercial
841 property tax reform/all property tax credits
842 377. Senior Living Program (SLP) funding replenishment
843

- 844 We oppose:
845 378. attempts to weaken/privatize SS
846 379. taxation of unemployment, worker compensation, SS benefits
847 380. Bush tax cuts
848 381. making SS part of deficit reduction
849 382. corporate tax loopholes
850 383. foreign tax shelters
851 384. fossil fuel company tax breaks
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853 **Transportation**

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855 We support:
856 385. safe, reliable, maintained roadways
857 386. "Complete Streets"
858 387. improved funding/availability of public transit
859 388. high-speed rail
860 389. strengthening the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
861 390. helmet laws
862 391. subsidized passenger/freight train services
863 392. raising gas taxes
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- 865 We oppose:
866 393. infrastructure privatization
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868 **Amendments Adopted by the Convention**

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870 394. We support: "Equal pay for equal work"
871 395. We support: Eliminating employee/independent contractor misclassification
872 396. We support: The Iowa Code addressing minority set-aside contracts
873 397. We oppose: Corporations having the same constitutional rights as people, and
874 money equaling free speech

- 875 398. We support: Initiatives increasing and encouraging minority farmers and
876 farming support programs
- 877 399. We support: Natural Resource and Conservation Service evaluations for the
878 application of CAFO manure and anhydrous ammonia fertilizers. Besides the
879 highly erodible or non-highly erodible soil types, criteria needs to be added for
880 minimum soil depths and buffer distances for applications from waterways, all
881 streams, sinkholes, and rivers
- 882 400. We support: Stricter enforcement of the Clean Water Act by expanding the
883 definition of navigable streams to include intermittent and rising streams,
884 aquifers, and National Wetlands
- 885 401. We support: Greater financing of the enforcement of laws preventing nitrate
886 and nitrite pollution of our aquifers and streams and penalizing those who build
887 channels or outlet tiles to sinkholes, or alter the rate and manner of flow to
888 sinkhole-prone wetlands and watersheds
- 889 402. We support: The increase of health care providers and treatment centers that
890 are culturally specific to minority communities addressing mental health issues
- 891 403. We support: Addressing disparities in the academic achievement gap,
892 proficiency levels and low graduation rates of minority students with particular
893 emphasis on African American students
- 894 404. We support: Addressing the Iowa incarceration and workforce disparities of
895 minorities with particular emphasis on African Americans