

1 **2014 SECOND DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM**

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3 **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

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

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

10 We supported our military and veterans in war and peace.

11 We support them now and honor their service.

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

14 We stand as the party for all people. We condemn all forms of discrimination.

15 Whenever the rights of any citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered.

16 We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional and civil rights.

17 We supported the working people of this country when they were exploited.

18 We support them now for their right to organize, to achieve decent wages with health and retirement
19 benefits and a safe workplace.

20 We supported families in their pursuit of well-being.

21 We support them now in their desire to become healthy, educated, and contributing citizens. We
22 support the freedom to plan their family.

23 We supported the elderly when they were forgotten.

24 We support them now in their need for dignity, income and healthcare security.

25 We supported independent farmers and small businesses when they faced hard times.

26 We support them now in their pursuit of prosperity and economic security.

27 We supported parents, students, and educators to make education a top priority.

28 We support them now in their quest to achieve high standards. We support free and open access to
29 knowledge and information. We oppose attempts to distort science or health education.

30 We supported the people of the earth in working for a clean environment.

31 We support them now to achieve a responsible, prosperous and sustainable existence with nature.

32 We supported people all over the world demanding freedom, justice, and opportunity.

33 We support them now, applauding their peaceful progress.

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

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

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

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45 **STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

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47 **AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

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

49 ***We support:***

- 50 Traditional family farms;
- 51 Sustainable organic farming;
- 52 Crop/livestock diversification;
- 53 Industrial hemp;
- 54 Environmentally responsible farming practices.

55 **Agricultural Policy**

56 ***We support:***

- 57 Socially responsible, environmental, producer-friendly Farm, Food, and Jobs Bill;
- 58 Moratorium on new, and phase-out of existing, (CAFOs);
- 59 Local control of siting of (CAFOs);
- 60 No tax breaks for (CAFOs);
- 61 (CRP), (CSP);
- 62 Cap farm subsidies at \$50,000 per entity;
- 63 Market indexing (USDA) loan rates;
- 64 Conservation compliance for crop insurance eligibility;
- 65 Anti-trust regulation of seed supply, food production, and processing;
- 66 Right to save seeds for personal use;
- 67 Regulating (GMOs);
- 68 (GMO) safe seed use labeling;
- 69 Protecting non-(GMO) farmers from lawsuits over accidental GMO contaminations/planting;
- 70 Farmer-owned grain reserves;
- 71 Fair livestock market access;
- 72 American ownership of farmland;
- 73 Legal protection of finite soil resources;
- 74 Banning neonicotinoids;
- 75 Strict regulation of chemicals used in farming;
- 76 ***We oppose:***
- 77 Growing pharmaceutical (GMOs) in open environments;
- 78 Vertical integration of livestock production;
- 79 “Ag-Gag” bills;
- 80 (TPP), (NAFTA), (WTO), fast-tracked trade agreements.

81 **Livestock Management**

82 ***We support:***

- 83 Repeal Iowa (HF519);
- 84 Strengthening the Master Matrix;
- 85 Eliminating hormone and non-therapeutic antibiotic use in livestock;
- 86 Commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production;
- 87 Humane treatment of animals.

88 **Food Supply & Safety**

89 ***We support:***

- 90 Strong standards for (USDA) organic labeling;
- 91 Legal/enforceable definition of (GMOs);
- 92 Clear food labeling of:

- 93 • GMOs
- 94 • irradiation
- 95 • hormones
- 96 • antibiotics
- 97 • additives
- 98 • origin
- 99 • pesticides

100 **Energy: Combating Catastrophic Climate Change with Responsible Production**

101 **and Use**

102 ***We support:***

- 103 Higher (CAFE) standards for all vehicles;
- 104 Full reliance on Green Energy by 2050
- 105 Safe transport/storage of nuclear waste and fracking wastewater;
- 106 Decreasing dependence on nuclear power;
- 107 Regulation of energy commodity speculation;
- 108 Subsidizing wind/solar/geothermal/biomass energy;

109 ***We oppose:***

- 110 Fossil fuels/nuclear power subsidies;
- 111 Tar sands oil/Keystone XL Pipeline;
- 112 Re-licensing/construction of coal and nuclear power plants;
- 113 Fracking;
- 114 Deep water and arctic oil drilling;
- 115 Silica sand mining.

116 **Environmental Stewardship**

117 ***We support:***

- 118 Environmental protection/public health over corporate profits;
- 119 Restoration and preservation of the land, air, water and biodiversity (the Commons);
- 120 Increased reduction, reuse, and recycling of non-biodegradable materials;
- 121 Composting;
- 122 Protection of water from industrial/agricultural waste;
- 123 Strengthening and enforcement of all federal and state pollution and environmental-protection regulations;
- 124 Full funding of (REAP);
- 125 Expanding the bottle bill;
- 126 *Sequestration of carbon and mercury.*

128 ***We oppose:***

- 129 Lead shot;
- 130 Grandfathering the right to pollute;
- 131 Light pollution;
- 132 Mercury seals on water pumps;
- 133 Destructive mining practices;
- 134 Clear-cutting, mining, over-grazing, or fuel drilling on public lands/eco-sensitive areas.

135 **Watershed Management**

136 ***We support:***

- 137 Publicly owned, affordable clean water;
- 138 Integrated watershed management, including buffer zones, retention basins, aquifers, wetlands;
- 139 Reducing nitrogen, phosphorus; pollutants;

140 Returning waterways to healthy conditions.

141 **Planning and Zoning**

142 ***We support:***

143 "Smart Growth" planning/sustainable development, creating livable, walkable neighborhoods;

144 Preserving farmland and sensitive/unique natural areas;

145 County-level zoning/permitting;

146 (LEED) requirements for public buildings;

147 Strict adherence to (ADA).

148 ***We oppose:***

149 Favoring private enterprise with eminent domain or sale of public assets;

150 Subsidies for urban growth on farmland;

151 Urban sprawl;

152 Building/rebuilding on flood plains.

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154 **ECONOMY, COMMERCE & LABOR**

155 **Labor**

156 ***We Support:***

157 Maintenance of union rights for government workers, regardless of Patriot Act/Homeland Security;

158 USA manufacturing military components;

159 Expanding unemployment benefits;

160 (UPC);

161 "Fair Share";

162 Iowa Public Employees' Collective Bargaining law including binding arbitration enforcement;

163 (EFCA);

164 (NLRB),

165 (DOL);

166 (OSHA);

167 Adequate funding and staffing for state prisons;

168 (PLA).

169 Davis Bacon Act.

170 ***We Oppose:***

171 Right to Work Law;

172 Lockouts and hiring replacement workers during labor disputes;

173 Job outsourcing;

174 Mandating overtime/limiting overtime pay;

175 Internships providing neither pay nor college credit;

176 Expanding (FLSA);

177 Laws redefining workers as independent contractors not eligible for benefits;

178 Piecework rate without guaranteed living wage.

179 **Job Security, Workers Rights, Safety**

180 ***We Support:***

181 Elimination of second injury clause from (OWCP) and (IWC);

182 Choice of health professional for on the job injuries;

183 Re-opening full service (IWFD)

184 Strengthening whistle-blowing protections;

185 Employer penalties for violating labor law/arbitration agreements;

186 Allowing public assistance recipients to work enough to earn a living wage while receiving benefits.

187 **We Oppose:**
188 Replacing bargaining workers with prison labor;
189 Employment At-Will Doctrine;
190 Employer and insurance screening based on personal credit, polygraph, genetic information;
191 Wage theft by employers, including debit cards laden with service fees;
192 (RCL);

193 **Wages**

194 **We Support:**
195 Prevailing wage for construction workers on all government projects;
196 Proportional wages/benefits for part time/contingent employees;
197 Enacting living wage;
198 Indexing inflation;
199 Fair Trade agreement to provide living wage, humane and environmental conditions;
200 Equal pay equal work at current ratios;
201 Wages, hours, terms, and conditions of employment being a mandatory subject of bargaining for public
202 employees.

203 **Pensions/Insurance**

204 **We Support:**
205 Actuarially fully funded (IPERS);
206 (FED), (MFPRS) retirement systems for long term;
207 Fully protecting workers retirement funds, including criminal penalties for company abuse;
208 Public employees' statewide health insurance program;
209 Securing portable retirement healthcare plans;
210 Non-discrimination policy for filing, testifying for (OWCP) and (IWC).

211 **We oppose:**
212 Privatizing "Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation" funds.

213 **Economic Development**

214 **We Support:**
215 Encouraging development of small business;
216 Incentives for new returning US manufacturing companies including job training/replacement;
217 Encouraging investment in inner city neighborhoods;
218 President's efforts to stabilize the housing market;
219 Simplifying conditions needed to confirm employment discrimination;
220 Increased public works infrastructure funding and job creation;
221 Fully funding workers retraining;
222 Billion-dollar (AERLP) managed locally;
223 National high-speed internet policy, including universal broadband, open internet, consumer
224 protections;
225 Revising Mining Act 1870 to provide fair compensation for use of mineral rights on public lands including
226 restoration costs;
227 Implementation of (CCC), (WPA) type programs;
228 Transparency to consumers of financial products and services;
229 Limits on commercial charges;
230 Consumer Financial Protection Bureau;
231 Glass-Steagall Act;
232 Dodd-Frank Act;
233 Accountability for all public funds provided to and disbursed by corporations;

234 Technology for visually impaired access to home appliances;
235 Greater transparency to Research Activities Credit.
236 Temp-employees working 90-days should become permanent.

237 **Commerce Trade**

238 ***We Support:***

239 Greater congressional trade negotiations oversight;
240 Trade agreements that support sustainable farming practices.

241 ***We Oppose:***

242 Financial institutions “Too Big to Fail”;

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244 **EDUCATION**

245 ***We Support:***

246 Free Pre K -12 public education;
247 Attendance required until age 18 or matriculation;
248 Regulations and Inspected Enforcement for all licensed daycare facilities;
249 Encouraging parents’ involvement in child's education;
250 Using evidence based assessments to assess student learning and school effectiveness;
251 Equal access to educational services and resources.

252 ***We oppose:***

253 Diverting public money to fund vouchers, tuition tax credits, or private for-profit education businesses.

254 **Student Aid**

255 ***We support:***

256 Reducing college tuition and increased aid to students for trade schools and colleges;
257 Changing bankruptcy laws allowing inclusion of student debt;
258 Extending payback of student loans to one year after graduation;
259 Public/private incentive programs encouraging Iowa College graduates working in underserved
260 communities including forgiving loans;
261 Expanded college tuition and student loan interest tax credits;
262 “Ten-Ten” standard for federal student loan repayment.

263 **Public School Programming**

264 ***We support:***

265 Head Start and early childhood education programs made available to all children;
266 Empowering states and communities to tailor curriculum to improve elementary and secondary
267 education;
268 Programs teaching alternatives to violent behavior especially focused on bullying and domestic violence
269 using evidence-based practices;
270 Well-rounded curriculum to include humanities, arts, physical education, multi lingual, environmental,
271 (STEM) at all levels;
272 Reducing class size;
273 Requiring kindergarten attendance;
274 Publicly funded universal Pre-K;
275 Research vetting governor’s education reform proposals;
276 Comprehensive, evidence-based health and sex education presented by qualified personnel;
277 Integrating community service in-school curriculum;
278 Improving access and funding vocational education in secondary schools;
279 Continuing professional development for teachers with input from educators;
280 Teach consequences of substance abuse;

281 **We oppose:**
282 Teaching faith-based initiatives in publicly funded education programs;

283 **School Funding**

284 **We support:**

285 Funding for...

- 286 ○ Community Colleges
- 287 ○ Head Start
- 288 ○ Special Education
- 289 ○ (AEA)
- 290 ○ Iowa Communication Network
- 291 ○ School Resource Officer
- 292 ○ After School Programs
- 293 ○ Remedial Reading
- 294 ○ Tutoring Programs
- 295 ○ State Universities
- 296 ○ (TAG)
- 297 ○ (ELL)
- 298 ○ Technology and Media

299 Exempting state approved school budgets from across the board cuts funding for repair, maintenance
300 of school buildings in compliance with (ADA), infrastructure, school equipment and technology;

301 Compelling the Legislature to complete the (SSA) process within 30 days of the Governor's Budget;

302 Professional salaries for educators at/above the national median;

303 Increasing the wages for support staff and substitute teachers;

304 Equalizing tax distribution statewide for each child and school district;

305 Access to free Driver Education courses;

306 6% (SSA) for public schools;

307 Increased funding, access and expanded eligibility to trade schools and colleges;

308 Repealing expanded home-school law.

309 **Accountability**

310 **We support:**

311 Teacher evaluation systems designed and implemented at all levels with the input of educators.

312 **Optimal Learning Environment**

313 **We support:**

314 Multicultural, gender-fair education;

315 All student access to nurses, counselors, and library/media specialists;

316 Age-appropriate conflict resolution training;

317 Nutrition programs that include locally grown fresh foods;

318 Integration of critical thinking across all aspects of curriculum;

319 Zero tolerance for sexual assault on school campuses.

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321 **GOVERNMENT AND LAW**

322 **American Institutions, Campaigns and Elections**

323 **We Support:**

324 Voter marked paper ballots, auditable code use for all voting machines;

325 Government of the People Act;

326 Regulated public disclosure of all political contributions;

- 327 Mandatory statistically significant random hand audits of public elections;
328 Iowa's current voter registration practices;
329 Immediate full disclosure of Super-PAC donors;
330 Publicly-financed elections;
331 Merit-based judicial selection/retention;
332 Independent ethics commission for Congress;
333 Internet posted lobbying contacts;
334 Free and equal media time for all candidates;
335 Recall mechanisms for elected officials;
336 Universal voter registration;
337 EPA Cabinet Status;
338 Federal elections national holiday;
339 Federal adoption of Iowa's redistricting system;
340 Election Day deadline for absentee ballots.
341 ***We Oppose:***
342 Photo IDs for voting;
343 Citizens United decision;
344 Establishing English as the official language.
- 345 **Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**
346 ***We Support:***
347 Addition of sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and political affiliation to all appropriate
348 legislation;
349 Enforcement of separation of church and state;
350 Federal, Iowa (ERAs);
351 Restoring full funding/staffing for (ICRC);
352 Due process.
353 ***We Oppose:***
354 National ID cards;
355 Public votes on Civil Rights;
356 Warrantless wiretapping and searches.
- 357 **Taxes and Social Security**
358 ***We Support:***
359 Buffett Rule;
360 Repeal of Iowa Drug Tax Stamp;
361 Creating standards for regulation and taxation regarding online poker;
362 Progressive and equitable taxation;
363 Increased (EITC);
364 (SS) payroll tax without caps;
365 Closing corporate tax loopholes;
366 (TIF) limitation, reform, regulation;
367 Microtax on securities transactions.
368 ***We Oppose:***
369 Attempts to weaken or privatize SS;
370 (SS) benefit reductions;
371 Taxation of unemployment, worker compensation and SS benefits;
372 Tax cuts for the wealthy.
- 373 **Government Services**

374 **We Support:**
375 Additionally funded rural county and city services, especially emergency;
376 “Main Street Iowa”;
377 Funding and increasing threshold for Iowa Legal Aid;
378 US Postal services, retention of rural post office, 6-day mail delivery.

379 **We Oppose:**
380 Privatizing government functions/services.

381 **Criminal Justice**

382 **We Support:**
383 Video documentation of all on-duty law officials;
384 Equal sentencing for all cocaine;
385 Cannabis legalization, regulation, taxation;
386 Automatic restoration of felon voting rights;
387 Community alternatives to incarceration of non-violent offenders;
388 All prisoners' human rights;
389 Non-partisan commission to investigate criminal activities of administrations;
390 (SOX);
391 Funding for Drug and Mental Health courts.

392 **We Oppose:**
393 Mandatory minimum sentencing;
394 Unenforceable residential restrictions on sex offenders;
395 Racial profiling;
396 Prison privatization;
397 Sexual abuse Statute of Limitations;
398 Life sentencing without parole option for juveniles;
399 Capital punishment.

400 **Internet and Telecommunications**

401 **We Support:**
402 Public financing of Public Broadcasting;
403 Online privacy rights;
404 First Amendment protection for electronic media;
405 Fairness Doctrine;
406 Affordable, publicly-owned broadband networks;
407 Unlicensed broadcast spectrum for community networks;
408 Net neutrality/open internet;
409 Statewide networking of all public documents.

410 **We Oppose:**
411 (SOPA), (PIPA) and attempts to censor the internet;
412 Warrantless electronic surveillance;
413 Media consolidation and monopolies.

414 **Consumer Protection**

415 **We Support:**
416 Regulated, taxed derivatives market;
417 Criminal prosecution of management for corporate crimes;
418 Mortgage renegotiation;
419 Required individual written permission/compensation before companies share personal information;
420 Federal anti-trust laws applied to insurance companies/banks;

421 **We Oppose:**
422 Corporate oversight exemption;
423 Social networking ID disclosure to employer and/or employer access as a condition of employment.

424 **Reasonable Gun Legislation**

425 **We Support:**
426 Efforts of the Obama administration/state/local governments to reduce gun violence;
427 Domestic Violence Offender Gun Ban;

428 **Marriage**

429 **We Support:**
430 Marriage as a universal civil right, including (GLBTQI);
431 (UAFA);
432 (RFMA).

433 **We Oppose:**
434 Maternal bias in custody decisions;
435 (GLBTQI) discrimination on parenting rights, adoption
436 All constitutional "Marriage Amendments".
437 Conversion therapy.

438 **Veterans/Military**

439 **We Support:**
440 Adequate (IANG) and Reservist family assistance during extended active duty tours;
441 Active service people receiving a Living Wage;
442 Comprehensive, prompt mental health and disability payments/pensions;
443 Full funding of comprehensive care for veterans;
444 Full staffing of medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers at VA Medical and Outreach
445 Centers;
446 More (VA) Outreach Centers;
447 Equitable funding for National Guard Units, GI Bill;
448 Full tuition for all veterans at state post-secondary educational institutions;
449 Thorough investigation of all harassment complaints in the military, including religious coercion;
450 Accounting for all (POW/MIA) and recoverable remains;
451 Portability of veteran healthcare benefits to local hospitals and clinics;
452 Extending women's reproductive rights to women in active service.

453 **Participation in Government**

454 **We Support:**
455 Government transparency;
456 Optional 2-year national service for all people between 18-30 years old;
457 Iowa's Open Meetings Law, including electronic recording;
458 Full constitutional privileges for District of Columbia.

459 **We Oppose:**
460 Unrelated amendments;
461 Non-talking filibusters.

462 **Immigration**

463 **We Support:**
464 Prosecuting employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers.
465 Comprehensive immigration reform
466 Asylum for foreign nationals on medical grounds;

467 Easier, non-punitive pathways to legal immigration;
468 (DREAM) Act;
469 Path to legal status for undocumented immigrants;
470 Judicial review of visa denials and removal orders;
471 Moratorium on detentions and deportations
472 Increased priority for family reunification;
473 Humane border policy;
474 Access to drivers' licenses and vehicle registrations for undocumented residents
475 Security for borders, ports, infrastructure, water supplies.
476 **We Oppose:**
477 (TWP);
478 Mass raids and related enforcement policies and practices;
479 Quotas in Diversity Lottery.

480 **Transportation**

481 **We Support:**
482 Safe, reliable and maintained roadways;
483 Infrastructure funding for roads and bridges;
484 "Complete Streets";
485 Improved funding and availability of public transit;
486 Light rail, High-speed rail;
487 Strengthening the (FAA);
488 Intra-Iowa, interstate rail transport;
489 Increased safety standards for (RCL);
490 (NATCA), (ATC) staff, facilities and equipment;
491 Helmet laws;
492 Subsidized passenger and freight train services;
493 Developing ATV trails funded through licensing fees;
494 Encouraging bicycling.
495 **We Oppose:**
496 Infrastructure privatization;
497 Unnecessary closing of rest stops.
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499 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

500 **Health**

501 **We support:**
502 (ACA);
503 Affordable, accessible, comprehensive, single-payer healthcare, including mental, dental, vision, hearing,
504 reproductive, non-traditional, long-term care, nutritional education and wellness/prevention programs;
505 Reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers through Medicare/Medicaid equal to (UCR);
506 Mental health, brain disorders and chemical dependency parity;
507 Re-importation of (FDA)-approved drugs;
508 An appeal process for healthcare providers (chiropractors) proven qualified during internship to be
509 licensed.
510 Telemedicine

511 **Mental Health**

512 **We support:**

513 Funding increase for care of and non-discriminatory treatment of neurodevelopmental,
514 neurodegenerative and brain disorders;
515 Fully funding jail diversion programs for substance abuse and mental illness;
516 State-funded long-term mental health facilities;
517 Sufficient beds (not in jails) for emergency committals;
518 Sufficient funding for (CMHC);
519 Wellness programs/centers;
520 Sufficiently-funded, statewide, regionally-managed mental health and disability system, with equal
521 representation for rural counties, with staff trained to understand cultural differences;
522 Suicide awareness/prevention programs.

523 **Aging and Disabilities**

524 ***We support:***

525 Re-authorization of the (OAA);
526 Adequate funding for (HCBS) and other similar services for the elderly and persons with disabilities,
527 (VRS) and service/therapy animals including training and maintenance;
528 Adequate mandatory substantive training for caregivers, including family with compensation;
529 Consumer representation on health/human services review boards;
530 Family/community support services, including transportation to/from services;
531 Increasing program flexibility/funding to permit home living choices and accommodation maintenance;
532 Strengthening/expanding (ADA), including yearly accessibility audits;
533 (AAA).

534 **Children's Services**

535 ***We support:***

536 Mandatory (NCAR) and national criminal background checks;
537 Increased access and funding for regulated high-quality subsidized childcare;
538 Subsidized childcare reimbursement increase;
539 Supporting former foster children when needed, until 21;
540 Kinship-care/foster-care parity;
541 (WIC) funding increase.

542 **Reproductive Rights**

543 ***We support:***

544 The right of women to make their own healthcare decisions, including reproductive choices and
545 affordable contraceptive for all persons;
546 Emergency contraceptives/abortions access without parental consent with appropriate follow-up
547 counseling;
548 (CPM) licensures;
549 Safeguarding doctors, clinics and clients from harassment/violence;
550 Increasing funding for comprehensive family planning programs including Planned Parenthood;
551 Requiring pharmacists to fill pregnancy-related prescriptions;
552 Accommodations for expressing milk/nursing during working hours (not restrooms);

553 ***We oppose:***

554 Restricting access to medically necessary abortions;
555 Forced sterilization;
556 Female genital mutilation;
557 Forced castration;
558 Mandatory ultra-sounds and coercive counseling before abortion;
559 Tying state funds for hospitals to mandatory sonograms and coercive counseling;

560 Requiring physician-admitting privileges for abortion providers.

561 **Medical Research**

562 ***We support:***

563 Increasing funding for (NIH/NSF);

564 Research into chronic and/or toxin illnesses;

565 Legal/accessible medical marijuana (MMJ)/derivatives;

566 Stem-cell research, including embryonic.

567 **Patient Rights and Consumer Protection**

568 ***We support:***

569 Patients/health professionals controlling care, medication and end-of-life decisions;

570 Healthcare without religious/personal bias;

571 Evidence-based education for medical providers regarding (MMJ) and derivatives, e.g. cannabidiol;

572 Effective (Fast Track) FDA drug-approval;

573 Vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions.

574 **Abused Persons**

575 ***We support:***

576 National abuser database;

577 Preventing abuse/neglect;

578 Funding victims' services;

579 (VAWA) funding;

580 **Assistance for Food, Housing and Homelessness**

581 ***We support:***

582 Safe, decent affordable housing for all;

583 Sufficient non-discretionary funding for food assistance programs;

584 Expanding Housing Trust Fund;

585 Mixed-income zoning;

586 Expanding (HUD) Section 8 and 42 programs;

587 Funding Domestic Violence Shelters;

588 Increasing Homeless Shelter block grants;

589 Family-friendly, "Wet" and "Dry" shelters;

590 Increasing funding for job/life skills training;

591 Transition programs from shelters into care/treatment/permanent housing programs, including funding.

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593 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

594 **Peace and Security**

595 ***We support:***

596 Peaceful conflict resolution, US cooperative diplomacy, and multi-lateral solutions to international problems;

598 Closure of detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay;

599 Human rights and habeas corpus protection;

600 Federal court access for foreigners detained by presidential order;

601 Resolving global poverty, protecting clean water, improving education, and reducing hunger and disease, especially (HIV/AIDS);

603 Eliminating all nuclear weapons and (WMDs);

604 Territorial integrity of all nations;

605 Cultural and educational exchange programs;

606 Combating root causes for conflict and terrorism: injustice, economic exploitation, and denial of human
607 rights;

608 Maintaining security alliances with NATO/OAS;

609 Enhancing gender equality and empowerment of women;

610 Taking military action only with clear national defense goals, informed Congressional consent and
611 funding, and whenever possible, international cooperation;

612 Ending violence against women, including genital mutilation, honor killings, and rape;

613 International support for democratic movements;

614 Cessation of child sex trade, human and organ trafficking;

615 Free, fair, and open elections;

616 Improving cyber-security infrastructure.

617 ***We oppose:***

618 Persecution of sexual orientation;

619 US-sponsored coups, juntas, and unelected governments;

620 Amnesty for war criminals;

621 Indefinite detention;

622 Over-reliance on private contractors by US military;

623 Use of weaponized drones without Congressional approval.

624 **Middle East**

625 ***We support:***

626 Diplomatic engagement with Iran including containment of Iran’s nuclear program;

627 Promoting genuine democracy in Egypt, Syria, Libya, Iran, and elsewhere.

628 **Israel/Palestine**

629 ***We Support:***

630 The Obama administration’s effort to reach a two state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

631 Palestinians and Israeli health and welfare;

632 The Right of Return or just compensation for displaced Palestinians.

633 ***We Oppose:***

634 Israel Separation Barrier, settlement activities and moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem prior to final
635 resolution.

636 **Afghanistan/Iraq**

637 ***We Support:***

638 Reconstruction and refugee resettlement in Iraq and Afghanistan through international cooperation.

639 **Syria**

640 ***We Support:***

641 Rapid resolution of Syrian civil war;

642 Humanitarian efforts.

643 ***We Oppose:***

644 Military intervention in Syria.

645 **Central and South America and the Caribbean**

646 ***We Support:***

647 Normalized relations with Cuba;

648 Closing (WHISC);

649 ***We Oppose:***

650 Clear-cutting Amazon rainforests.

651 **Africa**

652 ***We Support:***
653 Food aid to relieve famine.

654 **Asia**

655 ***We Support:***
656 Diplomacy with China to improve cooperation and trade agreements, expand citizens' rights and protect
657 dissidents;
658 Containing North Korea's nuclear weapons diplomatically;
659 A Free Tibet.

660 **Europe**

661 ***We Support:***
662 Coordination with the European Union, especially on global economic issues.

663 ***We Oppose:***
664 Russian imperialism.

665 **Development Assistance**

666 ***We Support:***
667 Culturally sensitive, non-exploitative foreign aid and fair trade agreements protecting human rights,
668 public health, workers' rights and the environment;
669 Open-bid reconstruction and disaster relief contracts favoring local contractors/laborers;
670 Reducing pollution, supplying clean water, ending dependence on non-renewable energy;
671 Promoting unfettered access to voluntary reproductive health and family planning.

672 ***We Oppose:***
673 Trade with nations allowing child or slave labor or human trafficking.

674 **United Nations**

675 ***We Support:***
676 Full dues payment to (UNESCO);
677 Regional security partnerships to resolve international problems and crises;
678 Arms Trade Transfers Code of Conduct;
679 Participation in multilateral peacekeeping and humanitarian missions;
680 Participation in the Human Rights Council.

681 **Treaties and Conventions**

682 ***We Support:***
683 Adding sexual orientation and gender identity to United Nations Human Rights agreements;
684 Ratification and/or full participation in:

- 685 • (UDHR)
- 686 • (ICESCR)
- 687 • (CEDAW)
- 688 • (CRC)
- 689 • (CTBT)
- 690 • (BWC)
- 691 • (FCCC)
- 692 • (CWC)
- 693 • (UNCRPD)
- 694 • (UNCLOS)
- 695 • (GFATM)
- 696 • (START)
- 697 • (RSICCJ)

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699 **ACRONYMS**

- 700 AAA – Area Agencies on Aging
701 ACA – Affordable Care Act
702 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
703 AEA – Area Education Agency
704 AERLP – Alternate Energy Revolving Loan Program
705 ATC – Air Traffic Control
706 BWC – Biological Weapons Convention/1925 Geneva Protocol
707 CAFE – Corporate Average Fuel Economy
708 CCC – Civilian Conservation Corps
709 CAFO – Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
710 CEDAW – Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
711 CMHC – Community Mental Health Centers
712 CPI – Consumer Price Index
713 CPM – Certified Public Midwife
714 CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child
715 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
716 CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
717 CTBT – Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
718 CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention
719 DOL – Department of Labor
720 DOMA – Defense of Marriage Act
721 DREAM – Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors
722 EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act
723 EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit
724 ELL – English Language Learners
725 EPA Environmental Protection Agency
726 ERA Equal Rights Amendment
727 ETIC – Earned Income Tax Credit
728 FAA – Federal Aviation Administration
729 FCCC – Framework Convention on Climate Change
730 FDA – Food & Drug Administration
731 FED – Favorable Experience Divided
732 FLSA – Fair Labor Standard Acts
733 FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
734 GI – General Infantry
735 GFATM – Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
736 GLBTQI – Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (of one’s sexual orientation),
737 Intersexual/Intersexed;
738 GMOs – Genetically Modified Organisms
739 GSA – Glass-Steagall Act
740 HCBS – Home- and Community-Based Services
741 HCPA – Hate Crimes Prevention Act
742 HF519 – Enables shift in hog production from family farms to large corporations
743 HIV/AIDS – Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
744 HUD – Housing and Urban Development

745 HUD Section 8 – Low-income housing, government subsidized
746 HUD Section 42 – Low-income housing, not government subsidized
747 ICRC – Iowa Civil Rights Commission
748 IANG – Iowa National Guard
749 ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
750 ID – Identification
751 IPERS – Iowa Public Employees Retirement System
752 IWFD – Iowa Work Force Development
753 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
754 MMJ – Medical Marijuana
755 MFPRS Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System
756 NAFTA – North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement
757 NATCA – National Air Traffic Controllers Association
758 NATO/OAS – North Atlantic Treaty Organization/Organization of American States
759 NCAR – National Child Abuse Registries
760 NIH – National Institute for Health
761 NLRB – National Labor Relations Board
762 NSF – National Science Foundation
763 OAA – Older Americans Act
764 OCO – Overseas Contingency Operations
765 OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
766 OWCP – Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs
767 PBOS – Precinct Based Optical-Scanner Voting
768 PIPA – Program on International Policy Attitudes
769 POW/MIA – Prisoners of War/Missing in Action
770 PLA – Project Labor Agreements
771 RCL – Remote control locomotives
772 RFMA – Respect for Marriage Act
773 REAP – Rural Energy for America Program
774 RSICCJ – Rome Statute of the International Court of Criminal Justice
775 SOL – Statute of Limitations
776 SOPA – Stop Online Piracy Act
777 SOX – Sarbanes-Oxley Act
778 SS – Social Security
779 SSA – Supplemental School Aid
780 START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
781 Super-PAC – Super Political Action Committee
782 TAG – Talented and Gifted
783 TIF – Tax Increment Funding
784 TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership
785 TWP – Temporary Worker Programs
786 UAFA – Uniting American Families Act
787 UCR – Usual and Customary Rates
788 UDHR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights
789 UNCLOS – United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
790 UNCRPD – UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
791 UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
792 UPC – Uniform Plumbing Code

793 USDA – Unites States Department of Agriculture
794 VA – Veteran’s Affairs
795 VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
796 VRS – Vocational Rehabilitation Services
797 WHISC – Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation
798 WIC – Women, Infants and Children
799 WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction
800 WPA – Work Progress Administration
801 WTO – World Trade Organization