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

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

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

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

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

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

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60 We support them now, applauding their peaceful progress.

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62 We believe that our foreign policy should be one of genuine cooperation in global
63 solutions for international problems. We endorse efforts to defend the equality of rights
64 for all human beings.

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66 We support an individual's right to privacy and adequate legal representation. We look
67 forward to the day when all borders are open to the free exchange of ideas, people, and
68 goods.

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

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

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STATEMENT OF ISSUES

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AGRICULTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply

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83 We support:

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85 1. traditional family farms

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- 87 2. sustainable organic farming
- 88 3. environmentally responsible farming practices
- 89 4. crop/livestock diversification
- 90 5. industrial hemp
- 91 6. local food systems

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93 **Agricultural Policy**

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95 We support:

- 96 7. assessing environmental clean-up to all polluters
- 97 8. increasing SNAP benefits
- 98 9. LFFAJ
- 99 10. CRP/CSP
- 100 11. lower insurance caps/subsidies
- 101 12. CWA compliance for crop-insurance/subsidies
- 102 13. anti-trust regulation of seed supply, food production, processing
- 103 14. right-to-save seeds
- 104 15. GMO safe seed use labeling
- 105 16. non-GMO farmers' lawsuit protection from GMO patent holders
- 106 17. biological, less water-soluble fertilizers
- 107 18. public's right-to-know permit compliances/TRI
- 108 19. accessible IDNR well data/testing including lead, arsenic, anhydrous ammonia
- 109 20. investments in beginning, small farmers

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111 We oppose:

- 112 21. drug testing SNAP applicants
- 113 22. vertical integration
- 114 23. "Ag-Gag" laws
- 115 24. subsidizing large agribusiness
- 116 25. growing pharmaceutical GMOs in open fields

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118 **Food Supply and Safety**

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120 We support:

- 121 26. strong standards/safety testing requirements for USDA organic labeling
- 122 27. funding studies of agricultural chemicals' effects
- 123 28. legal/enforceable definition/testing/regulation/research of GMOs
- 124 29. clear food labeling of:
 - 125 a. GMOs
 - 126 b. gene-edited organisms
 - 127 c. irradiation
 - 128 d. hormones
 - 129 e. antibiotics
 - 130 f. additives

- 131 g. origin
- 132 h. agricultural chemicals
- 133 i. imitations
- 134 j. processing location

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136 **Livestock Management**

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138 We support:

- 139 30. strict CAFO regulation:
 - 140 a. moratorium on construction/expansion until regulated as an
 - 141 environmental and health hazard
 - 142 b. locally controlled sitings
 - 143 c. taxing at commercial rates
 - 144 d. eliminating manure pit tax exemptions
 - 145 e. tax exemptions for methane digesters and bio-filters
 - 146 f. mandating/strengthening Master Matrix
 - 147 g. eliminating hormone/non-therapeutic antibiotic use
 - 148 h. increased inspections/better enforcement of EPA regulations
- 149 31. veterinarians as mandatory reporters for animal abuse

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151 We oppose:

- 152 32. livestock odor nuisance protection
- 153 33. puppy mills
- 154 34. the Dark Act
- 155 35. canine BSL

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157 **Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production and Use to** 158 **Reverse Destabilization of our Ecosystem**

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160 We support:

- 161 36. RES Requirements (100% by 2025)
- 162 37. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy
- 163 38. NREG
- 164 39. increasing subsidies, tax credits for RE
- 165 40. stronger AE facilities regulation
- 166 41. moratoriums on re-licensing/constructing coal/NPP
- 167 42. CPP
- 168 43. development of alternative bio-fuels and eliminating the ethanol subsidy
- 169 44. carbon tax reducing CO2 to 350ppm
- 170 45. carbon retention sequestration
- 171 46. IRPS/NM/FIT for REC and MU
- 172 47. electric vehicle infrastructure/use
- 173 48. higher CAFE standards
- 174 49. expanded green public transportation programs

- 175 50. regulating energy commodity speculation
- 176 51. HE appliances/rebates
- 177 52. divestment from fossil fuels

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179 We oppose:

- 180 53. fossil fuels/nuclear power subsidies
- 181 54. all pipelines transporting oil
- 182 55. fracking
- 183 56. deep water and arctic oil drilling

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185 **Environment, Stewardship and Livability**

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187 We support:

- 188 57. environmental protection/public health over corporate profit
- 189 58. repeal 1872 Mining Law
- 190 59. reduce/reuse/recycle plastics/electronics/batteries
- 191 60. municipal composting/recycling, including curb service for multi-
- 192 family/industrial sources
- 193 61. expand beverage bottle bill
- 194 62. banning plastic shot/lead shot/tackle/wheel weights
- 195 63. strictly enforcing Iowa's drainage laws
- 196 64. enforcing EPA-IDNR-ESA-CAA-CWA regulations
- 197 65. enacting IEQA
- 198 66. banning neonicotinoid pesticides
- 199 67. reclaiming mercury and lead
- 200 68. funding IWILL
- 201 69. permanently protecting ANWR
- 202 70. strictly regulating agricultural chemicals/drift
- 203 71. eliminating non-biodegradable bags
- 204 72. IDNR notification to well owners of all contaminants when IDNR condemns
- 205 their well

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207 We oppose:

- 208 73. depositing coal ash and industrial waste in unlined/unmonitored fill sites
- 209 74. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses
- 210 75. discrimination by IDNR and USDA-NRCS in enforcement of IDL/CWA to build
- 211 illegal drains, polluting aquifers/waterways
- 212 76. mercury seals on water pumps
- 213 77. clear-cutting/mining/over-grazing/fuel-drilling on public lands/eco-sensitive
- 214 areas

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216 **Watershed Management**

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- 218 We support:
219 78. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
220 79. mandatory Nutrient Reduction Strategy
221 80. creating numerical standards/database for runoff levels and funding
222 enforcement
223 81. publicly owned/affordable clean water
224 82. incentives for implementing DNR's watershed management plan
225 83. amending the CWA to include intermittent streams/aquifers/wetlands
226 84. IDNR fertilizer management plans covered in RUSLE2 exams covering
227 CAFO/anhydrous ammonia nitrogen fertilizers
228 85. criteria added to RUSLE2 exams be minimum soil depth above tile/use only of
229 legal drainage outlets/NHEL soils
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- 231 We oppose:
232 86. rainwater collection bans
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234 **Planning and Zoning**

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236 We support:
237 87. "Smart Growth" planning
238 88. requiring LEED/2015 IECC/ADA for public buildings
239 89. minimum 6-inch top-soil replacement for new development
240 90. notification to landowners/residents within 5 miles BEFORE permitting CAFO
241 construction/expansion
242 91. requiring county approval of fossil fuel pipelines
243 92. county-level zoning/permitting
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- 245 We oppose:
246 93. subsidies for urban growth on farm/public lands
247 94. eminent domain abuse
248 95. annexation without binding votes of property owners
249 96. building on flood plains
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251 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

- 252 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
253 AE – Atomic Energy
254 ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
255 BSL – Breed Specific Legislation
256 CAA – Clean Air Act
257 CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy
258 CPP – Clean Power Plan
259 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
260 CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
261 CWA – Clean Water Act

262 EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
263 FIT – Feed-in-Tariffs
264 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
265 HE – High Efficiency
266 IDL – Iowa's Drainage Laws
267 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
268 IECC – International Energy Conservation Code
269 IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
270 IRPS – Renewable Portfolio Standards
271 IWILL – Iowa's Water and Land Legacy
272 LFFAJ – Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 (S.679 and H.R.1414)
273 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
274 MU – Municipal Utilities
275 NHEL – Not Highly Erodable Land
276 NM – Net Metering
277 NPP – Nuclear Power Plants
278 NREG – National Renewable Energy Grid
279 RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
280 REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
281 REC – Rural Electric Cooperatives
282 RES – Renewable Energy Standard
283 RUSLE2 – Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version 2
284 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
285 TRI – Toxics Release Inventory/Chemical Use Report

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287 **EDUCATION**

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289 **Accountability**

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291 We support:

- 292 97. investing resources in underperforming public schools
293 98. multiple measures determined by educators for assessing:
294 student/teacher/administrator/school performance

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296 We oppose:

- 297 99. fast-track certification for: teachers/administrators
298 100. merit pay

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300 **Education Funding from State**

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302 We support:

- 303 101. fair funding formulas for rural districts
304 102. legislature establishing PreK-12 funding within the first month of a legislative
305 year or default to an automatic 4% annual increase two years in advance
306 103. minimum 4% annual SSA for schools/AEAs/community colleges

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308 **State Education Policy**

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310 We support:

311 104. enforcing Title IX

312 105. extending SAVE permanently

313 106. Iowa DE accreditation for instructors/curriculum/assessment/pupil attendance
314 reporting for on-line/private/home-school/for-profit instruction

315 107. local control of school districts

316 108. state School Board and DE authority to change Iowa Core

317 109. strong policy support for teacher unions

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319 We oppose:

320 110. allowing all school board members replacement at once

321 111. diverting public monies to for-profit educational businesses/home schooling

322 112. voucher systems/K-12 private school tuition tax credits

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324 **Funding PreK-12 Fully**

325

326 We support:

327 113. academic integration of technology

328 114. before/after school programs

329 115. drivers education

330 116. ELL/ESL

331 117. fine/applied arts

332 118. foreign languages

333 119. free, healthy meals for all students

334 120. high-quality, tuition-free public education

335 121. living wages/benefit parity for ESP

336 122. music

337 123. prisons/juvenile detention education (including re-integration) programs

338 124. proactive approach to suspensions, expulsions, recorded referrals using

339 community trained volunteer mediators, student mediators, restorative justice,
340 peace circles

341 125. remedial reading

342 126. SPED/teacher training

343 127. summer school

344 128. TAG

345 129. tutoring

346 130. diversity/multicultural training/resources (staff/teachers/administrators)

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348 **Funding PreK-12 Increase**

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350 We support:

- 351 131. energy efficiency improvements
- 352 132. TRIO Programs
- 353 133. competitive compensation for educators in public schools/colleges/universities

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355 **PreK-12 Optimal Learning Environment**

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357 We support:

- 358 134. collaborative community/parent/teacher/administrator decision-making
- 359 135. eliminating de-facto public schools segregation
- 360 136. eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies/suspensions/referrals that
- 361 create "school-to-prison-pipeline"
- 362 137. full access to licensed nurses/counselors/teacher librarians/media
- 363 specialists/social workers/psychologists
- 364 138. implementing conflict resolution/anger management/civil discourse
- 365 skills/coping skills training for at-risk behavior
- 366 139. incentivizing diversity in teacher/administrator hiring/recruitment
- 367 140. Iowa Safe-Schools initiative, including anti-bullying education
- 368 141. reduced class size, including budget weighting
- 369 142. reducing dropout rates; increasing age to 18

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371 **PreK-12 Public School Programming**

372

373 We support:

- 374 143. age-appropriate financial planning instruction
- 375 144. civics education
- 376 145. comprehensive, evidence-based health/sex education presented by qualified
- 377 personnel
- 378 146. human rights education
- 379 147. integration of critical thinking across all curriculum
- 380 148. research-based instruction
- 381 149. STEAM
- 382 150. teacher/staff/administrator diversity/multi-cultural competency training and
- 383 teaching resources
- 384 151. vocational programs/apprenticeships/dual credit classes
- 385 152. correction of Native American history

386

387 We oppose:

- 388 153. religious bias/discrimination
- 389 154. retention of non-proficient 3rd graders

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391 **Post-Secondary Education**

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393 We support:

- 394 155. Pell grants for inmates

- 395 156. proportionate compensation for adjunct educators
396 157. rape/sexual assault zero-tolerance policy
397 158. regulating accreditation/credit transferability/financial disclosure of for-profit
398 schools
399 159. tuition-free state colleges/universities (equivalent support to students at
400 nonprofits)

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402 We oppose:

- 403 160. enrollment-based funding of regent institutions
404 161. manipulating party balance of Iowa Board of Regents

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406 **Post-Secondary Loans**

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408 We support:

- 409 162. 100% tax deductible interest
410 163. retroactive consumer protection practices (e.g. bankruptcy/wage
411 garnishment/death forgiveness/3% interest cap)
412 164. separate marital status for repayment plans

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414 **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

415 AEA – Area Education Agency

416 DE – Department of Education

417 ELL – English Language Learners

418 ESL – English as a Second Language

419 ESP – Education Support Professionals

420 SAVE – Secure an Advanced Vision for Education

421 SPED – Special Education

422 SSA – Iowa legislature: Supplemental State Aid to education

423 STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics

424 STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

425 TAG – Talented and Gifted

426 TRIO – Educational Talent Search (ETS), Classic Upward Bound (CUB), Veterans
427 Upward Bound (VUB), Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS), Student Support
428 Services (SSS), Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), Training Grant (for Special
429 Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel (TR), and the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Post-
430 Baccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair).

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432 **GOVERNMENT, LAW, MILITARY AND VETERANS**

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434 **Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions**

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436 We support:

- 437 165. timely Supreme Court nomination hearings
438 166. voter-marked paper ballots

- 439 167. 5-year ban on paid/compensated lobbying for former congressional
- 440 employees/officials
- 441 168. mandatory random election audits
- 442 169. automatic/same-day voter registration
- 443 170. national elections/caucuses as paid holidays
- 444 171. publicly-financed elections
- 445 172. OCE/RVRA/IRV
- 446 173. internet posted lobbying contacts
- 447 174. reinstating Fairness Doctrine
- 448 175. recall mechanisms
- 449 176. voting rights for felons
- 450 177. Iowa's redistricting system used nationwide
- 451 178. absentee/early voting
- 452 179. limiting and requiring public disclosure of contributions to campaigns/PACs
- 453 180. open-source voting machine software
- 454 181. neighborhood-based voting
- 455 182. Iowa's first-in-the-nation status
- 456 183. [deleted]
- 457 184. holding school board/municipal bond/other elections on the same day

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459 We oppose:

- 460 185. voter photo IDs
- 461 186. Citizens United
- 462 187. establishing English as official language
- 463 188. super delegates
- 464 189. voter suppression
- 465 190. gerrymandering

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467 **Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**

468

469 We support:

- 470 191. non-discrimination for LGBTQQIA+, disability, political, & religious/nonreligious
- 471 affiliation
- 472 192. enforcing separation of church and state including returning the National Motto
- 473 to "E Pluribus Unum"
- 474 193. enforcing CRA/ADA
- 475 194. federal/Iowa ERA
- 476 195. habeas corpus rights
- 477 196. removing gender/sex from government forms including voter registration
- 478 197. removing gender/sex from state IDs/licenses
- 479 198. de-escalation policies, bias training for law enforcement
- 480 199. community policing
- 481 200. DOJ investigation of deaths in police custody

- 482 201. BLM movement
- 483 202. Affirmative Action
- 484 203. hate crime legislation including gender identity
- 485 204. renaming Columbus Day to First Nations Day
- 486 205. marriage equality
- 487 206. non-discriminatory adoption rights
- 488 207. "Move to Amend"
- 489 208. the right of Puerto Rico to declare bankruptcy
- 490 209. DC statehood
- 491 210. The Nordic Model

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493 We oppose:

- 494 211. constitutional amendments restricting marriage
- 495 212. national ID cards
- 496 213. warrantless searches, electronic/drone surveillance, traffic cameras
- 497 214. mass incarceration, mandatory sentencing
- 498 215. private prisons
- 499 216. religious exemptions to LGBTQQIA+ anti-discrimination laws
- 500 217. corporate personhood

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502 **Military and Veterans' Affairs**

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504 We support:

- 505 218. expediting hiring of qualified candidates for VA positions
- 506 219. investigation/prosecution of sexual assault/harassment cases in US civilian
- 507 courts
- 508 220. VOW
- 509 221. recognizing contributions & wartime efforts by all military branches
- 510 222. programs to reestablish veterans back into communities, eliminate
- 511 homelessness
- 512 223. adequate family assistance for reservists during extended active duty
- 513 224. living wage for active personnel
- 514 225. raising Iowa's Veterans' benefits, education resources
- 515 226. equitable benefits for reserve/guard military members
- 516 227. fully funding/escrowing military actions, including legacy costs
- 517 228. veteran business start-ups
- 518 229. bonus programs for military personnel
- 519 230. expanding USERRA

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521 We oppose:

- 522 231. FISA
- 523 232. budget cuts impacting VA's ability to operate

- 524 233. distribution of military combat equipment to law enforcement or any other
525 public entity
526 234. indefinite detention provisions in NDAA/military commissions
527 235. mercenaries/PMCs
528 236. USA Freedom Act

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530 **Transportation**

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532 We support:

- 533 237. Complete Streets
534 238. crash prevention engineering

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536 We oppose:

- 537 239. privatization of FAA

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539 **Taxes and Social Security**

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541 We support:

- 542 240. a COLA minimum for SS recipients of 1%
543 241. SCIA/TEA
544 242. reforming TIF

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546 We oppose:

- 547 243. privatization/profitization of government services
548 244. regressive taxation
549 245. chained CPI
550 246. raising retirement age, cutting SS benefits
551 247. taxation of unemployment, workers' compensation, disability/SS benefits

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553 **Gun Safety**

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555 We support:

- 556 248. President Obama's executive orders on gun control
557 249. universal background checks
558 250. requiring registration, licensing, education/testing & liability insurance
559 251. banning assault weapons
560 252. gun-free zones
561 253. closing "gun show loopholes"
562 254. right to prohibit firearms on one's property
563 255. temporary confiscation of firearms from individuals under DANCOs
564 256. guardians' accountability for minors' inappropriate gun access
565 257. nationwide database of gun ownership
566 258. hand gun regulation

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We oppose:

- 259. "Stand your ground"
- 260. open carry

Immigration

We support:

- 261. comprehensive immigration reform with reasonable citizenship pathways
- 262. State/federal DREAM Act and DAPA/DACA/TVDL/UFAFA
- 263. basic human/civil rights for immigrants
- 264. undocumented immigrants paying taxes/receiving benefits without fearing deportation
- 265. resolving visa applicant backlogs
- 266. judicial review for visa denial/removal
- 267. classifying unaccompanied minors as refugees
- 268. expedite legal entry process
- 269. due process, employment/labor rights regardless of citizenship status
- 270. free legal representation in immigration courts for indigents
- 271. attorney appointments for immigrant minors
- 272. moratorium on detentions/deportations, except for violent felony convictions

We oppose:

- 273. detention of undocumented immigrant minors
- 274. immigrant detention/deportation quotas
- 275. local enforcement of federal immigration laws

Government Services

We support:

- 276. aggressively prosecuting government officials for quid pro quo activity
- 277. postal/public banking services
- 278. full access to all public records
- 279. substantive funding for:
 - a. infrastructure & services
 - b. state court system
 - c. Legal Services/public defenders
 - d. ICRC
 - e. CDC gun violence studies/NICS
- 280. fair, independent, merit-based judiciary
- 281. creation of a cabinet level Department of Peace and Conflict Resolution

We oppose:

- 610 282. solitary confinement
- 611 283. juvenile life sentences
- 612 284. judicial elections

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614 **Criminal Justice**

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616 We support:

- 617 285. expanding statutes of limitations for child abuse/assault, including sexual
- 618 286. classifying attacks on family-planning clinics as domestic terrorism
- 619 287. minimum wage for all employed prisoners
- 620 288. treating addiction as health issue
- 621 289. reducing/commuting sentences, pardoning nonviolent drug offenders
- 622 290. expanded use of drug courts, diversion programs
- 623 291. reforming civil forfeiture laws
- 624 292. legalizing cannabis/hemp
- 625 293. legalizing all drugs
- 626 294. vigorous enforcement/expansion of Whistleblower's Act
- 627 295. body cameras for law enforcement
- 628 296. eliminating human trafficking
- 629 297. de-escalation over use of force
- 630 298. civilian review boards
- 631 299. reducing bail requirements, improving jail conditions
- 632 300. prosecuting white-collar crime
- 633 301. restorative justice
- 634 302. process to seal/expunge criminal records
- 635 303. applying state/federal Supreme Court rulings retroactively to incarcerated
- 636 defendants

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638 We oppose:

- 639 304. racial disparity in criminal justice system
- 640 305. capital punishment
- 641 306. mandatory minimum sentencing
- 642 307. religious/ethnic/racial profiling
- 643 308. charging defendants for court-appointed attorneys, probation, community
- 644 service, jail rent
- 645 309. discriminatory housing policies toward ex-offenders

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647 **Consumer Protection**

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649 We support:

- 650 310. strengthening/expanding/vigorously enforcing corporate anti-trust laws
- 651 311. strengthening laws protecting consumers from predatory lenders and abusive
- 652 debt-collection

- 653 312. corporate malfeasance penalties that exceed benefits from malfeasance
- 654 313. enforcement & strengthening of Dodd-Frank Act
- 655 314. foreclosure safety net
- 656 315. 36% APR cap on "payday loans"
- 657 316. insider trading laws covering government employees

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659 We oppose:

- 660 317. excessive collection/retention of personal data by government/private
- 661 business
- 662 318. collection/use of personal data without express consent

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664 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

665 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

666 BLM – Black Lives Matter

667 CDC – Center for Disease Control and Prevention

668 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

669 CPI – Consumer Price Index

670 CRA – Civil Rights Act of 1964

671 DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

672 DANCO – Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders

673 DAPA – Deferred Action for Parents of Americans

674 DREAM – Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors

675 ENDA – Employment Non-Discrimination Act

676 ERA – Equal Rights Amendment

677 FICA – Federal Insurance Contributions Act

678 FICO scores – Fair, Isaac, and Company scores (credit scores)

679 FISA – Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

680 FAA – Federal Aviation Administration

681 FVPSA – Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

682 FTC – Federal Trade Commission

683 ICFA – Iowa Consumer Fraud Act

684 ICRC – Iowa Civil Rights Commission

685 IPERS – Iowa Public Employees Retirement System

686 IRV – Instant Runoff Voting

687 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

688 LGBTQQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex,

689 Asexual, Arromantic, and others

690 NDAA – National Defense Authorization Act

691 NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System

692 NSA – National Security Administration

693 OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics

694 PII – Personally Identifiable Information

695 PMC – Private Military Company

696 RFMA – Respect for Marriage Act
697 RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act
698 SCIA – Stop Corporate Inversions Act
699 SLTF – Senior Living Trust Fund
700 SS – Social Security
701 SSN – Social Security number
702 STO – School Tuition Organization
703 TEA – Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda
704 TIF – Tax Incremented Financing
705 TVDL – Temporary Visitor's Driver's License
706 UAFA – Uniting American Families Act
707 USERRA – Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act
708 USPS – United States Postal Service
709 VA – Department of Veterans' Affairs
710 VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
711 VOCA – Victims of Crime Act
712 VOW – Veterans Opportunity to Work

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714 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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716 **General Health**

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718 We support:

- 719 319. universal access to affordable healthcare
- 720 320. single payer health care system
- 721 321. ACA
- 722 322. Death with Dignity Act
- 723 323. rescheduling/expanding access to medical cannabis and whole plant
- 724 medicine, with growth, production and dispensaries in Iowa
- 725 324. subsidized non-emergency medical transportation
- 726 325. prevention/treatment of chronic/acute disease
- 727 326. stem-cell research
- 728 327. workforce wellness programs
- 729 328. telemedicine
- 730 329. longitudinal studies on GMO effects
- 731 330. FDA regulation of vitamins/supplements
- 732 331. publicizing medical procedure costs
- 733 332. person-centered/consumer-controlled care plans
- 734 333. comprehensive diversity training for healthcare providers
- 735 334. increased NIH and NSF funding
- 736 335. sufficient, quality community-based services/other needed services
- 737 336. caregiver respite services
- 738 337. community integrated employment

- 739 338. expanding Native American health services
- 740 339. CCO addressing implications of human trafficking
- 741 340. funding for research/treatment/prevention of the Zika virus

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743 We oppose:

- 744 341. denial/substandard care due to personal/religious bias by
- 745 medical/pharmaceutical professionals
- 746 342. casino exemptions to SAA
- 747 343. prescription drug advertising

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749 **Mental Health and Addictions**

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751 We support:

- 752 344. mental health parity/availability/affordability
- 753 345. restoring/expanding MHIs
- 754 346. funding tobacco/substance-abuse treatment/programs
- 755 347. funding jail diversion programs
- 756 348. effective treatment length
- 757 349. mental health training/awareness for 911 responders
- 758 350. sufficient funding for CMHCs
- 759 351. suicide awareness/prevention programs

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761 **Children and Families**

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763 We support:

- 764 352. increasing inspections of childcare centers
- 765 353. fully funded services for:
 - 766 a. child welfare systems
 - 767 b. child and maternal health programs
 - 768 c. programs that prevent child abuse/neglect
 - 769 d. IME services to the annual CDRT
 - 770 e. high quality, subsidized childcare
 - 771 f. prenatal and early childhood programs
 - 772 g. family support programs
 - 773 h. youth homeless shelters
 - 774 i. children's mental health system
- 775 354. mandatory NCARs
- 776 355. WIC expansion
- 777 356. background checks for childcare workers
- 778 357. gender-neutral guardianship policies
- 779 358. kinship-care/foster-care parity
- 780 359. funding for foster children through age 26

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782 We oppose:

- 783 360. conversion therapy
- 784 361. non-medical exemptions to immunizations
- 785 362. surgical gender-assignments at birth
- 786 363. failure to medically/mentally treat children for religious reasons

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788 **Adults, Aging and Disability**

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790 We support:

- 791 364. rigorous, timely state inspection of:
 - 792 a. SNF
 - 793 b. ALF
 - 794 c. MIMR facilities
- 795 365. healthcare staffing based on acuity/care-levels
- 796 366. protecting LGBTQ elders against discrimination
- 797 367. increased funding for independent living
- 798 368. increased funding for:
 - 799 a. OAA/LTCOP
 - 800 b. dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care
 - 801 c. elder-abuse prevention
 - 802 d. AAA
- 803 369. consumer representation on HHS review boards
- 804 370. strengthening ADA

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806 **Reproductive Rights**

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808 We support:

- 809 371. rights of women to make their own reproductive choices
- 810 372. Planned Parenthood funding
- 811 373. student access to barrier-based contraceptives in public-schools
- 812 374. Roe vs. Wade
- 813 375. contraceptives, emergency contraceptives, abortion access for minors without
- 814 parental notification with follow-up counseling
- 815 376. funding HIV/STD testing

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817 We oppose:

- 818 377. interference limiting access to reproductive health facilities
- 819 378. prerequisite waiting periods for abortions
- 820 379. restricting access to medically necessary abortions
- 821 380. requiring physician-admitting privileges for abortion providers

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823 **Reimbursement and Coverage**

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825 We support:

- 826 381. sufficient long-term funding for Medicare/Medicaid

- 827 382. regulating healthcare/prescription drug costs
- 828 383. expanding Medicare/Medicaid to include LTC
- 829 384. increasing Medicare/Medicaid/ACA reimbursement to providers/states
- 830 385. re-importation of FDA approved drugs
- 831 386. Medicare/Medicaid negotiation for lower drug prices
- 832 387. Medicare/Medicaid coverage of prescribed hearing aids
- 833 388. protecting retirees' negotiated health insurance
- 834 389. permanent, enforceable oversight committee for MMCP
- 835 390. incontinence/feminine hygiene products as medically-necessary/tax-exempt
- 836 391. insurance coverage/parity for:
 - 837 a. contraceptives/abortions
 - 838 b. transgender-related healthcare
 - 839 c. alternative/complementary medicine
 - 840 d. compound/natural medications
- 841 392. COLA for Medicare, disability benefits
- 842 393. reimbursement rates for providers equal to UCR
- 843 394. affordable LTC insurance with no hospital stay requirements
- 844 395. establishing EMS as an essential service
- 845 396. caregiver tax credits

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847 We oppose:

- 848 397. privatization of Medicare/Medicaid
- 849 398. reimbursements/discounts/kickbacks for PBCs

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851 **Housing and Homelessness**

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853 We support:

- 854 399. safe, decent affordable housing for all
- 855 400. expanding HUD to include Sec. 8, 42 programs
- 856 401. funding domestic violence shelters/relocation
- 857 402. family-friendly "wet" and "dry" shelters
- 858 403. mixed-income zoning
- 859 404. funding transitional programs
- 860 405. increase funding for job/life training

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862 **Veteran's Health**

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864 We support:

- 865 406. free healthcare for all Veterans
- 866 407. expedited VA services for health/disability treatment
- 867 408. additional VA outreach centers and mobile units
- 868 409. full entitlement of medical benefits to National Guard, Coast Guard,
869 Reservists, including activated/training injuries
- 870 410. expanding injured Veterans grant program

- 871 411. raising Veteran benefits, eliminating backlogs
872 412. medical care at VA and local facilities
873 413. official recognition for all Veterans exposed to Agent Orange, and other toxic
874 substances, regardless of recruitment date
875 414. covered care including:
876 a. mental health/family counseling
877 b. substance abuse
878 c. suicide prevention
879 d. non-traditional therapies
880 e. transportation to/from approved non-VA appointments including
881 discharge
882 f. prosthetics
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884 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 885 AAA – Area Agencies on Aging
886 ACA – Affordable Care Act
887 ALF – Assisted-Living Facilities
888 CCO – Comprehensive Care Option
889 CDRT – Child Death Review Team
890 CMHC – Community Mental Health Centers
891 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
892 EMS – Emergency Medical Services
893 FDA – Food and Drug Administration
894 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
895 HHS – Health and Human Services
896 HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
897 HUD – Housing and Urban Development
898 IME – Iowa Medical Examiners
899 LGBTQ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning/Queer
900 LTC – Long-Term Care
901 LTCOP – Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
902 MHI – Mental Health Institutions
903 MIMR – Mental Illness Mental Retardation
904 MMCP – Medicaid Managed Care Program
905 NCAR – National Child Abuse Registries
906 NIH – National Institutes of Health
907 NSF – National Science Foundation
908 OAA – Older Americans Act
909 PBC – Pharmacy Benefit Consultants
910 SAA – Smokefree Air Act
911 SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities
912 STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease
913 UCR – Usual and Customary Rates

914 VA – Veterans Administration
915 WIC – Women, Infants, and Children

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917 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

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919 **Peace and Security**

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921 We support:

- 922 415. peaceful conflict resolution, normalized US diplomatic relations with all
923 countries, and multi-lateral solutions to international problems
924 416. closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities
925 417. human rights and habeas corpus protection
926 418. federal court access for non-US detainees
927 419. promoting human dignity, resolving global poverty, protecting clean air and
928 water, improving education, and reducing hunger and disease
929 420. eliminating all WMDs
930 421. territorial integrity of all nations
931 422. cultural/educational exchange programs
932 423. taking an equitable, active role with US conflict partners in MENA conflict
933 424. maintaining present NATO security alliances
934 425. gender equality/empowerment of women
935 426. taking military action only with clear national defense goals, informed
936 Congressional consent and funding, and whenever possible, international
937 cooperation
938 427. ending violence against women, including genital mutilation/honor
939 killings/forced marriage/rape
940 428. prosecuting human traffickers, protecting victims
941 429. free/fair/open elections
942 430. strengthening cyber-security
943 431. stricter enforcement of FARA
944 432. repealing 2001 US AUMF

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946 We oppose:

- 947 433. injustice, economic exploitation, human rights denial
948 434. persecution based on race/religion/sexual orientation/gender identity
949 435. US-sponsored regime changes, coups, juntas, unelected governments
950 436. use of weaponized drones without declaration of war
951 437. genocide
952 438. terrorism
953 439. imperialism
954 440. preemptive military action without an imminent attack on US soil

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956 **Iran**

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958 We support:
959 441. Iran Nuclear Agreement and diplomatic engagement

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961 **Israel/Palestine**

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963 We support:

964 442. equal human rights for Palestinians and Israelis

965 443. right of return/just compensation for displaced Palestinians

966 444. rights of BDS

967 445. escrowing aid to Israel until further settlements outside 1966 borders are
968 stopped and Israel recognizes Palestine at 1966 borders

969 446. Palestinian statehood/UN membership

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971 We oppose:

972 447. Israel Separation Barrier, settlement activities, and moving the US Embassy to
973 Jerusalem prior to final resolution

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975 **Afghanistan/Iraq/Syria**

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977 We support:

978 448. reconstruction and refugee resettlement through international cooperation

979 449. resolving the Syrian conflict and providing humanitarian assistance

980 450. US acceptance of 100,000 Syrian refugees

981 451. regional cooperation to contain/resolve conflict with ISIL

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983 We oppose:

984 452. military intervention

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986 **Ukraine**

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988 We support:

989 453. peaceful conflict resolution

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991 We oppose:

992 454. Russian territorial annexation

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994 **Central and South America and the Caribbean**

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996 We support:

997 455. normalized relations with Cuba

998 456. closing WHISC

999 457. investigating any US government involvement in 2009 Honduras
1000 coup/subsequent activists' killings

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1002 **Rainforests**

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1004 We oppose:

1005 458. clear-cutting

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1007 **Africa**

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1009 We support:

1010 459. famine relief

1011 460. funding economic/agricultural development

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1013 **Asia**

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1015 We support:

1016 461. containing North Korea's nuclear weapons diplomatically

1017 462. peacefully resolving disputed Pacific islands

1018 463. resolving human rights violations in North Korea

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1020 **Development Assistance**

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1022 We support:

1023 464. culturally sensitive/non-exploitative foreign aid and fair trade agreements
1024 protecting human rights, public health, workers' rights, the environment

1025 465. ending dependence on non-renewable energy

1026 466. unfettered access to voluntary reproductive health/family planning

1027 467. local control of natural/agricultural resources

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1029 **United Nations**

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1031 We support:

1032 468. US participation/full dues payment without preconditions

1033 469. ATTCC

1034 470. Meeting SDG

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1036 **Treaties and Conventions**

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1038 We support:

1039 471. adding sexual orientation/gender identity to Human Rights agreements

1040 472. ratification and/or full participation in:

1041 a. UDHR

1042 b. ICESCR

1043 c. CEDAW

1044 d. CRC

1045 e. CTBT

- 1046 f. BWC
- 1047 g. Paris Agreement Under the UNFCCC
- 1048 h. CWC
- 1049 i. UNCRPD
- 1050 j. UNCLOS
- 1051 k. GFATM
- 1052 l. START
- 1053 m. RSICC
- 1054 n. NPT
- 1055 o. APMBC
- 1056 p. ICRW
- 1057 q. ICJ
- 1058 r. HRC
- 1059 s. US Action Plan on UNSCR 1325
- 1060 t. CCM
- 1061 u. OPCAT
- 1062 v. ICPPED

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1064 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 1065 APMBC – Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
- 1066 ATTC – Arms Trade Transfer Code of Conduct
- 1067 AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force
- 1068 BDS – Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions
- 1069 BWC – Biological Weapons Convention/1925 Geneva Protocol
- 1070 CCM – Convention on Cluster Munitions
- 1071 CEDAW – Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- 1072 CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child
- 1073 CTBT – Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
- 1074 CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention.
- 1075 GFATM – Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- 1076 HRC – Human Rights Council
- 1077 ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 1078 ICJ – International Court of Justice
- 1079 ICPPED – International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced
1080 Disappearance.
- 1081 ICRW – International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
- 1082 ISIL – The Islamic State of Syria and the Levant
- 1083 FARA – Foreign Agents Registration Act
- 1084 MENA – Middle East and North Africa
- 1085 NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 1086 NPT – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- 1087 OPCAT – Optional Protocol to the Convention on Torture
- 1088 RSICC – Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- 1089 SDG – Sustainable Development Goals
- 1090 START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty

- 1091 UDHR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 1092 UNCLOS – United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- 1093 UNCRPD – United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- 1094 UNFCCC – 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 1095 UNSCR 1325 – UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security
- 1096 WHISC – Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation
- 1097 WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction

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1099 **LABOR, ECONOMY AND COMMERCE**

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1101 **Labor, Wages, Worker's Rights, & Safety**

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1103 We support

- 1104 473. "Fair Share"
- 1105 474. EFCA
- 1106 475. reducing inequity between executive and worker compensation
- 1107 476. improving unemployment insurance benefits
- 1108 477. worker's right to choose providers for workplace injuries
- 1109 478. reopening Iowa Workforce Offices
- 1110 479. expanding Davis-Bacon to include all publicly funded projects
- 1111 480. repeal "Right-to-work"
- 1112 481. banning hiring replacement workers for laid-off/striking Union workers
- 1113 482. "Equal Pay/Equal Work"
- 1114 483. protecting public employees' rights by maintaining Chapter 20 in its current
- 1115 form
- 1116 484. paid family leave
- 1117 485. workplace lactation rooms
- 1118 486. union apprenticeship/membership
- 1119 487. ENDA
- 1120 488. Right of workers to strike while maintaining essential services
- 1121 489. all employees eligible for employer benefits
- 1122 490. OSHA/MSHA
- 1123 491. expanding FMLA/covering all employees
- 1124 492. public sector open scope-of-bargaining
- 1125 493. EEOC Green Factors
- 1126 494. expanding workers' rights
- 1127 495. UPC
- 1128 496. unemployment benefit eligibility for all education support professionals
- 1129 including adjunct professors
- 1130 497. constructing/maintaining power plants by union workers only
- 1131 498. NLRB/IPERB
- 1132 499. Temporary employees working 90 days becoming permanent employees
- 1133 500. replacing minimum wage with "living wage" of at least \$15 per hour,
- 1134 annualized to CPI

- 1135 501. paying tipped workers minimum wage
- 1136 502. criminal/civil penalties for violating labor contracts/arbitration agreements
- 1137 503. SEIU efforts to organize fast food workers
- 1138 504. the Paycheck Fairness Act

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1140 We oppose:

- 1141 505. mandating overtime/limiting overtime pay
- 1142 506. employment-at-will
- 1143 507. employer, insurance screening based on personal credit, polygraph, genetic
- 1144 information
- 1145 508. job misclassification
- 1146 509. employer wage theft
- 1147 510. employer-issued debit cards
- 1148 511. privatizing public-sector jobs

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1150 **Pension & Insurance**

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1152 We support:

- 1153 512. actuarially fully funded IPERS/MFPRS for long-term financing
- 1154 513. creating hybrid COLA to replace depleted FED in IPERS
- 1155 514. public employees' statewide health insurance program
- 1156 515. pension portability
- 1157 516. protecting workers' pensions/healthcare benefits
- 1158 517. maintaining door-to-door, six-day postal delivery
- 1159 518. 2013 Postal Delivery Standards

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1161 We oppose:

- 1162 519. privatizing "Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation" fund

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1164 **Economic Development**

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1166 We support:

- 1167 520. public infrastructure spending
- 1168 521. incentives creating/retaining/returning jobs to US
- 1169 522. AERLP
- 1170 523. increasing public transportation including rail
- 1171 524. supporting/developing small businesses
- 1172 525. investment in poverty-stricken areas
- 1173 526. accountability for all public funds provided to/dispensed by corporations

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1175 We oppose:

- 1176 527. American businesses shifting assets out of the country, reducing American
- 1177 jobs
- 1178 528. systematic use of no bid contracts

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1180 **Budget & Taxation**

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1182 We support:

1183 529. more progressive tax structure, taxing all income as earned income

1184 530. eliminating social security taxable wage cap

1185 531. applying social security taxes to all forms of income

1186 532. taxing high-frequency trading

1187 533. taxing large employers whose employees are eligible for public assistance

1188 534. annual DOD audits by CBO

1189 535. increasing/expanding EIC

1190 536. combined corporate reporting for tax purposes

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1192 We oppose:

1193 537. "Corporate welfare"

1194 538. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs

1195 539. off-shore tax shelters by US individuals, corporations, foreign subsidiaries

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1197 **Commerce & Trade**

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1199 We support:

1200 540. equitable trade agreements assuring full transparency, protecting workers'
1201 rights/environment

1202 541. governmental entities purchasing US union-made products

1203 542. US manufacturing military components

1204 543. anti-trust restrictions on media consolidation

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1206 We oppose:

1207 544. fast-tracking trade agreements

1208 545. TPP/NAFTA/WTO

1209 546. gender pricing

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1211 **Business Regulation**

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1213 We support:

1214 547. regulating financial speculation

1215 548. "Too-big-to-fail" legislation

1216 549. 21st Century Glass-Steagall

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1218 **Internet**

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1220 We support:

1221 550. Net Neutrality

1222 551. internet designated a utility

- 1223 552. online privacy rights
- 1224 553. universal broadcast/broadband expansion/access
- 1225 554. immediate notification of PII compromise
- 1226
- 1227 We oppose:
- 1228 555. censoring internet
- 1229 556. NSA bulk data collection
- 1230 557. coercing telecommunication companies to release private data
- 1231 558. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
- 1232 559. cyberbullying

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1234 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 1235 AERLP – Alternative Energy Revolving Loan Program
- 1236 CBO – Congressional Budget Office
- 1237 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
- 1238 CPI – Consumer Price Index
- 1239 DOD – Department of Defense
- 1240 EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 1241 EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act
- 1242 EIC – Earned Income Credit
- 1243 ENDA – Employment Non-Discrimination Act
- 1244 FED – Favorable Experience Dividend
- 1245 FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
- 1246 IPERB – Iowa Public Employment Relations Board
- 1247 IPERS – Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
- 1248 MFPRS – Municipal Fire & Police Retirement System
- 1249 MSHA – Mine Safety Health Administration
- 1250 NAFTA – North American Free Agreement Trade
- 1251 NLRB – National Labor Relations Board
- 1252 OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- 1253 PII – Personal Identifying Information
- 1254 TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership
- 1255 UPC – Uniform Plumbing Code
- 1256 WTO – World Trade Organization

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1258 NEW PLANKS ADDED AT CONVENTION

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1260 **GOVERNMENT, LAW, MILITARY AND VETERANS**

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1262 **Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions**

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- 1264 560. We support the establishment of Legislative Referral Authority for the Iowa
- 1265 General Assembly

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1267 **Government Services**

1268 561. We support full funding of the US Patent Office, and Troll reform that does not
1269 hinder the ability of NPEs (Non-Producing Entities), which include independent
1270 inventors and researchers, from defending and obtaining patents.

1271 562. We support the IADC's (Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination) committee's
1272 efforts to clean up and prevent orbital debris in earth's Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

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1274 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

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1276 **Peace and Security**

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1278 563. We support the reduction of the military budget by 25 percent and the
1279 discontinuation of its use as an offensive force.

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