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We advocate for agricultural and environmental policies that sustain the family farm while preserving the quality of our land and resources. We support workers’ rights to collectively bargain for living wages and benefits, safe and healthy working conditions, and secure retirement. We will work to restore historical progressive taxation and economic fairness. We believe in individuals’ right to privacy and adequate legal representation, and in families’ quests to become healthy, educated, contributing citizens. We support parents, students, and educators as they strive for high standards, free and open access to knowledge and information, and fact-based science and health education. We stand with our elderly in their need for dignity, income and healthcare security.

Government of, by, and for ALL the people is the substance of our national quest, and the obligation of our legislative processes, ensuring that everyone is equal in the eyes of the law, and no one is above its application. We condemn all forms of discrimination and hold dear our obligation to secure and defend basic constitutional and civil rights. We will strive to achieve a comprehensive health care system that maximizes mental and physical health for individuals and families.

We support world-wide demands for justice and opportunity, and a return to foreign policy that will achieve cooperation in resolving international problems, and equality of rights for all human beings. We honor the service of our military veterans in war and peace. We intend to achieve truly representative government that works for the good of ALL human beings in a compassionate responsible, progressive way toward peace, prosperity, and a national outlook of confidence and hope.
Statement of Issues

AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply

We support:
1. clean/safe drinking/bathing/recreational waters
2. local/independent ownership of farms
3. environmentally responsible/regenerative farming
4. crop/livestock diversification
5. expanding farm markets including local sustainable/organic
6. protection/conservation of healthy soil

Sustainable Agriculture Policy

We support:
7. increasing SNAP funding and benefits, and indexing SNAP to cost of living
8. funding Leopold Center
9. increasing CRP/CSP funding
10. industrial hemp/cannabis
11. capping crop insurance premium subsidies
12. market-indexing USDA loan rates
13. conservation compliance for federal subsidies
14. anti-trust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
15. right-to-save seeds for personal use
16. mandating cover crops/buffer strips on HEL
17. repealing “Ag-Gag” bill
18. defining CAFOs as commercial/industrial
19. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion until < 100 of Iowa’s waterways are impaired
20. no tillage/fertilizer application on soybean fields after harvest, unless seeded as cover-crops and buffer-strips by waterways
21. farmer-owned grain reserves
22. GMO seed-labeling
23. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
24. public’s right-to-know permit compliance/TRI/chemical use
25. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessments improving soil/air/water quality
26. odor-nuisance regulation/enforcement
27. mandatory/monitored/enforced nitrogen/phosphorus reduction strategies
28. reinstate FFPR
We oppose:

29. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture

Livestock Management

We support:

30. local control of CAFO permitting/siting
31. responsible antibiotic use
32. humane animal treatment

We oppose:

33. unregulated/excessive hormone use

Food Supply and Safety

We support:

34. strong safety/labeling requirements ensuring food safety, content/origin/processing location
35. community/urban gardens, direct-to-consumer producers

Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production

We support:

36. Paris Climate Accords
37. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy
38. electric-vehicle infrastructure
39. higher CAFE standards
40. “50-by-30” initiative
41. energy conservation
42. smart-grid improvement
43. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes
44. CPP
45. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste
46. regulating energy commodity speculation
47. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies
48. carbon fees/consumer dividends
49. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa
50. Clean Line
51. IRPS/FIT
52. tax credits for renewable energy and energy efficiency

We oppose:

53. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies
54. tar-sands/pet coke
55. new coal power plants
56. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
57. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
58. reclassifying national monuments as private property

**Environment, Stewardship and Livability**

We support:
59. amending Iowa's Constitution to provide environmental protections
60. environmental protection/public-health over corporate profits
61. reinstating Iowa's Volunteer Water Testing Program
62. reduction/reuse/universal curbside recycling
63. municipal composting/recycling
64. enforcing ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
65. funding REAP/NRORTF
66. funding IDNR above 2009 levels
67. enacting IEQA
68. banning neonicotinoids, restoring habitat to protect pollinator/bees
69. bottle-bill expansion
70. sequestering carbon
71. reclaiming mercury/lead
72. local control of sand-mining permitting/siting
73. permanently protecting ANWR
74. mending roads with recycled plastic
75. innovative/inexpensive energy solutions
76. non-toxic shot

We oppose:
77. lead wheel-weights
78. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses
79. environmental protection rollbacks

**Restorative Wetland and Watershed Management**

We support:
80. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
81. publicly owned/affordable clean water
82. accessible IDNR well data/testing
83. incentivizing sustainable technologies/integrated watershed management
84. fully protecting/enforcing CWA including intermittent streams/wetlands
85. reinstating President Obama's enacted USDA-NRCS RUSLE3
We support:

- “Smart Growth”
- sustainable development
- livable/walkable neighborhoods
- preserving farmland/sensitive and unique natural areas
- LEED requirements for public buildings
- notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within one mile before permitting CAFO construction/expansion
- local approval for fossil fuel pipelines
- community gardens

We oppose:

- subsidizing urban growth on farm and park lands
- eminent domain abuse
- annexation without binding votes of the targeted residents/property owners

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- “50 by 30” – 50% clean energy by 2030
- ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
- AFO – Animal Feed Operations
- ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- CAA – Clean Air Act
- CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy
- CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
- Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated energy from NW Iowa to Illinois
- CPP – Clean Power Plan
- CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
- CSP – Conservation Services Program
- CWA – Clean Water Act
- EPA – Environmental Protection Act
- ESA – Endangered Species Act
- FFPR - Farmers Fair Practices Rules
- FIT – Feed-In Tariffs
- GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
- HEL – Highly Erodible Land/Soils
- IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
- IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards
- IWILL – Iowa’s Water and Land Legacy (subsumed under NRORTF)
- LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
Collective Bargaining/Unions/Labor

We support:

97. Fair-Share
98. prosecuting unfair labor practices
99. strengthening child labor laws
100. restoring/strengthening Chapter 20 protections
101. workers right to organize/join unions/strike
102. PLAs/LPAs
103. union apprenticeships and memberships
104. use of unions for infrastructure jobs/WPAs
105. EFCA
106. government entities purchasing US union-made products
107. Majority Sign-Up
108. federal jobs program (WPA)
109. NLRB/PERB

We oppose:

110. recertification election requirements for public unions
111. privatizing public-sector jobs
112. right-to-work
113. union-busting
114. replacing laid-off/striking union workers

Unemployment/Benefits

We support:

115. unemployment benefits for all employees
116. reauthorizing long-term unemployment benefits

We oppose:

117. waiting for WC/UE benefits
We support:

118. considering bidders’ safety records for government contracts
119. increased staffing and funding OSHA/MSHA/NIOSH
120. right to refuse unsafe work without retaliation
121. greater employee/union participation in OSHA inspections
122. workers’ rights to select their medical providers for workplace injuries
123. restoring protections under Iowa Worker’s Compensation Law

Employment Practices

We support:

124. whistleblower protections for employees
125. equal pay for equal work
126. FMLA
127. FLSA
128. removing barriers to proving employment discrimination
129. responsible, integrated strategies for AI-related job loss to protect/retrain workers
130. community-college based job training programs for displaced workers
131. “living wage” replacing minimum wage
132. reducing executive and employee compensation inequity
133. proportionate wages/benefits for part-time workers
134. tipped workers receiving full minimum wage
135. nonpunitive paid family/medical/parental leave
136. paid vacation
137. local control of minimum wage raises
138. making all forms of wage theft and pension theft illegal with penalties and support to enforce the law

We oppose:

139. employment-at-will doctrine
140. unfair overtime practices
141. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
142. use of credit scores for employment decisions

Retirement

We support:

143. fully honored, secure, portable retirement
144. fully funding/protecting IPERS/FED/MFPRSI/RRB/FELA
145. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan
146. COLA for publicly funded retirement programs

Government Policy

We support:
147. expanding Davis-Bacon Act to include publicly-funded projects
148. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level
149. “Deal for All”
150. net neutrality
151. statewide broadband access
152. Dodd-Frank
153. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
154. national universal basic income
155. expansion of public mass-transit
156. equitable/transparent trade agreements
157. transparency/accountability of public funds granted to corporations
158. a federal jobs and infrastructure program employing Puerto Ricans

We oppose:
159. renaming SS earned benefits as federal benefits
160. deregulating industry
161. fast-tracking trade agreements
162. TPP

Taxes

We support:
163. eliminating SS wage cap
164. taxing high-frequency trading
165. more progressive tax structure
166. estate tax beginning with $2.5 million estates
167. increasing EITC/dependent exemptions
168. property tax credits that benefit low-income/veterans/elderly/disabled people
169. annual evaluation of tax credits

We oppose:
170. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
171. increasing taxes on credit unions
172. off-shore tax shelters
173. corporate tax evasion

Bankruptcy
We support:

174. honoring full-pension benefits in the case of bankruptcy
175. listing employees as first-in-line creditors

**Business Practices**

We support:

176. expanding antitrust analysis to consider market structure, concentration, economic/political impact
177. incentives creating/retaining US jobs
178. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans
179. regulating financial speculation
180. full disclosure of competing/conflicting interests in financial transactions
181. breaking up “too-big-to-fail” banks
182. regulatory capture
183. protection against predatory lending
184. minimum 90% US-manufactured content required for “Made in USA” products
185. importer-financed quality inspections of all imports

We oppose:

186. corporate welfare
187. insurance credit scoring

**ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

AI – Artificial Intelligence
COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act
EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit
FED – Favorable Experience Dividend
FEELA – Federal Employers Liability Act
FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
IPERS – Iowa Public Retirement System
LPA – Leased Purchase Agreement
MFPRSI – Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa
MSHA – Mine Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NLRB – National Labor Relations Board
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PERB – Public Employees Relations Board
PLA – Project Labor Agreements
RRB – Railroad Retirement Benefits
We support:

188. involving community/parents/educators/students in educational problem solving/decision-making
189. minimum 6% SSA for PreK-12 education
190. restoring independent allowable growth formula to determine public school funding
191. providing educational tools/resources for students needing additional assistance, including online classes and other technology
192. PreK-12 public education for students until age 21
193. post-secondary programs tuition-/debt-free for at least 4 years, including:
   a. vocational programs
   b. regent state universities
   c. community colleges
194. dyslexia screening for children in PreK-12 schools/IJJS
195. state mandates requiring all public schools include instruction in physical/mental health and sex positive/comprehensive/research-based sexual/health programs (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)
196. training for all literacy skills
197. expansion of full-day kindergarten and universal preschool
198. full funding for:
   a. fine/applied arts
   b. ELL/ESL programs
   c. career/vocational education
   d. literacy education
   e. STEM
   f. civic education
   g. personal financial literacy
   h. special education and similar programs, including twice exceptional
   i. gifted programs
199. all public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative, salaries/benefits/pensions above national average
200. federally funding IDEA at 40% level
201. ADA compliance of all school facilities
202. restoring funds to AEAs
We oppose:

230. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
   a. vouchers
   b. Education Savings Accounts
   c. charter school pre-tax plans
231. merit pay
232. religious bias in publicly-funded education
233. arming school employees

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- TLC program
- driver’s education and foreign language programs provided by local public school districts
- maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
- ECE (public preschool/Head Start services)
- meeting Head Start or NAEYC performance standards
- placement of special education student to be directly tied to determining class size and staffing need
- restoring, increasing funding to regent universities and community colleges
- living wages, benefit parity, unemployment benefit eligibility, and ongoing training for ESPs
- increasing statewide minimum dropout age to 18
- student-loan forgiveness
- bankruptcy protections for borrowers
- 100% tax-deductible interest on post-secondary loans
- mental health professionals in all schools
- reduction of class size
- requiring credentialed supervision for home-schooled students
- expanding access to public school alternative programs
- radon testing for school buildings
- modernizing the Fair Funding Formulas for rural schools
- an option for a guaranteed rate of return for funds in 529 savings plans
- District Voluntary Diversity Plans
- eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
- increased tax credits for teaching materials educators purchase
- strongly regulating accreditation, credit transferability and disclosure of costs for all for-profit schools
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ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION
GOVERNMENT AND LAW

Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions

We support:

- Automatic/Same-Day Voter Registration
- OCE/RVRA/IRV/RCV
- Iowa’s redistricting system used nationwide
- Absentee/Early Voting
- Mandatory election audits
- Truth in political advertising
- 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials leaving government
- Paid federal/state election holidays
- Vote-by-mail
- Comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform
- Mandatory release of state/national candidates’ tax-returns as condition of ballot inclusion
- Johnson Amendment
- Iowa’s judicial merit-selection-system
247. Iowa constitutional amendment requiring full funding for co-equal judicial-branch
248. government transparency
249. publicly funded campaigns/elections
250. standardizing election poll-supervision, ballot type/tabulation
251. re-examining [501(c)(4)] political-activity
252. requiring political activity transparency—including funding
253. caucus system improvements
254. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
255. VOICE/Fair-Elections-Now-Act
256. limiting campaigning-time

We oppose:

257. Citizens United
258. superdelegates
259. corporate personhood
260. Super-PACs
261. official languages
262. gerrymandering
263. national constitutional convention

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

We support:

264. community right to enact laws protecting health/safety of natural persons/environment
265. repealing 2001 USAPA and 2008 FISAAA
266. providing tax-credits/employment bonding programs
267. barring law enforcement officials from sexual activities with suspects/detainees
268. limiting “cavity searches”
269. Miranda Rights
270. separating church and state and returning to pre-1954 pledge of allegiance
271. fully-funding Iowa Legal Aid
272. individual/legal entity right to BDS any country/corporation
273. freedom of speech and press
274. restoring VRA(1965) entirely
275. renaming Columbus Day
276. DC/PR/Guam/Territory right to statehood

We oppose:

277. RFRA
278. national ID
279. warrantless-searches/electronic–drone surveillance
280. non-church religious-exemptions from anti-discrimination laws
281. presidential self-pardons
282. subverting civil-rights

**Consumer Protection**

We support:
283. strengthening/expanding/vigorously enforcing anti-trust laws
284. penalties that deter corporate malfeasance
285. personal financial responsibility for law-breaking elected officials
286. government official insider-trading laws
287. foreclosure safety-net
288. CFPB: fully-funded independent agency
289. GDPR-level PII data protection

We oppose:
290. robocalls
291. utility deregulation/privatization
292. limiting court access
293. “Pork-Barrel” amendments

**Criminal Justice**

We support:
294. legalizing cannabis
295. vacating non-violent drug-offense past sentences
296. ending war-on-drugs/treating drug-addiction as public health issues
297. mentally-ill/addicted offender treatment programs
298. specialty-courts
299. de-escalation/bias programs/training/improving police-community relations
300. independent investigations of deaths involving police/corrections
301. fully-funding/timely rape-kit processing
302. equitable funding for public defense/prosecution
303. juvenile sentencing/incarceration reform
304. citizens’ review boards
305. HCPA
306. contemporary Nordic inmate-rehabilitation-model:
   a. rehabilitation not punishment
   b. increasing rehabilitation programs for recently released individuals
   c. inmate minimum wage
   d. restorative justice
   e. incarceration alternatives
307. EJI
308. community policing
309. reforming civil/criminal forfeiture laws
310. victims’ services
311. preventing/identifying/treating human trafficking victims
312. prosecuting “white-collar” crime
313. classifying abortion clinics/provider attacks as domestic-terrorism

We oppose:
314. requiring supreme court super-majorities on constitutional questions
315. charging defendants for: court-appointed-attorneys/probation/community service/jail-rent
316. shackles/restraints during childbirth
317. for-profit jails/prisons
318. capital punishment
319. mandatory-minimum sentencing
320. bail-system abuse
321. law-enforcement militarization
322. “Stop-and-Frisk” policies
323. NDAA indefinite-detention provisions
324. civil/criminal statutes of limitations on child-abuse/sexual-abuse cases
325. ex-offender housing-discrimination

Government Services

We support:
326. prosecuting government officials charged with quid-pro-quo bribery offenses
327. full-access to ALL public records excepting PII
328. substantive funding for:
   a. safe/reliable/well-maintained bridges/roadways
   b. secure ports/water supplies/infrastructure
   c. rural county/city (emergency) services
   d. FVPSA/VAWA
   e. Division of Tobacco Use and Control
   f. Public Broadcasting
   g. Art in State Buildings
   h. SHS projects/goals
   i. prisons
329. USPS Banking
330. VOCA compensation going to victims
331. fully-funding/enforcing federal/state mandates
332. COLAs including medical costs/food/energy
333. local/international food-aid programs
We oppose:

- eminent-domain for private-profit
- nepotism
- fast-track congressional voting without public debate
- tax-cuts defunding public programs
- privatizing/outsourcing government services/assets

Gun Safety

We support:

- guardian accountability for minor negligent-gun-access
- public/private property gun-free zones
- updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, restricting:
  a. silencers/suppressors
  b. bump-stocks
  c. high-capacity-magazines
  d. fragmentary-rounds
- mandatory safety/proficiency training
- expanding NICS
- firearm transfer universal background checks
- registration
- waiting periods
- just-cause Sheriff discretion issuing Concealed-Carry
- mandatory liability insurance for gun/ammunition owners/sellers/manufacturers
- GVROA(2017)
- mandatory reporting lost/stolen firearms
- reasonable gun-regulation/responsible gun-ownership
- gun buybacks

We oppose:

- open-carry
- Dickey Amendment
- NCCR
- private post-1968 firearms transfers without serial numbers

Immigration

We support:

- state/federal DREAM/DAPA/DACA/TVDL/UAFA
- resolving visas/permanent-residency backlogs/prioritizing family unity
We oppose:

- detaining undocumented minors
- immigrant detention/deportation quotas
- locally enforcing federal immigration laws
- mass raids/related enforcement practices
- religious exclusion
- “papers please”
- unnecessary travel-bans
- abrogating birthright-citizenship
- separating minor children from their parents when they are trying to enter the country
- internment and concentration camps

Internet and Telecommunications

We support:

- publicly-owned/universal HSIA
- modernized “Fairness Doctrine”/equal-time rule

We oppose:

- internet censorship
- warrantless bulk-data collection
- cyberbullying
- FCC’s “UHF Discount” allowing media monoliths

Taxes and Social Security

We support:

- charitable-giving tax-deductions
- Veterans Exemption
- restoring TIF’s original purpose
We oppose:

- 390. chained CPI
- 391. raising retirement age/cutting SS-benefits
- 392. taxing: unemployment/workers'-compensation/disability/SS-benefits
- 393. refundable corporate tax-credits
- 394. corporate tax-loopholes
- 395. SS-fund diversion
- 396. corporate-welfare

**Transportation**

We support:

- 397. Complete-Streets
- 398. crash-prevention engineering
- 399. Main Street Iowa
- 400. helmet laws
- 401. ET3/Hyperloop/High-speed Rail/light-rail feeder-systems
- 402. backseat passenger seat-belt law
- 403. transportation alternative-energies
- 404. rural-transportation expansion

**ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**

- 501(c)(3) – a tax-exempt organization
- 501(c)(4) – a tax-exempt and non-profit social welfare organization
- BDS – Boycott, Divest, Sanction
- CEC - Citizens Election Council
- CFPB - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
- CPI – Consumer Price Index
- DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- DAPA – Deferred Action for Parents of Americans
- DC – District of Columbia
- DL – Drivers License
- DREAM – Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors
- EJI – Equal Justice Initiative
- ET3 - Evacuated Tube-Transport-Technologies
- FCC - Federal Communications Commission
- FISAAA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (of 1978) Amendments Act (of 2008)
- FVPSA – Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
We support:

405. comprehensive, universal, single-payer healthcare for all, including but not limited to:

a. reproductive health
b. acute/LTC/ALF, community-based services

c. wellness/prevention programs

d. addiction services

e. evidenced-based holistic/functional medicine/services

f. reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers equal to UCR

g. all brain disorders/injuries

h. affordable/no copay medications

i. evidence-based Compound/Natural medications

j. telemedicine

k. training/supplying first responders using Narcan/Naloxone

l. statewide EMS

m. transgender healthcare

n. medical/assistive-devices/vision/hearing/mental/dental

406. medical end-of-life options

407. rescheduling, expanding access to, medical cannabis

408. state EHR exchanges

409. healthcare staffing based on acuity/care-levels

410. increased funding NIH/NSF

We oppose:

411. privatizing Medicaid

412. providing substandard/denying medical services due to religious/personal bias

413. exemptions to ISAA

414. Medicaid block grants

415. restricting research on

416. waiting lists for HCBS waivers

417. INCSL

418. discrimination against LGBTQIA+

Adult, Aged, Abused People, and People with Disabilities

We support:

419. accessibility/accommodations for all

420. increasing inspections of troubled SNF/ALF/MIMR

421. fully funding:

421a. OAA/LTCOP

421b. dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care

421c. elder-abuse prevention

421d. AAA
We support:

- increasing inspections of childcare centers

We oppose:

- non-medical exemptions to immunizations
- sex-assignment surgeries at birth

### Children and Families

We support:

- increasing inspections of childcare centers
- fully funding:
  - child welfare systems
  - child/maternal/prenatal health programs
  - preventing child abuse/neglect/obesity
  - BASP
  - CSRA/DPPA
  - high-quality, subsidized childcare
  - FSP
  - youth/homeless shelters
  - children’s mental health system
  - CHIP/HAWK-I
- mandatory NCARs
- SNAP/WIC expansion
- background checks for childcare workers
- gender-neutral parenting/custody/guardianship
- kinship-care/foster-care parity
- funding foster children through age 26
- strengthening/expanding ASFA, DHS/Ombudsman in foster care

We oppose:

- non-medical exemptions to immunizations
- sex-assignment surgeries at birth

### Human Services

We support:

- transitional programs from shelters/prisons-into-care, treatment, permanent housing
- Medicaid for all autistic individuals
- contraceptives-abortion coverage
441. maintaining/strengthening HUD, SS, Medicare/Medicaid, Public
Transportation, disaster relief, safety-net programs
442. child/dependent-adult protective services meeting all standards/minimal
overtime
443. funding/organizing IEMS for standardized statewide coverage
444. GHS activities overseen by CDC
445. research/prevention/treatment addressing opioid epidemic including
Naloxone funding
446. equitable health insurance premiums
447. evidence-based medical cannabis education for medical providers
448. effective FDA drug-approval
449. vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions

We oppose:
450. limiting medical malpractice/negligence claims

Mental Health

We support:
451. mental health parity/availability/affordability
452. restoring/expanding MHIs
453. funding:
   a. tobacco/substance-abuse treatment
   b. suicide awareness/prevention programs
454. jail diversion programs/courts
455. effective treatment length
456. mental health training/awareness for 911/first responders
457. sufficient funding for CMHCs
458. funding for emergency committal beds/transportation

Reproductive Rights and Family Planning

We support:
459. rights/choice of women/individuals to comprehensive reproductive healthcare
460. Roe vs. Wade
461. fully funding:
   a. comprehensive family planning programs/providers
   b. PP
   c. HIV/STD/STI/cancer testing/screening
462. free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools
463. regulating CPC
464. breastfeeding/lactation accommodations (not restrooms)
465. certified nurse midwives
We oppose:

466. restricting access to medically necessary abortions
467. zygotic/embryonic/fetal personhood
468. restricting accessing abortions using TRAP laws/harassment
469. forced sterilization, castration, genital mutilation including default circumcision
470. Fetal Heartbeat bill
471. conversion therapy
472. parental consent/notification for contraceptives-abortion for minors

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION
AAA - Area Agency on Aging
ALF – Assisted-Living Facilities
ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act
BASP - Before and After School Programs
CDC - Centers for Disease Control
CHIP - Children’s Health Insurance Program
CMHCs – Community Mental Health Centers
CPC - Crisis Pregnancy Centers
CSRA - Child Support Recovery Act
DHS - Department of Human Services
DPPA - Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act
EHR – Electronic Health Record
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
FSP - Family Support Programs
GHS – Global Health Services
HAWK-I - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa
HCBS - Home and Community Based Services
HHS – Health and Human Services
HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HUD – Housing and Urban Development
IEMS - Iowa Emergency Medical Services
INCSL - Iowa Non-Covered Services Law
ISAA - Iowa Smoke-Free Air Act
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
LTC – Long-Term Care
LTCOP - Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
MC/MD - Medicare/Medicaid
MHI – Mental Health Institutions
MIMR – Mental Illness Mental Retardation
We support:

1. “Ban the Box”
2. expanding domestic violence laws to include dating relationships
3. laws promoting victims' rights/safety
4. funding agencies that address/resolve discrimination
5. independent collection/public availability of policing data, increasing transparency/ending racial profiling
6. human rights of all incarcerated including voting rights
7. reviewing legal processes perpetuating disproportionate incarceration of POC/mandatory training about implicit bias in the justice system
8. human rights of immigrants including due process/family preservation/pathway to citizenship
9. sanctuary cities
10. universal access to physical/mental healthcare/housing/living income/potable water
11. equal rights of LGBTQIA+ residents in all areas
12. strengthening education about implicit racial bias
13. laws/policies affirming dignity/rights of vulnerable populations
14. laws/policies providing safe/respectful workplaces
15. all-gender restrooms
16. strengthening laws/policies assisting people with disabilities
17. requiring video/audio recording law enforcement during arrest/interrogation/public interactions and public access to recordings subject to victims'/informants' rights
18. rights of students to safe educational environments
19. reproductive rights
492. right to privacy
493. U.S. following UDHR
494. sovereign rights of indigenous people
495. protection of all genders’ rights from discrimination/harassment/retaliation
496. reparations for African-Americans/Native Americans
497. expanding Affirmative Action
498. establishing US Commission on Human Rights
499. expanding gender options, including opt-out, on government forms
500. SSRA
501. Federal/Iowa ERA
502. Universal Habeas Corpus
503. the rights of transgender and gender-nonconforming persons, including:
   a. adding gender identity to hate crimes legislation
   b. protections for transgender and gender-nonconforming persons in jails and prisons
   c. adding sexual orientation and gender identity to non-discrimination policies for foster care, adoption, and jury service
   d. making transgender and gender-nonconforming identity protected classes

**We oppose:**
504. religious exemptions to anti-discrimination laws, including LGBTQIA+
505. weakening policies/laws assisting people with disabilities in accessibility/education/employment
506. local law enforcement performing immigration duties
507. criminalization of addiction/drug use
508. voter disenfranchisement through voter suppression/Voter ID/gerrymandering/citizenship question on census
509. Stand-Your-Ground Laws except Castle Doctrine
510. weakening separation of church and state
511. insurance companies denying/limiting health coverage for any reason
512. ageism
513. drug testing for public assistance eligibility
514. solitary confinement
515. FOSTA-SESTA
516. funding/staffing ICRC

**ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION**
SESTA/FOSTA - Stop Enabling Sex Trafficking Act/ Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act
ERA - Equal Rights Act
UDHR - Universal Declaration of Human Rights
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
We support:

517. peaceful conflict resolution, normalized US diplomatic relations with all countries/multilateral solutions to international problems
518. closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities
519. federal court access for non-US detainees
520. promoting human dignity, resolving global poverty, protecting clean air/water, improving education, and reducing hunger/disease
521. eliminating WMDs
522. territorial integrity of all nations including native American nations
523. cultural/educational exchange programs
524. maintaining present NATO security alliances
525. gender equality/empowerment of women/gender minorities
526. taking military action only with clear national defense goals/ informed Congressional consent/ international cooperation
527. ending violence against women and sexual/gender minorities, including genital mutilation/honor killings/forced marriage/rape/property confiscation
528. prosecuting human traffickers via ICC, protecting victims
529. free/fair/open elections
530. stricter enforcement of FARA
531. repealing 2001, 2002 US AUMF
532. treating POWs/enemy combatants humanely
533. assisting refugees
534. reforming the Pentagon’s acquisition system, its funding levels and its allocation of funds

We oppose:

535. economic exploitation
536. racial/religious/sexual orientation/gender-identity persecution
537. US-sponsored regime changes/ coups/juntas/unelected governments
538. genocide
539. ethnic cleansing
540. terrorism
541. imperialism
542. preemptive military action
543. military/financial support for oppressive regimes
544. extra-legal/renditions/torture
545. hybrid warfare
546. election meddling

**Iran**

We support:
547. diplomatic engagement
548. a nuclear agreement

We oppose:
549. offensive military action against Iran

**Israel/Palestine**

We support:
550. equal human rights/health/welfare for Palestinians and Israelis
551. right of return/just compensation for displaced Palestinians
552. rights of BDS
553. escrowing aid to Israel until Israel recognizes Palestine at 1966 borders
554. Palestinian statehood/UN membership
555. peaceful efforts to achieve separate secure Israeli and Palestinian states
      respecting the rights of all persons

We oppose:
556. Israel Separation Barrier/settlement activities/moving the US Embassy to
      Jerusalem prior to final resolution and blockade of Gaza Strip
557. Anti-Semitism/Islamophobia

**Afghanistan/Iraq/Syria**

We support:
558. reconstruction and refugee resettlement
559. resolving the Syrian conflict and providing humanitarian assistance
560. US acceptance of 100,000 Syrian refugees annually

**Yemen**

We oppose:
561. Saudi involvement in Yemen
Ukraine

We support:
562. peaceful conflict resolution

We oppose:
563. Russian territorial annexation

Central and South America and the Caribbean

We support:
564. normalized relations with Cuba
565. immediately closing WHINSEC
566. investigating US government involvement in 2009 Honduras coup/subsequent activists' killings

We oppose:
567. US border wall

Rainforests

We oppose:
568. clear-cutting

Africa

We support:
569. famine relief
570. funding economic/agricultural development

Asia

We support:
571. containing North Korea's nuclear weapons diplomatically
572. peacefully resolving disputed Pacific islands

China

We oppose:
573. artificial islands in South China Sea
574. Chinese occupation of Tibet

Development Assistance
We support:

575. culturally sensitive/non-exploitative foreign aid and fair trade agreements protecting human rights, public health, workers’ rights, the environment

United Nations

We support:

576. US participation in the UN and its agencies, full dues payment
577. ATTCC ATT
578. meeting SDG

Treaties and Conventions

We support:

579. ratification and/or full participation in:
   a. UDHR
   b. ICESCR
   c. CEDAW
   d. CRC
   e. CTBT
   f. BWC
   g. Paris Climate Agreement Under the (UNFCCC)
   h. CWC
   i. UNCRPD
   j. UNCLOS
   k. GFATM
   l. START
   m. RSICC
   n. NPT
   o. APMBC
   p. ICRW
   q. ICJ
   r. HRC
   s. US Action Plan on UNSCR 1325
   t. CCM
   u. OPCAT
   v. ICPPED
   w. Mine Ban Treaty
   x. IBHR

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION
APMBC – Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
ATT ATTCC – Arms Trade Transfer Code of Conduct
AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force
BDS – Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions
BWC – Biological Weapons Convention/1925 Geneva Protocol
CCM – Convention on Cluster Munitions
CEDAW – Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child
CTBT – Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention
GFATM – Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
HRC – Human Rights Council
IBHR – International Bill of Human Rights
ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ – International Court of Justice
ICRW – International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
ISIL – The Islamic State of Syria and the Levant
FARA – Foreign Agents Registration Act
MENA – Middle East and North Africa
NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NPT – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
OPCAT – Optional Protocol to the Convention on Torture
RSICC – Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
SDG – Sustainable Development Goals
START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
UDHR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNFCCC – 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNSCR 1325 – UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security
WHINSEC WHISC – Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, the Guantanamo detention facility
WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction

VETERANS AND MILITARY

We support:
580. investigation/prosecution of sexual assault/harassment in civilian courts
581. full-service VA healthcare for LGBTQIA+
582. rigorous oversight of VA hospitals
583. increased funding/access to mental health services
584. requiring VA payment for veterans' medical care when VA providers are > 30 driving miles or the wait for services is > 30 days
585. requiring VA physicians to inform/offer patients all potential treatments including cannabis
586. 24-hour holds for suicidal veterans at VA facilities
587. removing time limits for accessing GI-Bill/educational benefits
588. increasing Veteran housing
589. policies/funding, VA/VHA for rural/urban Iowa, employment assistance
590. National Guard Education Assistance Benefits for Summer School
591. citizenship for honorable service/discharges including deportees
592. adequate funding for troop training/logistics/support

We oppose:
593. privatization of VA hospitals/medical services
594. using mercenaries/private military companies
595. denying VA benefits for THC use
596. stopping VA disability benefits if receiving SS
597. trans-ban

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION
LEO - Law Enforcement Officer
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
SS - Social Security