

# 2014 Iowa Democratic Party State Platform

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

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

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

We support a strong separation of church and state as envisioned by our founding fathers and incorporated in the constitution of the United States.

We supported our military and veterans in war and peace.

We support them now and honor their service.

We supported the right of all people to be treated fairly and equally under the laws of this nation. We stand as the party for all people.

We condemn all forms of discrimination. Whenever the rights of any citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional and civil rights.

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

We supported families in their pursuit of well-being.

We support them now in their desire to become healthy, educated, and contributing citizens.

We support the freedom to plan their family.

We supported the elderly when they were forgotten.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

### **AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **AGRICULTURE FOR PRODUCTIVE LIVING AND A HEALTHY FOOD SUPPLY**

##### **We support:**

1. Traditional family farms, organic farming, localized food production
2. Crop and livestock diversification, including industrial hemp

##### **Agricultural Policy**

##### **We Support:**

3. Eliminating property tax exemptions and subsidies for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)
4. Socially responsible, environmental, producer friendly "farm and food bill"
5. Notification of neighbors before permits issued for CAFOs
6. Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
7. Farm subsidy caps at \$50,000 per entity
8. Market indexing US Department of Agriculture(USDA) loan rates
9. Conservation compliance for crop insurance eligibility
10. Anti-trust regulation of seed supply, food production, and processing
11. Right to save seeds for personal use
12. New regulations of GMOs
13. Protecting farmers from lawsuits over accidental GMO contaminations
14. Fair livestock market access
15. Requiring permits for CAFOs over 500 units

16. Returning waterways to healthy, swimmable and fishable conditions

**We Oppose**

17. Vertical integration of livestock production

18. The “Ag-Gag” bill

**Livestock Management**

**We Support:**

19. Local control of CAFO sitings

20. Repealing HF 519

21. Mandating, strengthening Master Matrix

22. Reducing antibiotic use and eliminating hormones in livestock

23. Commercial taxation of CAFOs

24. Humane treatment of animals

**Food Supply & Safety**

**We support:**

25. Strong standards for USDA organic labeling

26. Strict regulations of chemicals used in farming

27. Clear food labeling of:

- a. GMOs
- b. Irradiation
- c. Hormones
- d. Antibiotics
- e. Additives
- f. Origin
- g. Pesticides

**ENERGY: COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION & USE**

**We support:**

28. Converting from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy

29. Revenue neutral carbon fee and dividend

30. Higher Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for all vehicles

31. Funding aggressive policies, education, and training, reducing greenhouse gases, and achieving energy independence, by:

- a. Energy conservation
- b. Smart grid improvement
- c. Net metering
- d. Efficient transportation system
- e. Feed-in tariffs and net metering

32. Safe transport/storage of nuclear waste and fracking wastewater

33. Decreasing dependence on nuclear power

34. Subsidizing renewable energy

35. Iowa utility board regulation of community and individual/cooperative-owned renewable energy

**We oppose:**

- 36. Fossil fuels/nuclear power subsidies
- 37. Tar sands oil/Keystone XL Pipeline
- 38. New construction of coal and nuclear power plants
- 39. Fracking without environmental and geological protections
- 40. Deep water and arctic oil drilling

## **ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP AND LIVABILITY**

**We Support:**

- 41. Environmental protection and public health over corporate profits by preservation of land, air, water resources, held in common by the American public (the Commons)
- 42. Increased reduction, reuse, and recycling plastics, electronics, batteries
- 43. Protection of water resources from industrial waste by enforcing:
  - a. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  - b. Iowa Department of Natural Resources(IDNR) regulations
  - c. Endangered Species Act (ESA)
  - d. Clean Air Act (CAA)
  - e. Clean Water Act (CWA)
- 44. Protecting bees by banning neonicotinoid pesticides
- 45. Expanding the bottle bill
- 46. Sequestration of carbon and mercury

**We Oppose:**

- 47. Lead shot; lead wheel weights
- 48. Polluters' "grandfather" clauses
- 49. New clear-cutting, mining, overgrazing, or drilling on public lands

## **Watershed Management**

**We support:**

- 50. Publicly owned, affordable clean water
- 51. Integrated watershed management, including buffer zones, retention basins, aquifers, and wetlands
- 52. Reducing nitrogen, phosphorus, and other pollutants
- 53. Adequately fund DNR to inspect all waterways and to staff the state parks
- 54. Alternative funding of Iowa's Water Legacy legislation
- 55. A moratorium on CAFOs until IA waterways are no longer impaired

## **Planning and Zoning**

**We Support:**

- 56. "Smart Growth" planning/sustainable development, livable, walkable neighborhoods
- 57. Preserving farmland and sensitive/unique natural areas
- 58. Leadership in Energy and Efficient Design (LEED) requirements for public buildings
- 59. Strict adherence to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

**We Oppose:**

- 60. Favoring private enterprise with Eminent Domain or sale of public assets
- 61. Subsidies for urban growth on farmland

## **ECONOMY, COMMERCE & LABOR**

### **Labor**

**We Support:**

- 62. Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
- 63. "Fair Share"
- 64. Unionization, collective bargaining striking rights
- 65. Iowa Public employees' collective bargaining law
- 66. Federal Employee Free Choice Act (FECA)
- 67. National Labor Relations Board (NLRB),
- 68. Department of Labor (DOL) funding
- 69. Funded/staffed state prisons
- 70. Non-discriminatory parental leave benefits
- 71. Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- 72. Increased bargaining for public sector employees
- 73. Equal Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, (LGBTQI) workers' rights/employment opportunities
- 74. Public works construction Project Labor Agreements (PLA)
- 75. Davis-Bacon Act
- 76. "Equal work – Equal Pay"
- 77. Paycheck Fairness Act
- 78. E-verify required for employment

**We Oppose:**

- 79. "Right-to-work"
- 80. "Lockouts" and hiring replacement workers during labor disputes
- 81. Job outsourcing
- 82. Mandating overtime/limiting overtime pay
- 83. Internships providing neither pay nor college credit
- 84. Expanding Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) exemptions

### **Job Security, Workers Rights, Safety**

**We Support:**

- 85. Choice of doctor for worker compensation injuries

86. Improved workplace ergonomic requirements
87. Employee protection after plant closure/bankruptcy
88. Court access for discharged/injured workers
89. Re-opening full-service Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) offices
90. Strengthening whistle-blower protections
91. Expanding unemployment benefit eligibility
92. Increasing work-related death benefits
93. Employer penalties for violating labor law/arbitration agreements
94. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Mine Safety Health Administration (MSHA)

**We Oppose:**

95. Replacing bargaining unit workers with prison labor
96. "Employment at Will" doctrine
97. Employer's requiring applicants/employees to provide social media password
98. Employment and insurance screening based on personal credit, polygraph, genetic information

**Wages**

**We Support:**

99. Prevailing wage for construction workers on all government projects
100. Proportional wages/benefits for part-time/contingent employees
101. Enacting living wage standard

**We Oppose:**

102. Wage theft, including service fee-laden debit cards and worker misclassification
103. Reclassification of public sector employees removing their positions from collective bargaining

**Pension/Insurance**

**We Support:**

104. Actuarially, fully funded Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS)
105. Favorable Experience Dividend (FED) and Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System (MFPERS) for the long term
106. Strengthening criminal provisions for pension protection violators
107. Fully protecting worker's retirement funds
108. Public employees statewide health insurance program
109. Securing portable retirement/healthcare plans.
110. Non-Discrimination Policy for filing, testifying for Workers Compensation
111. Wages and pensions before creditors in bankruptcy

**Economic Development**

**We Support:**

- 112. Encouraging development of local small businesses
- 113. Incentives for new/returning US manufacturing companies including job training/placement
- 114. Encouraging investment in inner-city neighborhoods
- 115. Help for mortgages troubled by lender deception
- 116. President's efforts to stabilize housing market
- 117. Simplifying conditions needed to confirm employment discrimination (age, race, etc.)
- 118. Increased public works infrastructure funding job creation
- 119. Implementation of a Work Progress Administration (WPA) type program
- 120. Transparency to consumers of financial products/services
- 121. Limits on commercial lending charges
- 122. Prosecuting financial institutions' corporate officers for fraudulent activities
- 123. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- 124. Reinstating Glass-Steagall Act
- 125. Dodd-Frank Act
- 126. Sarbanes-Oxley
- 127. Public Funds accountability provided to/disbursed by corporations
- 128. Technology for visually impaired access to home appliances
- 129. Employer background checks conforming with EEOC Green Factors
- 130. Health/safety statutes covering all agricultural workers

**We Oppose:**

- 131. Privatizing public services

**Commerce/Trade**

**We Support:**

- 132. Improving nation's mass transportation system, including better rural access
- 133. Trade agreements providing living wages, sound environmental/humane conditions
- 134. Greater congressional trade negotiations oversight
- 135. Trade agreements supporting sustainable farming practices
- 136. Trade regulations enforcement
- 137. Promoting USA made products
- 138. American Jobs Act

**We Oppose:**

- 139. Foreign countries managing US ports
- 140. Fast tracking trade agreements
- 141. 2006 Postal Accountability Act

**Budget and Taxation**

**We Support:**

142. Legislation reducing use of off-shore tax shelters by U.S. individuals and corporations
143. A more progressive tax structure, taxing all income as earned income, closing loopholes, eliminating “corporate welfare”
144. Reducing the inequality between executive and worker compensation

**We Oppose**

145. "Bush Tax cuts"

## **EDUCATION**

### **Policies to Enhance Learning and Educating**

**We Support**

146. President Obama's Race to The Top
147. Well-rounded curriculum to include humanities, arts, physical education, multi lingual, environmental, STEM, personal finance, and conflict resolution at all levels
148. Curricula like those in leading TIMSS countries
149. Integrating community service in school curriculum
150. Minimum federal standards plus determination by state/local for additional standards
151. Eliminating NCLB
152. Using evidence based assessments to determine student learning and school effectiveness
153. Low student/teacher ratios
154. Fact-based, age appropriate, relevant reproductive health education in all public schools
155. Academic integration of technology
156. Providing organic, nutritious, locally produced foods in schools
157. Teacher preparation programs holding professional accreditation
158. Teacher evaluation systems and professional development (including mentoring) designed/implemented at all levels with input of educators
159. Public-private partnerships to enhance community and parent involvement
160. Requiring schools, including community colleges, to have effective 352 number of qualified librarians, nurses and guidance counselors
161. Local districts establishing their school calendars within state-approved number of hours
162. Access funding to instruction in literacy and math for alternative schools, high school drop outs, unemployed immigrants and prisoners
163. Strong regulation of higher education, including for-profit education, emphasizing: accreditation, credit transferability, cost control, disclosure
164. Safe schools including anti-bullying legislation
165. Access to free Driver Education
166. Integration of critical thinking across all aspects of curriculum
167. Reassessing “Zero Tolerance” policies
168. Derailing “School to Prison Pipeline”

- 169. Maximizing high school retention rates
- 170. Aid, including nutrition, for students needing additional assistance
- 171. Rights of students with disabilities to have access to public education through age 21.
- 172. Encouraging Character Building
- 173. Teaching awareness of aspects of disability

**We Oppose:**

- 174. Expansion of home-school law.
- 175. "Parent-Controlled Schools"

**Funding Our Future**

**We Support:**

- 176. Funding to at least their previous highest inflation-adjusted levels:
  - a. universal preschool
  - b. Head Start
  - c. after school, K-12, school to work programs
  - d. community colleges
  - e. Regents Universities
  - f. AEAs
- 177. Adequately funding instruction for special education, TAG, ELL and instruction in multicultural, racial, ethnic, and religious diversity issues
- 178. Competitive professional salaries for full-time and adjunct educators, living wages for support staff, para-educators and substitute teachers
- 179. Allowing education support staff, adjunct instructors and para-educators to qualify for unemployment benefits when not working
- 180. Increased tax deductions for teaching materials educators purchase
- 181. Reducing funding inequality among school districts
- 182. Requiring a simple majority to pass educational bond issues
- 183. Exempting education from across-the-board cuts
- 184. Full funding of all mandated programs
- 185. Compelling the Legislature to complete SSA process within 30 days of Governor's Budget
- 186. Adequate SSA for public schools
- 187. Increasing public libraries funding including access to eBook information technology
- 188. Reducing cost to students of postsecondary education
- 189. Allowing restructuring of student loan debt
- 190. "Ten-Ten" standard for federal student loan repayment
- 191. Extending deferral of student loans to one year post graduation
- 192. Loan forgiveness programs for community service
- 193. Increasing funding for TRiO programs.
- 194. Early Head Start

**We Oppose:**

- 195. Solomon Amendment
- 196. Mid-year reductions of state federal financial aid to schools
- 197. Any voucher system or tax credit using public funds for private schools
- 198. Tying teacher pay evaluation to student standardized tests.

## **GOVERNMENT & LAW**

### **Veterans and Military**

#### **We support**

- 199. Full funding Veterans Affairs (VA) for all programs
- 200. Raising Iowa's Veterans' benefits
- 201. Equitable benefits for reserve military members
- 202. Expanding Injured Veterans Grant Program
- 203. Reducing national defense budget by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse
- 204. Adding Title in GI Bill to support Veteran business start-ups
- 205. Reproductive rights for servicewomen.
- 206. Full adulthood rights for all military personnel.
- 207. Eliminating VA records processing backlog
- 208. Independent, non-military judicial process for cases of military sexual assault
- 209. Bonus programs for Veterans of all conflicts.
- 210. Expansion of Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)
- 211. Creation of cabinet level department of peace and conflict resolution

### **Campaigns, Elections, & American Institutions**

#### **We support:**

- 212. Iowa's "First in the Nation Status."
- 213. Amend U.S Constitution: "corporations are not people", "money is not speech".
- 214. Voter marked paper ballots
- 215. Risk-limiting hand audits of electronic vote counts.
- 216. Same-day and universal voter registration.
- 217. Publicly-funded campaigns.
- 218. Government of People Act.
- 219. Public disclosure of contributions to any candidate, PAC, or ballot measure.
- 220. Limit lobbyists' activities and contributions.
- 221. Voting Rights Act of 1965, restoring Section 5.
- 222. Voting rights for felons after completion of their sentences.
- 223. Federal elections national holidays.
- 224. Mandating transparency of 501(c)(3) organizations.
- 225. Merit based judicial selection/retention.
- 226. Filibuster reform.
- 227. Sunshine laws
- 228. D.C. statehood.

**We oppose:**

- 229. Citizen's United
- 230. McCutcheon Decisions.
- 231. Voter suppression.
- 232. Internet voting
- 233. Gerrymandering
- 234. Former elected officials as corporate lobbyists.

**Civil Rights & Civil Liberties****We support:**

- 235. Addition of sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, political and religious/nonreligious affiliation protection to all appropriate legislation
- 236. Enforcement of separation of church and state
- 237. Federal, Iowa Equal Rights Amendments
- 238. Restoring full funding/staffing for Iowa Civil Rights Commission
- 239. Programs which promote Iowa's racial and cultural diversity
- 240. Driver's licenses for all qualified drivers regardless of immigration status

**We oppose:**

- 241. National ID cards
- 242. Referendums limiting Civil Rights
- 243. Warrantless wiretapping and searches

**Consumer Protection****We support:**

- 244. Regulated, taxed derivatives market
- 245. Mortgage renegotiation
- 246. Prohibiting companies from sharing personal information without expressed permission
- 247. Enforcing anti-trust monopoly laws
- 248. Online gaming regulation

**Criminal Justice****We support:**

- 249. Increasing Legal Aid and Public Defenders Office funding
- 250. Reducing racial disparity in criminal justice system
- 251. Video documentation of all on-duty law officials
- 252. Equal sentencing for all cocaine offenses
- 253. Cannabis legalization, regulation, taxation
- 254. Community alternatives to incarceration of non-violent offenders
- 255. All prisoners' human rights
- 256. Non-partisan commission to investigate illegal activities of administrations

- 257. Prohibiting use of state criminal data by private vendors
- 258. Timely removal of defined types of criminal data from state database
- 259. Restorative Justice programs

**We oppose:**

- 260. Capital punishment
- 261. Mandatory or minimum sentences
- 262. Privatized prisons
- 263. Efforts to politicize Court system
- 264. Unenforceable residential restrictions on sex offenders
- 265. Sexual abuse Statute of Limitations
- 266. Life sentencing without parole option for juveniles
- 267. Indefinite detention
- 268. Denial of due process
- 269. Racial Profiling
- 270. Overuse of solitary confinement

## **Government Services**

**We support:**

- 271. Additional rural emergency services funding
- 272. Expanding U.S. Postal services

## **Gun Safety**

**We support:**

- 273. Comprehensive efforts of the Obama Administration/state/local governments to reduce gun violence.
- 274. Gun Violence Prevention Act HR 2910.
- 275. Mandatory comprehensive firearms education and competency testing
- 276. Universal background checks and liability insurance

**We oppose:**

- 277. "Stand your ground" laws

## **Immigration**

**We support:**

- 278. Fair, effective, humane comprehensive immigration reform
- 279. Federal Development, Relief, Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act
- 280. Uniting American Families Act (UAFA)
- 281. Recognizing same-sex marriage for immigration purpose
- 282. Ending deportations that tear families apart
- 283. Employment labor rights for immigrant workers
- 284. Humane border policy

**We oppose:**

- 285. State/local immigration law
- 286. Humanitarian refugees' admission limits
- 287. Mass raids related enforcement policies/practices

## **Internet and Telecommunications**

### **We support:**

- 288. Public financing of Public Broadcasting
- 289. Online privacy rights
- 290. First Amendment protection for internet
- 291. Fairness Doctrine
- 292. Affordable, publicly-owned broadband networks
- 293. Unlicensed broadcast spectrum for community networks
- 294. Net neutrality/open internet
- 295. Statewide networking of all public documents.

### **We oppose:**

- 296. Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), Protect Internet Protocol Act (PIPA), Internet censoring
- 297. Media consolidation monopolies.

## **Marriage**

### **We support:**

- 298. Non-discriminatory parenting adoption rights including, LGBTQI and religious/nonreligious affiliation
- 299. Universal marriage equality
- 300. Respect for Marriage Act

### **We oppose:**

- 301. Constitutional amendments restricting marriage
- 302. Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

## **Taxes and Social Security**

### **We support:**

- 303. Removing SS payroll tax caps.
- 304. Micro-tax on securities transactions.
- 305. Reducing small business taxes.
- 306. Increased Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
- 307. 501(c)(3) status exclusively for public benefit.
- 308. Taxation of capital gains as ordinary income.
- 309. TIF limitation
- 310. Requiring catalog/on-line vendors to collect state sales tax
- 311. Federal Estate Tax

**We oppose:**

- 312. Reducing Social Security benefits chained Consumer Price Index (CPI), raising retirement age, privatization.
- 313. Taxation of unemployment, worker compensation, and pension SS benefits.
- 314. Tax cuts for wealthy.
- 315. Income tax credit for private school donations

**Transportation**

**We support:**

- 316. Safe, reliable, maintained roadways and bridges
- 317. Improved funding/availability/sustainability of public transit
- 318. Light and high-speed rail
- 319. Strengthening the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- 320. Helmet laws
- 321. Subsidized passenger/freight train services
- 322. Increased tanker car safety

**We oppose:**

- 323. Infrastructure privatization
- 324. Unnecessary closing of rest stops

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Care**

**We support:**

- 325. ACA, including:
  - a. Implementing health care exchange
  - b. Expanding Medicaid/Medicare
  - c. Improved federal/state information-sharing
- 326. Single payer system
- 327. Wellness/disease-prevention
- 328. Non-religious based funding disease research, prevention and management.
- 329. Telemedicine
- 330. Medical cannabis
- 331. Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement parity
- 332. Stem-cell research
- 333. Legalizing PAD
- 334. Consumer representation on HHS review boards

**We Oppose:**

- 335. Medicare/Medicaid vouchers/block grants
- 336. Public prescription drug advertising
- 337. Gag Orders Restricting Reproductive Services

**Mental Health**

**We support:**

- 338. Sufficiently funding:
  - a. CMHC/MHIs
  - b. Statewide, regionally-managed mental health disability system, equal representation for rural counties and staff sensitive to cultural differences with diversity employment incentives
  - c. Non-discriminatory treatment care of brain disorders/injury
  - d. Jail diversion programs for substance abuse/mental illness
  - e. Immediate mental/physical assessments for all persons in jail diversion programs
  - f. Wellness programs/centers
- 339. Sufficient, non-jail beds for emergency committals including a state-wide availability registry
- 340. Suicide awareness/prevention programs
- 341. Mental health parity

## **Aging and Disabilities**

**We support:**

- 342. Increased funding for:
  - a. OAA/LTCOP
  - b. Dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care
  - c. Non-emergency medical transportation
  - d. Elder-abuse prevention
- 343. Planning for people with dementia, training for caregivers/family members and funding to compensate caregivers
- 344. Affordable long-term care insurance
- 345. Tax credits for caregivers incurring costs caring for elderly/disabled family member
- 346. Improved building access for PWDs
- 347. Regular/timely state inspection of LTC Facilities/paid in-home care providers with appropriate penalties
- 348. Right of PWD and the elderly to live/work in the least restrictive settings, with sufficient Medicaid funded home/community-based services
- 349. Increased training, more pay and professional recognition of direct-care health workers
- 350. Enforcement of PASRR

## **Children**

**We support:**

- 351. HAWK-I/WIC/SNAP
- 352. Increased funding for:
  - a. Iowa's child welfare/protective services system, preventing abuse/neglect and funding related programs
  - b. Child/maternal health programs

- c. IME's services to state's Annual Child Death Review Team
- d. Licensed childcare providers
- e. Safe/appropriate child care after-school activities

353. Adequately monitoring childcare providers

354. National abuser database

355. A state-run home for adjudicated female minors, with improved treatment

356. Kinship-care/foster-care parity

357. Thorough background checks for persons working with children.

358. Child health safety laws applying equally regardless of religious affiliation

359. Banning adult substances advertising/targeting children.

## **Economic Security**

### **We support:**

360. Financial security for working families

361. Increased funding for:

- a. Non-discretionary food assistance programs
- b. Domestic violence shelters
- c. Safe, decent affordable housing for all with expanded subsidy programs- including transition programs from shelters into care/treatment/permanent housing programs
- d. Family-friendly, "Wet" and "Dry" shelters
- e. Job/life skills training
- f. Development of affordable housing projects

## **Veterans**

### **We support:**

362. Rapid delivery of VA services for service-connected health and disability treatment

363. Additional VA mobile, health/outreach programs/sites.

## **Women**

### **We support:**

364. Right of all women of all ages to make their own healthcare decisions, including reproductive choices, confidentiality, counseling, and affordable contraceptive for all persons without religious bias

365. Access to abortion services free of unnecessary 720 requirements.

366. Safeguarding doctors, clinics/clients from harassment/violence

367. Funding:

- a. VAWA
- b. victims' services
- c. Planned Parenthood/other family planning providers

368. Non-restroom accommodations for expressing milk/nursing during working hours

369. Requiring Pharmacists to fill all Pregnancy Related Prescriptions

**We Oppose:**

- 370. Coercive counseling in family planning/abortion services
- 371. Forced sterilization/castration
- 372. FGM/C
- 373. Human trafficking.

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Peace and Security**

**We support:**

- 374. Eliminating biological, chemical and nuclear weapons
- 375. Closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities
- 376. Human rights and habeas corpus protection
- 377. Combating terrorism as an international criminal problem with measured, rational and proportional responses
- 378. Promoting human dignity, resolving global poverty, protecting clean air and water, improving education, and reducing hunger and disease
- 379. Gender equality and political empowerment of women
- 380. Preventing genocide and mass atrocities
- 381. Taking military action only with clear national defense goals, informed Congressional consent and funding, and, whenever possible, international cooperation
- 382. Ending violence against all people, including genital mutilation, honor killings, and rape
- 383. Closing the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (formerly School of Americas)
- 384. International support for democratic movements
- 385. Protecting victims and prosecuting human traffickers for sexual exploitation and forced labor
- 386. Strengthening cyber-security

**We oppose:**

- 387. Rendition to foreign prisons and secret sites
- 388. Persecution based on sexual orientation
- 389. US sponsoring coups, juntas, unelected governments
- 390. Human shields, torture, collective punishments, suicide bombings, interference with aid workers, and blockades affecting basic civilian needs
- 391. U.S. military aid not approved by Congress
- 392. Militarization of space
- 393. Use of mercenaries
- 394. Amnesty for war criminals
- 395. Rape as a weapon of war
- 396. Preemptive war without an imminent threat to US security
- 397. Militarization of US foreign policy
- 398. Weaponized drones

399. Imperialism

## **Middle East**

### **We support:**

400. Continued peaceful effort to resolve the Syrian conflict and provide humanitarian refugee relief
401. Verifiably containing Iran's nuclear program to peacefully prevent weapons development and avoid military confrontation
402. Peaceful efforts to achieve separate and secure Israeli and Palestinian states, working with all parties to resolve the conflict and respecting the rights of all persons.
403. Right of return or just compensation for displaced Palestinians
404. Admission to Palestine to full UN membership
405. Escrowing aid to Israel until further settlements outside 1966 borders are stopped

### **We oppose:**

406. Further Israeli settlements outside 1966 borders

## **Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq**

### **We support:**

407. Reconstruction and refugee resettlement in Iraq and Afghanistan through international cooperation
408. Stabilizing Pakistan

## **Ukraine**

### **We support:**

409. Peaceful resolution to the conflict through:
  - a. Tough sanctions to stop further Russian aggression
  - b. Nonrecognition of:
    - i. the Crimean secession referendum
    - ii. Russia's annexation of Crimea.
  - c. mediation by international authorities

### **We oppose:**

410. Annexation of Ukrainian territory by illegitimate means

## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **We support:**

411. Expedited normalized relations with Cuba

### **We Oppose:**

- 412 Training, military, financial support of repressive regimes
413. Clear-cutting Amazon rainforests

## **Africa**

### **We support:**

- 414. Rapid international peacekeeping intervention in armed conflicts
- 415. Refugee settlement and famine relief
- 416. US assistance in an international effort for the safe return of all kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls
- 417. Swift capture and criminal prosecution of the Nigerian kidnappers

## **Asia**

### **We support:**

- 418. Diplomacy expanding Chinese citizen's rights and protect dissidents, including Tibetans
- 419. Diplomacy containing North Korea's nuclear weapons
- 420. Territorial integrity of Japan, including the Senkaku islands

## **Development Assistance**

### **We support:**

- 421. Culturally sensitive, non-exploitive foreign aid and fair trade agreements protecting human rights, public health, worker's rights and the environment
- 422. Reducing dependence on non-renewable energy
- 423. Promoting voluntary reproductive health and family planning
- 424. Debt remediation for impoverished countries
- 425. Trade restrictions with nations allowing child and slave labor, sweatshops or human trafficking

### **We Oppose:**

- 426. Fast-tracking the Trans-Pacific Partnership
- 427. Religious Bias in US Foreign Aid

## **United Nations (UN)**

### **We support:**

- 428. Full dues payment
- 429. Meeting UN Millennium Development goals
- 430. Regional security partnerships to resolve crises
- 431. Arms transfers code of conduct
- 432. Equal (LGBTQI) rights

## **Treaties and Conventions**

### **We support:**

- 433. Ratification and/or full participation in:
  - a. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UHDR)

- b. International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESR)
- c. Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- d. Convention on the Rights of Children (CRC)
- e. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
- f. Biological Weapons Convention Protocol (BWC)
- g. Ottawa Land-mine Treaty
- h. Kyoto Protocol style agreements to the United Nations Framework
- i. Convention on Climate Change (FCCC)
- j. Chemical Weapons Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (CWC)
- k. Geneva Conventions
- l. UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRDP)
- m. Convention on Destruction of Chemical Weapons (CDCW)
- n. Cluster Munitions Treaty (CMT)
- o. Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (GFATM)
- p. New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)
- q. Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (RSICC)
- r. Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

## **Glossary**

- 894 ACA – Affordable Care Act
- 895 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
- 896 BWC – Biological Weapons Convention Protocol
- 897 CAA – Clean Air Act
- 898 CAFÉ – Corporate Average Fuel Economy
- 899 CAFO – Confined Animal Feeding Operation
- 900 CDCW – Convention on the Destruction of Chemical Weapons
- 901 CEDAW – Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
- 902 CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
- CMT – Cluster Munitions Treaty
- 904 CPI – Consumer Price Index
- 905 CRC – Convention on the Rights of Children
- 906 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
- 907 CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
- 908 CWA – Clean Water Act
- 909 CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention
- 910 CTBT – Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
- 911 DOL – Department of Labor
- 912 DOMA – Defense of Marriage Act
- 913 DREAM – Development, Relief, Education for Alien Minors
- 914 EEOC – United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 915 EFCA – Federal Employee Free Choice Act
- 916 EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit

- 917 ELL – English Language Learners
- 918 EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
- 919 ESA – Endangered Species Act
- 920 FAA – Federal Aviation Administration
- 921 FCCC – United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 922 FED – Federal Experience Dividend
- 923 FGM/C – Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
- 924 FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
- 925 FMLA – Federal Medical Leave Act
- 926 GFATM – Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- 927 GLBTQI – Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender Questioning Intersex
- 928 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
- 929 HAWK-I – Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa
- 930 HHS – Health and Human Services
- 931 ICESR – International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- 932 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- 933 IPERS – Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System
- 934 IWD – Iowa Workforce Development
- 935 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Efficient Design
- 936 LTC – Long Term Care
- 937 LTCOP – Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- 938 MFPRS – Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System
- 939 MHI – Mental Health Inventory
- 940 MSHA – Mine Safety and Health Administration
- 941 NCLB – No Child Left Behind
- 942 NLRB – National Labor Relations Board
- 943 OAA – Older Americans Act
- 944 OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- 945 PAD – Physician Assisted Death
- 946 PASRR – Preadmission Screening and Resident Review
- 947 PIPA – Protect Internet Protocol Act
- 948 PLA – Project Labor Agreements
- 949 PWD – Persons with Disabilities
- 950 RSICC – Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- 951 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- SOPA 952 – Stop Online Piracy Act
- 953 SSA – State Approving Agency
- 954 START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
- 955 STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- 956 TAG – Talented and Gifted
- 957 TIMSS – Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
- 958 UAFA – Uniting American Families Act
- 959 UHDR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 960 UNCRDP – United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities
- 961 UNLOS – United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

- 962 UPC – Uniform Plumbing Code
- 963 USDA – US Department of Agriculture
- 964 USERRA – Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act
- 965 VA – Veterans Affairs
- 966 VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
- 967 WIC – Women, Infants and Children
- 968 WPA - Work Progress Administration