STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We reaffirm that the Democratic Party should be the party of all the people and should stand strongly for jobs at a living wage, decent and affordable housing, universal health care, and a fiscally sound social security system for all.

We oppose discrimination based on gender, gender identity, age, race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, disability, or ethnicity and respect all cultural differences.

The increasing flow of our nation's wealth into the hands of fewer people continues. Tax cuts should not disproportionately benefit the wealthy at the expense of low and middle-income families. We stand for a progressive tax system.

We support reasonable campaign finance reform.

Corporations continue to offer part-time and temporary jobs with no benefits and low wages. We believe that Iowa's future growth is dependent on full employment and that our people need full-time work with benefits and higher pay. We believe that part-time workers should have pro-rated benefits and decent pay. We support the right of all workers, public and private, full and part-time, to organize.

Iowa must continue to maintain the highest standards for all levels of our schools, all students, and all teachers. All Iowa students deserve competent, caring, and enthusiastic teachers who are well prepared and well compensated. We must ensure that these schools can provide a top-quality education for their students through an adequate and stable source of pre-K through 14 and university funding.

We support the family farm rather than the large corporate operations (such as, but not limited to, corporate hog factories) that are moving into Iowa.

We reject the position that economic development is not compatible with environmental preservation. We support the concept of government programs and regulations to preserve the environment, and we support research into environmental hazards and into the means to overcome them.

We recognize the responsibility of governments to facilitate economic development by means of supporting education, scientific research, and infrastructure.

A top priority of all governments should be to provide our citizens a safe place to live, to make the streets of our cities safe, and to keep our people from having to live in fear of crime.

We recognize that the United Nations has contributed much to our global security through health, education, family planning, UNICEF, and other programs as well as by providing peaceful measures for resolving international conflicts. We strive to become instruments of peace.

We salute the men and women who have given or are risking life or limb in defense of our country. We are grateful for all persons who choose to serve our nation in the armed forces.

AGRICULTURE

AG-1. We support the family farm and support startup economic assistance to young family farmers. We should prohibit packer ownership of livestock.
AG-2. We oppose subsidy payments to non-family corporate farms and to other large agribusiness corporations.
AG-3. We support adequate funding for federal inspections by trained inspectors for all commercial food processing with full transparency and accountability.
AG-4. Food containing genetically modified ingredients should be clearly labeled as such.
AG-5. We support legislation to repeal Ag-Gag and protect agricultural whistle blowers. We also support using whistle blower derived information in criminal / civil animal abuse cases.
AG-6. We support encouraging development and redevelopment inside our cities and towns to protect prime farmland from undue private development pressure.
AG-7. We support local control over factory farms.
AG-8. We support legalizing industrial hemp.
AG-9. We recognize food as a fundamental right and support ending hunger at home and abroad by 2030.
AG-10. We support requiring farmers to submit and receive approval for an individual water-quality plan meeting federal standards in order to receive federal subsidies.

ECONOMY

EC-1. We call for continued government support and subsidies for long distance passenger train service, full funding for Amtrak, and we call for the extension of passenger train service to Clinton County including access to any line to the Quad Cities.
EC-2. We support Iowa enacting a 10% above prime interest rate cap on payday loans.
EC-3. We support fair trade but not free trade. NAFTA, CAFTA, TPP and other such trade agreements, as well as the WTO should be renegotiated to include tougher fair worker rights and environmental standards. We support greater congressional oversight of trade negotiations rather than being limited to yea or nay. We oppose Fast Track.
EC-4. We oppose trade agreements that contain Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions.
EC-5. Goods should not be imported into the United States produced by repressive child labor, or from factories that have unsafe or unhealthful working conditions, or from factories that do not pay workers a living wage, or when the goods are unsafe or unhealthy.
EC-6. Companies and food retailers should be required to donate edible and safe food rather than throwing it away.

Budget & Taxation

EC-7. Congress should repeal the pre-funding mandate on the US Postal Service and keep universal service at the same rate, and explore other forms of revenue.
EC-8. We oppose offshore tax evasion. We should repeal all tax benefits and replace them with tax penalties for companies that move profits off-shore/out of the country or use corporate inversion.
EC-9. We propose the creation of a new WPA type program to rebuild America's infrastructure thus creating millions of new jobs.

EDUCATION

ED-1. We believe that every student, regardless of ZIP code, is entitled to a secure, healthy and robust educational environment so they are able to learn.
ED-2. We oppose diverting public money from public schools to fund vouchers, tuition tax credits for private, for-profit education businesses.
ED-3. We support the establishment of a school funding formula that is adequate, equitable and sustainable in order to ensure the quality of Iowa’s schools, meet the needs of Iowa’s public school students, and improve student learning.

ED-4. We encourage the Legislature and Governor to provide adequate funding for Iowa’s public schools, area education agencies (AEA’s) and community colleges. The Legislature and Governor must provide allowable growth rates that are adequate for public schools and return community college state funding to appropriate levels.

ED-5. We oppose state or local tax policies that adversely affect public education funding.

ED-6. We encourage the Legislature and Governor to allow Education Support Professionals (ESP’s) employed by public school districts to be eligible for unemployment benefits.

ED-7. We support preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for the repair and maintenance of school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions. We support the repeal of the December 31, 2029, sunset. We oppose using these funds for any purpose other than school infrastructure which was approved by the voters of Iowa. We support giving school districts the opportunity to request the use of these funds for textbooks/classroom materials and/or technology.

ED-8. We support apprenticeship programs.

ED-9. We support maintaining student to professional ratios of 300 or less for school nurses, school counselors, and media specialists/teacher librarians so students are provided quality services.

ED-10. We support expanding access to preschool for all four-year-olds.

ED-11. We support adequate equipment and technology, including broadband, in all schools.

ED-12. We support efforts to reduce funding inequity due to transportation costs.

ED-13. We support providing funding and resources for the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) system, the Iowa Mentoring and Induction program and professional development funds, and that they be used to supplement Supplemental State Aid (SSA) for public schools and educators, not supplant them.

ED-14. We oppose unfunded mandates for school districts.

ED-15. We support full federal funding for special education.

ED-16. We support funding for early identification and treatment of special needs and hostile/violent behavior.

ED-17. We support restoring previous special education budget cuts to the AEA’s so essential services and programs may continue.

ED-18. We support adequately funding Early Language Learners (ELL), at-risk, and gifted programs, and anti-bullying education.

ED-19. We support revision of the funding allocation for community colleges so additional local funding is made available from property taxes, sales taxes or income surtax.

ED-20. We support requiring community colleges to have librarian/media specialists, counselors and health programs to improve and enhance student learning opportunities including adult literacy services and ELL support for adult learners.

ED-21. We support safeguarding the rights of Iowa’s public school employees, including due process.

ED-22. We support fully funding the programs needed for those third grade students required to attend summer learning programs in lieu of retention.

ED-23. We support moving toward a system of tuition-free public universities.

ED-24. We support a plan to reduce college tuition rates and make college affordable for those who wish to attend without students sacrificing their futures for their degrees. We support
increased aid to students including federal Pell Grants, college work study, veterans’ education benefits, college tax credits and grants, and other scholarships, grants, low-interest loans, and forgivable loans. We support a program to forgive the student loans for graduates who remain in Iowa to work including retroactive coverage.

ED-25. We support funding for Headstart, for the Iowa Communication Network, for achieving and maintaining proper class sizes, for school equipment and technology, for compliance with the Americans for Disabilities Act in schools, and for School Resource Officers.

ED-26. We support the protection of fine arts and oppose cuts to those programs.

ED-27. We support the development of programs and grants to assist holders of baccalaureate, masters, and PhD degrees to complete the courses necessary for gaining secondary teaching credits in areas of need.

ED-28. Federal school to work opportunities should be renewed and refunded.

ED-29. We support local school district control of public school calendars.

ED-30. We support legislation allowing bond issues to be passed by a simple majority.

ED-31. We support the prohibition of across-the-board cuts for school budgets once they have been approved by the state.

ED-32. We support adequate funding of public libraries.

ED-33. We oppose withholding retirement benefits from those who have not repaid student loans.

ENVIRONMENT

EN-1. We support strong action to prevent climate change including powering America by at least 50% clean energy by 2030 and a revenue neutral carbon tax and / or user fee sufficient to mitigate the problem.

EN-2. The United States should vigorously pursue renewable power sources including, but not limited to solar, tidal, hydrogen, biomass, and wind energy. Grants and incentives for such power sources should include provisions that reward residential renewable energy production.

EN-3. We support immediate action in monitoring and controlling the odious odor pollution and solids pollution of our environment, and we oppose using studies to delay such action.

EN-4. We oppose hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for oil and natural gas production.

EN-5. Oil companies should be responsible for stopping and cleaning up oil spills and for paying for all damages. We support full accountability for all liabilities in perpetuity.

EN-6. We oppose pipelines that run through any environmentally sensitive area.

EN-7. We oppose placing trees and other plants at intersections where they may limit driver visibility.

EN-8. We support preservation of all national parks, national forests, and wildlife refuges, and we urge restrictions of commercial development including harvesting of lumber and mineral resources. We oppose road building in the national forests for the purpose of private logging.

EN-9. Current environmental laws and regulations must be strictly enforced. New environmental laws and regulations should be developed to address emerging environmental issues.

EN-10. Wetlands should be protected.

EN-11. We urge that recycling programs be supported, expanded, widely implemented, and promoted publicly.

EN-12. We support a ban on plastic shopping bags.

EN-13. We oppose allowing utilities to bill customers in advance for power plants that may or may not be built in the future.
EN-14. We call for the testing of air, water, and food for radioactivity.
EN-15. Mercury seals should be strictly prohibited.
EN-16. (MINORITY PLANK) We support allowing nuclear power as a form of low-carbon energy.

LABOR

LB-1. We support the repeal of Iowa's so-called "Right-to-work" law thus allowing employers and unions to bargain freely over union security clauses.
LB-2. We support Fair Share.
LB-3. If a temporary employee works in a company over 90 days in a six-month period, he/she should become a regular employee with benefits.
LB-4. The hiring of replacement workers during a labor dispute should be illegal.
LB-5. Prison labor should not be used to replace bargaining unit workers.

Job Security, Workers Rights, Safety

LB-6. We support fair scheduling for employees, and believe a law should be passed that requires all employers to post an employee’s work schedule one week in advance.
LB-7. We support a paid parental leave program for all working Iowans.
LB-8. Employers with four or more workers, including the state, must provide family and medical leave.
LB-9. We support legislation that allows Iowa workers who are injured on the job to choose their own medical care providers.
LB-10. The secondary injury clause should be eliminated from the workers compensation law.
LB-11. Time frames to decide workers compensation cases should be enacted.
LB-12. We support the Employee Free Choice Act, which would require union recognition if a majority of employees sign an authorization. We support the rights of workers to organize by supporting card check recognition for public sector workers in Iowa, by advocating for reform of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to include card-check recognition for private sector workers and add meaningful penalties to the NLRA to punish employers who violate the rights of workers.
LB-13. The laws prohibiting redefining workers as independent contractors not eligible for benefits or protection should be enforced.
LB-14. The "employment at will doctrine" should be eliminated.
LB-15. Employers cannot reduce hours of employment solely to avoid paying health insurance.

Wages

LB-17. We support establishing a minimum living wage of $15.00 per hour with regular cost of living adjustments.
LB-18. We support equal pay for equal work.
LB-19. Wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment should be mandatory subjects of bargaining for public employees.
LB-20. Unemployment compensation should be extended to people who have to leave employment due to domestic violence and people who leave employment because of a spouse leaving for military service.
Pension/Insurance

LB-21. We oppose diversion of any pension fund by private entities without permission of the employees and pensioners.

LB-22. We support the Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS) finding new funding sources for the favorable experience dividend (FED), or a replacement for the FED, and to create an independent board to govern the trust fund.

GOVERNMENT

GO-1. We believe that all cities should adopt the Uniform Plumbing Code to be consistent with the law in the State of Iowa.

GO-2. We call for enforcement of all building codes in the cities and in the state.

GO-3. We support enforcement of contractor licensing.

GO-4. The tax laws should apply to all who live or work in the United States.

GO-5. The Federal Railroad Administration should enact comprehensive rules and regulations enforcing the utmost safe operations of remote control locomotives. All remote control locomotive operations should cease and desist until such time as the FRA issues comprehensive rules and regulations.

GO-6. Federal and state mandates should always be fully funded.

GO-7. The state of Iowa should not sell the Iowa Communication Network (fiber optics system).

GO-8. We support reasonable increases in the gasoline tax for road infrastructure.

GO-9. We oppose the Citizens United ruling. We support changing the constitution so that money is not the equivalent of speech and therefore regulating and restricting political contributions is not equivalent to limiting speech.

GO-10. We demand a return of our civil liberties and oppose treating citizens like terrorists without evidence. We oppose the Patriot Act as unconstitutional.

GO-11. The constraints on civil liberties in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) should be repealed.

GO-12. We support efforts to protect the nation from terrorist attacks without suppressing human rights including the rights of refugees to emigrate to the United States.

GO-13. We oppose the use of government rules or actions to intimidate dissenters.

GO-14. In Iowa, individuals should have the right to bring consumer fraud lawsuits.

GO-15. We support, without exception, the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

GO-16. We support eliminating the statute of limitations on sex abuse cases.

GO-17. We support a publicly financed system for campaigns for federal and statewide offices.

GO-18. Iowa should not reestablish the death penalty under any circumstances. We call for the abolition of capital punishment in the United States.

GO-19. In child custody cases, the courts should consider the welfare of the children and the merit of the individual parent without regard to gender. Children should be ensured of homes that are safe and free of crime regardless of mandates to keep families intact. The welfare of all children should be foremost in decisions regarding placement.

GO-20. We support the appointment of people to office on the basis of proven competence and not on the basis of campaign contributions.

GO-21. We oppose the requirement that voters carry any picture ID in order to vote.

GO-22. We support the making of Highway 30 into a four-lane, primary, full-access highway across the state of Iowa.

GO-23. Anti-trust laws should be strengthened and enforced.
GO-24. The banking, lending, and financial industries should be regulated sufficiently so as to prevent repetition of the 2008 financial crisis and other threats to the global economy. A modern Glass-Steagall Act should be enacted.

GO-25. We call for legal penalties for those responsible for the 2008 financial meltdown, illegal foreclosures, and other corporate crimes and call for breaking up the large financial institutions. They should be reduced in size until they are no longer “too big to fail”. We call for an end to corporate power over our democracy.

GO-26. We oppose utility deregulation.

GO-27. We call for tax reform that will make the tax system more progressive and close corporate loopholes.

GO-28. No tax credit for a corporation should be a refundable tax credit. There should be no refund for the excess over the corporation’s actual tax liability.

GO-29. We call for strengthening Social Security and preserving it as a social insurance program. We oppose privatizing it or cutting it. The cap on wages subject to social security taxes should be eliminated and benefits should be increased.

GO-30. To help ensure that Congress serves the people rather than corporations and big money, we call for comprehensive Congressional ethics reform including but not limited to all laws imposed on the American people by Congress applying equally to Congress.

GO-31. We support the establishment of voting by US mail where every eligible resident receives a ballot by mail.

GO-32. We oppose outsourcing of public services and assets.

GO-33. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) rules should be changed so that only the governing body granting the TIF would forfeit the regular property taxes involved.

GO-34. We support that statehood should be granted to the District of Columbia.

GO-35. We support ongoing evaluation and establishment of standards for accurate counting and reporting of election results at the Democratic caucuses in Iowa.

GO-36. We support changing the constitution so that the term of office for Unites States Representative continues to be for two years but with a lifetime limit of 5 terms for any individual.

GO-37. We support that all political contributions should be transparent.

GO-38. We support the United States Postal Service and call on it to expand its services including "postal banking" so as to take power away from predatory lenders who take advantage of low income Iowans.

GO-39. We encourage the Iowa legislature pass "ban the box" legislation; restore voting rights for citizens who have served their sentences and are returned to civil life, and make racial profiling illegal.

GO-40. We oppose attempts to privatize government services which are provided for the common good and thus prevent the enrichment of a few at the expense of society.

GO-41. Existing gun control laws should be enforced.

GO-42. We support mandatory registration of all gun purchases accompanied by the repeal of "straw purchases" at gun shows.

GO-43. We support universal background checks for all gun purchases with a two-week waiting period and that the appropriate official must approve each and every purchase.

GO-44. We encourage the Iowa legislature to pass legislation that would require the county sheriff to refuse a permit to carry for any person who has been judged to be mentally ill and furthermore to fund facilities and staff in every county dedicated to the care and healing of all those diagnosed with mental illness.

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GO-45. We encourage the Iowa legislature to maintain current "gun free zones".
GO-46. We support a ban of the sale of assault weapons and magazines/clips capable of firing over seven rounds of ammunition.
GO-47. We support any and all actions that are aimed at the elimination of human trafficking such as but not limited to having sex workers seen as victims by the legal system and increasing penalties for persons engaging in human trafficking.
GO-48. We believe that eminent domain should not be used for the enrichment or benefit of any private person or corporation but only for the state or local government.
GO-49. We support the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship, an increase of the number of family visas, a more efficient system to ascertain asylum status for those fleeing violence and war in their country, and work towards eliminating the root causes of migration.
GO-50. We support the prohibition of a "religious test" to the allowance of the immigration of any person.
GO-51. We support the establishment of a worker program to permit foreign-born workers to enter the country safely and legally so as to reduce illegal immigration and the loss of life in entering the United States.
GO-52. We support auditing and decreasing military spending while increasing and assuring the benefits to our veterans.
GO-53. We support the use of body cameras for all law enforcement officials and increased training for racial and mental health sensitivity.
GO-54. We support abolishment of the current superdelegate system.
GO-55. We support the repeal of the criminal offense of intoxication and simulated intoxication in public places.

HEALTH CARE

HC-1. (Health) We support:
   1. Affordable Care Act (ACA)
   2. Affordable, accessible, comprehensive, single-payer healthcare, including mental, dental, vision, hearing, reproductive, non-traditional, natural and compounded medication, long-term care, nutritional education and wellness/prevention programs as a basic right
   3. Reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers through Medicare/Medicaid equal to Universal Cost Reimbursement (UCR)
   4. Mental health, brain disorders and chemical dependency reimbursement parity
   5. Regulation of fair drug prices
   6. Importation of FDA approved medications
   7. Telemedicine
   8. Wellness programs/centers.

HC-2. (Health) We oppose:
   1. The privatization of Medicare and /or Medicaid
   2. Reducing Medicare and / or Medicaid benefits
   3. Insurance providers from denying coverage for medications and/or treatments prescribed for patients with appropriate diagnoses
   4. Health insurance companies purchasing/owning/operating medical practices.
HC-3. **(Mental Health)** We support:
1. Funding increase for care of and non-discriminatory treatment of neurodevelopmental, neurodegenerative and brain disorders
2. Fully funding jail diversion programs for substance abuse and mental illness
3. Adequate, state-funded long-term mental health facilities
4. Sufficient beds (not in jails) for emergency committals
5. Restoring and providing sufficient funding for Community Mental Health Centers
6. Providing adequate reimbursement to providers for mental health services
7. Sufficiently-funded, statewide, regionally-managed mental health and disability system, with equal representation for rural counties, with staff trained to understand cultural differences
8. Suicide awareness/prevention programs.

HC-4. **(Reproductive Rights)** We support:
1. The right of women to make their own healthcare decisions, including reproductive choices and affordable contraceptives for all persons
2. Emergency contraceptives/abortions access without parental/spousal consent with appropriate follow-up counseling
3. Safeguarding doctors, clinics and clients from harassment/violence
4. Increasing funding for comprehensive family planning programs including but not limited to Planned Parenthood
5. Requiring pharmacists to fill pregnancy-related prescriptions
6. Accommodations for expressing milk/nursing during working hours (not in restrooms)
7. Increasing the funding for prenatal care and counselling.

HC-5. **(Reproductive Rights)** We oppose:
1. Restricting access to medically necessary abortions
2. Forced sterilization
3. Female genital mutilation
4. Mandatory ultra-sounds and coercive counseling before abortions and restricting state funds
5. Requiring physician-admitting privileges for abortion providers.

HC-6. **(Medical Research)** We support:
1. Increasing funding for National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Science Foundation (NSF)
2. Research into chronic and/or toxin illnesses
3. Legal/accessible medical marijuana (MMJ)/derivatives and production thereof
4. Stem-cell research, including embryonic.

HC-7. **(Patient Rights and Consumer Protection)** We support:
1. Patients with consultation from health professionals controlling care, medication and end-of-life decisions
2. Healthcare without religious/personal bias
3. Removal of marijuana from the list of schedule 1 narcotics
4. Evidence-based education for medical providers regarding MMJ and derivatives
5. Effective (Fast Track) FDA drug-approval
6. Vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions
7. Allowing ambulance and first responders to carry and administer Narcan for drug overdose cases
8. Allowing families of known drug addicts to have Narcan available to treat overdose.

HUMAN SERVICES

HS-1. (Aging and Disabilities) We support:
1. Re-authorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA)
2. Adequate funding for Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and other similar services for the elderly and persons with disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) and service/therapy animals including training and maintenance
3. Adequate mandatory substantive training for caregivers, including family, with compensation
4. Consumer representation on health/human services review boards
5. Family/community support services, including transportation to/from services
6. Increasing program flexibility/funding to permit home living choices and accommodation maintenance
7. Strengthening/expanding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including accessibility audits
8. Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)

HS-2. (Children’s Services) We support:
1. Mandatory National Child Abuse Registries (NCAR) and national criminal background checks for child care providers
2. Increased access and funding for regulated high-quality subsidized childcare
3. Subsidized childcare reimbursement increase for in-home childcare providers
4. Lowering the financial criteria to allow more families to qualify for child care assistance
5. Supporting former foster children to age 26 when needed
6. Reimbursement for kinship care at the foster-care level
7. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funding increase

HS-3. (Abused Persons) We support:
1. Adequate funding and protection from cuts for programs to combat domestic abuse and neglect as well as child maltreatment and programs to treat victims

HS-4. (Assistance for Food, Housing and Homelessness) We support:
1. Safe, decent affordable housing for all
2. Sufficient non-discretionary funding for food assistance programs
3. Expanding Housing and Urban Development (HUD) low income government subsidized (Section 8) and low income non-government subsidized (Section 42) programs
4. Funding Domestic Violence Shelters
5. Increasing Homeless Shelter block grants
6. Increasing funding for job/life skills training
7. Transition programs between shelters and care/treatment/permanent housing programs, including funding

INTERNATIONAL

IN-1. We support President Obama’s nuclear agreement with Iran.
IN-2. We support efforts to instill a lasting peace among Israel, Palestine, and the region.
IN-3. We support efforts by the US, Afghanis, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO’s), and regional and international powers to achieve peace and stability in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the region.
IN-4. Military action should not become the first choice in dealing with potential terrorist threats and regional conflicts. International diplomacy should be used wherever possible to defuse potentially threatening situations.
IN-5. We support efforts to reduce and prevent the international development, proliferation, and use of nuclear, chemical, biological, and other weapons of mass destruction but caution against using military means for this purpose.
IN-6. We support the elimination of poverty worldwide.
IN-7. We support the continuing participation of the United States in the United Nations including payment of dues and adherence to the United Nations Charter in the conduct of US foreign policy.
IN-8. We strongly oppose all forms of torture specifically including waterboarding perpetrated on individuals by citizens of any country.
IN-9. We support the international banning of land mines.
IN-10. Wasteful practices in military procurement should be eliminated.
IN-11. We support closing the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (formerly known as the School of Americas) at Ft. Benning, GA.
IN-12. We support humanitarian aid to needy populations with proper oversight.
IN-13. Americans should become more educated about the problems caused by global overpopulation.
IN-14. We oppose military aid to repressive regimes.
IN-15. We support prompt hearings by the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and ratification by the full Senate.
IN-16. We support eliminating hair-trigger alert of nuclear weapons in order to avoid accidental or unauthorized use.
IN-17. We support continuing to reduce the sizes of nuclear forces everywhere with the goal of eliminating them.
IN-18. We support eliminating short-range, forward-deployed nuclear weapons.
IN-19. We support ratifying the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and working for ratification elsewhere.
IN-20. The highest security should be achieved and maintained for nuclear weapons, for plutonium stocks, and for highly enriched uranium stocks.
IN-21. Uranium enrichment and spent reactor fuel should be kept in the hands of controlled international sources.
IN-22. The production of fissile material for nuclear weapons should be halted.
IN-23. We support phasing out the use of fissile and other weapons-usable material in civil commerce and research facilities and rendering this material safe.
IN-24. We oppose the use of weaponized drones by US armed forces and intelligence agencies without a declaration of war.

IN-25. We oppose US foreign policies that entail intrusive means of regime change. Instead US foreign policy should respect the rights of all peoples to self-determination.

IN-26. (MINORITY PLANK) We oppose further expansion of NATO security partnerships with nations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

VETERANS

VE-1. We support mandatory full funding for all US veterans’ health needs.

VE-2. We support the full mandatory funding of VA health care benefits to include Group 8 veterans, National Guard members, and everyone who ever served in the US military and received anything other than a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge, allowing them all the rights that all wartime veterans enjoy.

VE-3. We oppose privatization of VA health care and other veterans’ benefits.

VE-4. We support eliminating waiting lists, backlogs, and delays in delivering VA health care.

VE-5. We support comprehensive mental health care for disorders related to military service including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries.

VE-6. We support veterans with 50% or more VA disability automatically qualifying for Social Security disability.