



PROPOSED 2024 CLINTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM 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 support equal rights and protections of all people regardless of gender, gender identity, age, race, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, disability, or ethnicity and respect all cultural differences. We oppose discrimination in all its forms. We reaffirm all Americans' right to privacy, and every woman's right to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions.

We believe America's tax dollars should be used for the service and betterment of all Americans. Tax policy should not disproportionately benefit the wealthy at the expense of low and middle-income families or increase the wealth gap. We stand for a progressive tax system. We support reasonable campaign finance reform.

We believe that Iowa's future growth is dependent on full employment and that our people need full time work with benefits and higher wages. We support the right of all workers, public and private, full and part-time, to have benefits, decent pay, and the right to organize.

We believe Iowa deserves the highest standards of education for our schools, all students, and all teachers. All Iowa students deserve competent and committed teachers who are well and competitively compensated. We must ensure that all public schools can provide a top-quality education for their students through an adequate stable source of pre-K through 14 and university funding and support.

We support the financial success of the family farm over large corporate operations. We believe that environmental preservation can be coupled with economic development. We support the concept of public programs and regulations to preserve the environment, combat climate change, and research to understand and address environmental hazards. We recognize the responsibility of governments to facilitate economic development by means of supporting education, scientific research, and infrastructure.

We believe Americans deserve to live free of the threat of gun violence. We believe in common sense gun laws, and that weapons of war have no place in our communities.

We salute the men and women who defend our country, are grateful for all persons who choose to serve, and continue to support all benefits after service.



AGRICULTURE

We Support:

- AG-1 The family farm/startup economic assistance to young family farmers.
- AG-2 Local, independent farmland ownership.
- AG-3 Promote sustainable/regenerative/organic farming practices.
- AG-4 Expanding local, direct-to-consumer farm markets.
- AG-5 Full-funding for federal inspections by trained inspectors for commercial food processing with full transparency/accountability.
- AG-6 Conservation compliance requirement for federal subsidies.
- AG-7 Increasing SNAP funding and benefits, including COLA.
- AG-8 Humane animal treatment.
- AG-9 Strong food safety/labeling requirements; content/origin/processing location/organic/GMO.
- AG-10 Repeal of the Ag-Gag laws and restoring free speech and whistleblower protections
- AG-11 Encouraging development/redevelopment inside our cities/towns to protect prime farmland from undue private development pressure.
- AG-12 Local control over adverse environmental impacts of farming.
- AG-13 Legalizing industrial hemp.
- AG-14 Programs that help to end hunger at home/abroad.
- AG-15 Incentise farmers to submit/receive approval for individual water-quality plan to receive federal subsidies for that project.
- AG-16 Local control of new CAFO siting.

We Oppose:

- AG-17 Subsidy payments to non-family corporate farms/other large agribusiness corporations.
- AG-18 Monopolistic practices in farming.
- AG-19 Eminent domain for pipelines for tar-sands-oil/petcoke/crude-oil/carbon.
- AG-20 Unregulated foreign investment/ownership in agricultural land.

ECONOMY

We Support:

- EC-1 Increased state funding for education, social safety net programs, and infrastructure, as opposed to enacting income tax cuts for higher income taxpayers.
- EC-2 Extending the child tax credit monthly payments.
- EC-3 Increasing the earned income tax credit.
- EC-4 Raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour, making it a living wage and indexing to the consumer price index.
- EC-5 State programming to encourage new business development in smaller cities/rural communities.
- EC-6 Restrictions on imported goods that are produced by repressive child labor or factories with unsafe/unhealthy working conditions that do not pay workers a living wage. Reduce trade deficits with countries such as China.

- EC-7 Repeal mandate that treats the United States Postal Service (USPS) pension obligations unfairly compared to other defined pension plans.
- EC-8 Elimination of tax incentives for companies to export jobs/profits.
- EC-9 Federal funding to improve infrastructure to be competitive in the 21st Century, including rural broadband access.
- EC-10 Regulation of the financial industry to prevent a repeat of the 2008 financial crisis.
- EC-11 Net neutrality.
- EC-12 Accountability by businesses receiving tax incentives for bringing jobs into Iowa.
- EC-13 Provide a state sponsored savings plan for persons working in Iowa similar to the college savings plan now in place for educational expenses.
- EC-14 Limit the annual exemption for retirement incomes from state income taxation to \$50,000 per individual and \$100,000 per joint return. Annual taxable incomes above \$250,000 per person or above \$500,000 per joint return shall be taxed for state income tax purposes at 5%.
- EC-15 Restoring unemployment benefits to the previous long standing benefit period of 26 weeks.
- EC-16 Provide funding by the state to proceed with a new four-lane highway from DeWitt to connect with the current four-lane U S Highway 30 that ends east of Lisbon, Iowa.

We Oppose

- EC-17 Congressional abdication of its responsibilities through Fast Track legislation concerning trade agreements.

EDUCATION

We Support:

- ED-1 Every student, regardless of ZIP code, is entitled to a secure/healthy/robust educational environment so they are able to learn.
- ED-2 The establishment of a school funding formula that is adequate/equitable/sustainable in order to ensure the quality of schools, meet the needs of Iowa's Pre-K–12 public school students, and improve learning.
- ED-3 Provide adequate funding for public schools/Area Education Agencies (AEA's)/community colleges/public institutions of higher learning. Also provide allowable/adequate growth rates for public schools and return public university funding to appropriate levels.
- ED-4 Make Education Support Professionals (ESP's) employed by public school districts eligible for unemployment benefits.
- ED-5 Preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for the repair/maintenance of school infrastructure, (including the tax equity provisions),and giving school districts the opportunity to use these funds for textbooks/classroom materials/technology.
- ED-6 Increase apprenticeship/internship/career awareness programs that will prepare our students to contribute to the economic growth of their communities/ state.
- ED-7 Maintaining student to professional ratios that are adequate/appropriate, as determined by local stakeholders, to the school they serve to provide quality services to students from school nurses/school counselors/media specialists/teacher librarians.
- ED-8 Expanding free-access to preschool for all three and four-year-olds.
- ED-9 Providing funding for adequate equipment/technology, including broadband in all

schools.

- ED-10 Efforts to reduce funding inequity due to transportation costs.
- ED-11 Continue funding the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) system, the Iowa Mentoring and Induction program and professional development funds, in the Supplemental State Aid (SSA) for public schools/educators.
- ED-12 Full federal funding for special education.
- ED-13 Funding for early identification/treatment of special needs/emotional/hostile/violent behavior.
- ED-14 Restoring previous special education budget cuts to the AEA's so essential services and programs may continue.
- ED-15 Adequately funding Early Language Learners (ELL)/at-risk/gifted programs,
- ED-16 Adequately funding anti-bullying education.
- ED-17 Revision of the funding allocation for community colleges so additional local funding is made available from property taxes/sales taxes/income surtax.
- ED-18 Requiring community colleges to have librarian/media specialists/counselors/health programs to improve/enhance student learning opportunities including adult literacy services and ELL support for adult learners, and provide adequate funding to support the program.
- ED-19 Safeguarding the existing rights of public school employees, including due process.
- ED-20 Fully-funding the programs needed for third grade students required to attend summer learning programs in lieu of retention.
- ED-21 Moving toward a system of tuition-free public universities for the first two years of education.
- ED-22 A plan to reduce college tuition rates, to include Pell Grants/work study/veterans' education benefits/college tax credits/grants, and other scholarships, grants, low-interest loans, and limit annual tuition increases for public universities and colleges to no more than the rate of inflation.
- ED-23 A program to forgive student loans for graduates who remain in Iowa to work, including retroactive coverage.
- ED-24 Funding for Headstart, for achieving/maintaining proper class sizes, school equipment, technology, and compliance with the Americans for Disabilities Act in schools and School Resource Officers.
- ED-25 Protection of fine arts and oppose cuts to those programs.
- ED-26 Funding programs/grants to assist holders of Baccalaureate, Masters, and PhD degrees to complete the courses for gaining secondary teaching credits in areas of need.
- ED-27 Funding to assist practicing teachers to gain endorsements in shortage areas.
- ED-28 Federal school-to-work opportunities are renewed and funded.
- ED-29 Local school district control of public school calendars.
- ED-30 Legislation allowing bond issues to be passed by a simple majority.
- ED-31 Adequate funding of public libraries, and maintain local control.
- ED-32 School districts to post real estate being disposed of on at least two public sites, prior to sale.
- ED-33 Free school lunch for all public school children.
- ED-34 Continue funding NEA/NEH/PBS.
- ED-35 Fund mental healthcare for public schools/students/staff.

- ED-36 Place mental health professionals and fully-fund in Pre-K-12.
- ED-37 Targeted student loan relief.
- ED-38 Public school curriculum being decided by local school boards and professional educators, and not restricted by legislation.

We Oppose:

- ED-39 Diverting public money from public schools to fund vouchers/tuition tax credits for private, for-profit education businesses.
- ED-40 State/local tax policies that adversely affect public education funding.
- ED-41 Unfunded mandates for school districts.
- ED-42 Withholding retirement benefits from those who have not repaid student loans.
- ED-43 Using statewide penny sales tax funds for any purpose other than public schools.
- ED-44 Across-the-board cuts for school budgets once they have been approved by the state.
- ED-45 Dismantling of the AEA program in the state of Iowa, and removing local control.
- ED-46 Book banning.
- ED-47 The use of standardized test scores from tests given at chronological age grade levels to determine the progress and success of special education students and programs. Further, we oppose the inclusion of those scores in comparing the effectiveness/success of schools at state, federal, and international levels.

ENVIRONMENT

We Support:

- EN-1 Strong action to prevent climate change, accelerating the transition to a carbon-free economy, including powering America by a minimum of 50% clean energy by 2030, revenue neutral carbon tax/user fee sufficient to mitigate the problem.
- EN-2 Vigorously pursuing renewable power sources including solar, tidal, hydrogen, biomass or wind energy/etc. Subsidies/grants/incentives should include provisions that reward residential renewable energy production.
- EN-3 Clean water/water conservation regulations on Federal/State/Local and individual levels to include, (but not limited to):-Efficient water use in industry landscaping/irrigation/home water use/other water-intensive processes;-Prohibit commercial companies from using aquifers/rivers/lakes/any and all ground water supplies from bottling water for commercial sale;-Prohibit diverting/ rerouting water from lakes/rivers to arid/drought areas, such as pipelines from the Great Lakes to western states.-Mercury seals should be strictly prohibited.
- EN-4 Wetlands, and their native fauna/flora, should be maintained in their entirety and natural state to prevent developing flood plain/natural draining areas,
- EN-5 Immediate action in monitoring/controlling nuisance odor pollution/particulate pollution of our environment.
- EN-6 Oil companies should be responsible for stopping/cleaning up oil spills/paying all damages current and in perpetuity.
- EN-7 Preservation of national parks/national forests/wildlife refuges, and restrictions of commercial development including harvesting of lumber/mineral resources.
- EN-8 Environmental laws/regulations must be strictly/diligently enforced. New environmental laws/regulations should be developed to address emerging environmental issues.
- EN-9 Recycling programs, future expansion/implementation/promoting publicly.
- EN-10 The testing of air/water/food for Radon/radioactivity.

- EN-11 Allowing nuclear power as a form of low-carbon energy.
- EN-12 Expand USPS/and other government agencies the use of electric vehicles.
- EN-13 Subsidize clean energy.
- EN-14 Enact carbon tax.
- EN-15 Border wall not going through protected lands (National and Native American).
- EN-16 Protect pollinating bees.
- EN-17 Use of recycled plastics in road repair.

We Oppose

- EN-18 Pipelines through/adjacent to any environmentally/culturally sensitive areas.
- EN-19 Road building in the national forests for private logging.
- EN-20 Subsidizing fossil fuels.

GOVERNMENT

We Support:

- GO-1 Reform of the US Supreme Court- to include term limits and ethics requirements similar to lower court Federal Judges.
- GO-2 A progressive income tax system, repeal Trump tax acts, close corporate loopholes
- GO-3 Continuing the exemption of Social Security benefits from state income tax.
- GO-4 Preserve Social Security as a social insurance program, raise the cap on income subject to social security taxes, increase benefits.
- GO-5 Pursuing a Universal Basic Income program.
- GO-6 No tax credit for a corporation should be a refundable tax credit.
- GO-7 Legalization/taxation of recreational marijuana, and the enactment of a statutory mechanism to allow for the expungement of misdemeanor marijuana convictions.
- GO-8 Federal/state mandates should always be fully funded.
- GO-9 Restoring the requirement that citizens obtain a gun permit in order to carry a firearm in public. Persons wishing to obtain a gun permit shall demonstrate sufficient ability to handle a firearm and be familiar with laws concerning the use of a firearm. A list of persons having firearm permits shall be available to law enforcement.
- GO-10 The right of all lowans wherever they live to be free of gun violence.
- GO-11 Enforce existing gun control laws.
- GO-12 Mandatory registration of gun purchases, repeal of "straw purchase loopholes" at gun shows.
- GO-13 Universal background checks for gun purchases with a 7-day waiting period and appropriate officials approve all purchases.
- GO-14 Legislature to maintain current "gun free zones".
- GO-15 Ban the sale of assault weapons/magazines/clips capable of firing excessive rounds of ammunition.
- GO-16 Regulating guns as we regulate cars.
- GO-17 Elimination of all human trafficking. Increased funding for programs to address anti-human trafficking programs and awareness.
- GO-18 Programs to assist law enforcement officers who deal with individuals who are mentally ill.
- GO-19 Funding for state correctional services to supervise high risk individuals who are placed on probation or parole.
- GO-20 Adequate funding for the courts, including a provision for a drug court to be

- accessible to every county.
- GO-21 Raising court-appointed attorney fees \$150/hour.
 - GO-22 Iowa should not reestablish the death penalty.
 - GO-23 Eminent domain not used for enrichment/benefit of any private person/corporation but only for the state/local government.
 - GO-24 Comprehensive immigration reform, pathway to citizenship, increased family visas, more efficient system to ascertain asylum status for those fleeing violence/war.
 - GO-25 USPS expanding services to postal banking.
 - GO-26 We support expanding easy access to voting for all voters, without burdensome obstacles.
 - GO-27 Supporting reintegration into society, persons who have served felony convictions with legislation to "ban the box" and automatic restoration of voting rights.
 - GO-28 Publicly financed system for campaigns for federal/statewide offices.
 - GO-29 Enact a comprehensive Congressional ethics reform including all laws imposed on the American people by Congress applying equally to Congress, (including health insurance/retirement funds).
 - GO-30 Ballot access laws require all presidential/vice-presidential ticket candidates to release Federal/State tax (personal/partnership) returns for 10 years in order to be on the state's ballot.
 - GO-31 Automatic voter registration on 18th birthday.
 - GO-32 Voters having adequate time to receive and mail their ballots, with ~~29~~ 40 days at a minimum.
 - GO-33 Legislation to increase voter participation, including vote by mail options.
 - GO-34 Reinstatement of the full protections of the original Voting Rights Act.
 - GO-35 A ban on members of Congress and their spouses from buying and selling individual stocks during their time in office.
 - GO-36 Increasing funding for government agencies in charge of social, community, and mental health programs, all of which data shows contribute to the well-being of the whole community when initiatives are fully funded.
 - GO-37 Requiring our political representatives to explore how to be more transparent in who is lobbying for all laws that are proposed.
 - GO-38 Political contributions must be transparent.
 - GO-39 Anyone found guilty in a criminal court of sexual harassment while serving in elected public office will be barred permanently from getting in any office, local/state/federal, and from employment in any state funded education institute. Cost of legal defense/settlement shall not be borne by the taxpayer.
 - GO-40 The independence of our County Auditor, as the best defense against those who would try to alter the results of an election.
 - GO-41 Adequate funding for our State Parks including sufficient funding to take care of deferred maintenance on the housing which has been available to park rangers.
 - GO-42 Fixing and building Clinton County roads and bridge infrastructure to support 2050 needs.
 - GO-43 Statehood for the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories.
 - GO-44 Reinstating the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to previous levels.
 - GO-45 Reinstating DACA protection from deportation, with pathways to citizenship.
 - GO-46 Individuals should have the right to bring consumer fraud lawsuits, and the state should

- ban forced arbitration clauses in consumer contracts.
- GO-47 Separation of church/state.
 - GO-48 Antitrust laws should be strengthened/enforced.
 - GO-49 Regulate banking/lending/financial industries to prevent financial crisis/other threats to the global economy. (modern Glass-Steagall Act).
 - GO-50 Legal penalties for those responsible for a financial meltdown/illegal foreclosures/other corporate crimes and call for breaking up the large financial institutions. Reduced size until no longer "too big to fail".
 - GO-51 Auditing/decreasing military spending while increasing/assuring the benefits to our veterans.
 - GO-52 The use of body cameras for law enforcement officials and increased training for racial, mental health, and disability sensitivity.
 - GO-53 Uniform Plumbing Code to be consistent with the law in Iowa.
 - GO-54 Enforcement of all building codes.
 - GO-55 Enforcement of contractor licensing.
 - GO-56 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) enact comprehensive rules/regulations enforcing safe operations of remote control locomotives. All remote control locomotive operations cease/desist until FRA issues comprehensive rules/regulations.
 - GO-57 Minimum of two certified personnel on every train.
 - GO-58 Protect the nation from terrorist attacks without suppressing human rights.
 - GO-59 Evidence-based criminal justice reform.

We Oppose:

- GO-60 Citizens United ruling, and we support a Constitutional Amendment overturning the ruling.
- GO-61 The use of government rules/actions to intimidate dissenters.
- GO-62 The requirement that voters carry a picture ID in order to vote.
- GO-63 Utility deregulation.
- GO-64 Privatizing/cutting Social Security programs.
- GO-65 Outsourcing of public services/assets.
- GO-66 Privatizing government services.
- GO-67 Legislation requiring local jails from holding immigrants for ICE.
- GO-68 Racial/religious profiling.
- GO-69 The state of Iowa imposing additional work requirements and asset tests for persons receiving SNAP or Medicaid benefits.
- GO-70 The suspension of drivers licenses for non-payment of child support since it is self-defeating.
- GO-71 The garnishment of wages of persons who are employed, and who are making or expecting to make less than \$25,000 per calendar year, for reasons other than child-support collection.
- GO-72 Any changes to how Iowa judges or magistrates are selected and support restoration to the chairperson of the State Nominating Commission being the senior justice of the Iowa Supreme Court other than the chief justice.
- GO-73 Giving the Iowa Secretary of State the authority to levy a fine against a county auditor or other local election officials.

GO-74 Any increase in the Iowa sales tax or gas tax.

GO-75 Efforts and legislation to curtail the scope of the Iowa State Auditor function.

HEALTH CARE

We Support:

- HC-1 Women's right to make choices over their own bodies.
- HC-2 Repealing legislation that restricts local governments from providing for the health of their residents, during public healthcare emergencies.
- HC-3 An audit into whether private insurance companies are unfairly denying the claims of medical providers in the Title XIX program.
- HC-4 Restoring Roe v. Wade and resist any abortion restrictions more restrictive than what is provided in the Roe v. Wade decision.
- HC-5 Restoring funding to Planned Parenthood and similar agencies that provide women's health services.
- HC-6 Increased funding for mental health institutions so that they will have sufficient beds available for patients, that due to behavior problems, cannot be admitted elsewhere or need long term hospitalization for mental illness.
- HC-7 Funding for a mental health unit at the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics or elsewhere for mental health patients who also have severe medical problems that prevent them from being admitted to a local mental health unit.
- HC-8 Adequate funding for our mental health regions.
- HC-9 Adequate funding for substance abuse treatment and prevention, including inpatient substance abuse centers so that a bed is available when needed.
- HC-10 Elimination of the "donut hole" in the Medicare drug plans.
- HC-11 The Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- HC-12 Affordable, accessible, comprehensive, single-payer health care, including mental, dental, vision, hearing, reproductive, non-traditional, natural/compounded medication, long-term care (LTC), nutritional education, wellness/prevention programs, and functional medicine, as a basic right.
- HC-13 Reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers through Medicare/Medicaid equal to Universal Cost Reimbursement (UCR).
- HC-14 Mental health, brain disorders and chemical dependency treatment reimbursement parity.
- HC-15 Fair drug prices.
- HC-16 Telemedicine.
- HC-17 Wellness programs/centers.
- HC-18 Restoration of the Iowa Medicaid program before privatization.
- HC-19 Restoring public psychiatric beds to no less than 50 beds per 100,000, to include beds in regionally located hospitals/mental health inpatient facilities.
- HC-20 Provide for a task force made up of medical professionals to review healthcare in nursing homes and make recommendations to the Iowa legislature as to how to improve healthcare in nursing homes.
- HC-21 Provide for a task force made up of medical professionals to review Iowa's elevated cancer rate and investment in research and treatment.

HC-22 Expanded research and reporting on Iowa water quality as it affects rates of cancer in Iowa.

We Oppose:

HC-23 Combining the Department of Health with the Department of Health and Human Services.

HC-24 Restrictions against private businesses from requiring that patrons wear masks or from requiring their employees to be vaccinated.

HC-25 The privatization of Medicare/Medicaid.

HC-26 Reducing Medicare/Medicaid benefits.

HC-27 Insurance providers denying coverage for medications/treatments prescribed for patients with diagnoses.

HC-28 Health insurance companies purchasing/owning/operating medical practices.

Mental Health

We Support:

HC-29 Funding increase for care of and non-discriminatory treatment of neurodevelopmental, Neurodegenerative/brain disorders.

HC-30 Fully-funding jail diversion programs for substance abuse/mental illness.

HC-31 Adequate, state-funded long-term mental health facilities.

HC-32 Sufficient beds (not in jails) for emergency committals.

HC-33 Restoring/providing sufficient funding for Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC).

HC-34 Providing adequate reimbursement to providers for mental health services.

HC-35 Sufficiently-funded, statewide, regionally-managed mental health/disability systems, with equal representation for rural counties, with staff training to understand cultural differences.

HC-36 Suicide awareness/prevention programs (including public schools).

Reproductive Rights

We Support:

HC-37 The right of women to make their own healthcare decisions.

HC-38 Emergency contraceptives/abortions access without parental/spousal consent with follow-up counseling.

HC-39 Safeguarding doctors/clinics/clients from harassment/violence.

HC-40 Increasing funding for comprehensive family planning programs.

HC-41 Requiring pharmacists to fill pregnancy-related prescriptions.

HC-42 Accommodations for expressing milk/nursing during working hours (not in restrooms).

HC-43 Increasing the funding for prenatal care/counseling.

HC-44 Restoration of the practice of funding emergency pregnancy treatment for victims of sexual assault.

We Oppose:

- HC-45 Restricting access to medically necessary abortions.
- HC-46 Forced sterilization.
- HC-47 Medically unnecessary ultrasounds/coercive counseling before abortions and restricting state funds.
- HC-48 Requiring physician-admitting privileges for abortion providers.
- HC-49 Private companies from not covering contraceptives via insurance.

Medical Research

We Support:

- HC-50 Increasing funding for National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Science Foundation (NSF)/Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- HC-51 Research into chronic/auto-immune/toxin illnesses.
- HC-52 Legal/accessible medical marijuana (MMJ)/derivatives and production.
- HC-53 Stem-cell research. Patient Rights and Consumer Protection
- HC-54 Patients with consultation from health professionals controlling care, medication, and end-of-life decisions.
- HC-55 Healthcare without religious/personal bias.
- HC-56 Removal of marijuana from the list of schedule 1 narcotics.
- HC-57 Effective (Fast Track) FDA drug-approval.
- HC-58 Vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions.
- HC-59 Adequate cannabis dispensaries.
- HC-60 Expanding the list of cannabis treatments.

HUMAN SERVICES

We Support:

- HS-1 Increasing funding for the National Housing Trust Fund and State Housing Trust Fund, and increased funding for housing vouchers to address the affordable housing crisis.
- HS-2 Every person having a basic human right to adequate income, safe and affordable housing, food security, affordable healthcare, quality education, and equal protection under the law.
- HS-3 Requiring Iowa Medicaid Enterprise to write clear, detailed policies and procedures for Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to follow, especially as it relates to the Consumer Choices Option (CCO).
- HS-4 The Department of Health and Human Services to fund an initiative to cleanup old information on their website and update any document that still has inaccurate or politically incorrect verbiage.
- HS-5 Revising the price per unit paid for Long-Term Supportive Services employees for Members enrolled in the Consumer Choices Options (CCO) program as the state of Iowa currently struggles to pay employees above minimum wage for Personal Care Services and Homemaker Services.

Aging and Disabilities

We Support:

- HS-6 Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).
- HS-7 Adequate-funding for Home/Community-Based Services (HCBS) and other similar services for the elderly/persons with disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), service/therapy animals including training and maintenance.
- HS-8 Adequate mandatory substantive training for caregivers, including family, with compensation.
- HS-9 Consumer representation on health/human services review boards.
- HS-10 Family/community support services, including transportation to/from services.
- HS-11 Increasing program flexibility/funding to permit home living choices/accommodation maintenance.
- HS-12 Strengthening/expanding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- HS-13 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

Children's Services

We Support:

- HS-14 Mandatory National Child Abuse Registries (NCAR) and national criminal background checks for child care providers.
- HS-15 Increased access/funding for regulated high-quality subsidized childcare.
- HS-16 Subsidized childcare reimbursement increase for in-home childcare providers.
- HS-17 Subsidized child care assistance.
- HS-18 Supporting former foster children to age 26.
- HS-19 Expanding Adoption Safe Family Act (ASFA), DHS/Ombudsman.
- HS-20 Increase child rights during foster-care/adoption when parents not working to improve lifestyles.
- HS-21 Funding for kinship care at the foster-care level.
- HS-22 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program funding increase.

Abused Persons

We Support:

- HS-23 Adequate funding/protection for programs to combat domestic abuse/neglect as well as child maltreatment and programs to treat victims.

Assistance for Food, Housing and Homelessness

We Support:

- HS-24 Safe/decent affordable housing.
- HS-25 Sufficient non-discretionary funding for food assistance programs.
- HS-26 Expanding Housing and Urban Development (HUD) low income government subsidized (Section 8) and low income non-government subsidized (Section 42) Programs.
- HS-27 Funding Domestic Violence Shelters.
- HS-28 Increasing Homeless Shelter block grants.
- HS-29 Increasing funding for job/life skills training.
- HS-30 Transition programs between shelters and care/treatment/permanent housing

programs, including funding.

INTERNATIONAL

We Support:

- IN-1 Provide the aid needed to Ukraine to assist in their efforts to end the invasion by Russia.
- IN-2 Efforts to instill a lasting peace among Israel, Gaza, and the region, including a two-state solution.
- IN-3 Providing humanitarian support and care for the people of Gaza, including displaced refugees, and conditions-based aid to Israel.
- IN-4 Efforts by the US, Afghanis, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's), and regional and international powers to achieve peace/stability in Afghanistan, Pakistan and region.
- IN-5 International diplomacy to defuse potentially threatening situations. Military action should not become the first choice.
- IN-6 Reduce/prevent the international development/proliferation and use of nuclear/chemical/biological/weapons of mass destruction.
- IN-7 Elimination of poverty worldwide.
- IN-8 Continuing participation of the United States in the United Nations (UN) including payment of dues and adherence to the United Nations Charter in the conduct of US foreign policy.
- IN-9 International banning of landmines.
- IN-10 Eliminating wasteful practices in military procurement.
- IN-11 Restoring the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, updated for 2024 and onward.
- IN-12 Humanitarian aid to needy populations with oversight.
- IN-13 Reinstate support for refugees.
- IN-14 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-15 Establishing protocols to avoid accidental/unauthorized use of nuclear weapons.
- IN-16 Reduce the sizes of nuclear forces everywhere with the goal of eliminating them.
- IN-17 Eliminating short-range, forward-deployed nuclear weapons.
- IN-18 Ratifying the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and working for greater global ratification.
- IN-19 Highest security should be achieved/maintained for nuclear weapons/plutonium stocks/highly enriched uranium stocks.
- IN-20 Safeguarding uranium enrichment/spent reactor fuel.
- IN-21 Production of fissile material for nuclear weapons should be halted worldwide.
- IN-22 Phasing out the use of fissile/other weapons-usable material in civil commerce/research facilities and rendering this material safe.
- IN 23 Passing national legislation which prohibits the President from using the Armed Forces to conduct a first-use nuclear strike.
- IN 24 Congress to authorize all military force beyond imminent protection of American lives.

We Oppose:

- IN-25 All forms of torture on individuals by citizens of any country.
- IN-26 Use of weaponized drones by US armed forces/intelligence agencies without a declaration of war.
- IN-27 US foreign policies that entail intrusive means of regime change.
- IN-28 Military aid to repressive regimes.
- IN-29 Separating families at borders.

LABOR

We Support:

- LB-1 Repeal of Iowa's "Right-to-work" law.
- LB-2 Allowing unions to bargain freely with employers over their contract, and restoring Fair Share union dues.
- LB-3 Reinstate all union rights to bargain/strike.
- LB-4 Restore Iowa's Child Labor Laws to Federal standards, including the prohibition on dangerous jobs, and how late 14 and 15 year olds can work.
- LB-5 The restoration of an Iowa Workforce Development office in Clinton County to assist employers and employees in job training and placement in appropriate jobs.
- LB-6 US Department of Labor to expand the Registered Apprenticeship programs.

Job Security, Workers Rights, Safety

We Support:

- LB-7 Restoration of collective bargaining rights for public employees, including teachers, to what they were prior to 2017, including the elimination of burdensome legislation restricting recertification of public employee unions passed in 2017.
- LB-8 Paid parental and sick leave programs.
- LB-9 Legislation that allows Iowa workers who are injured on the job, to choose their own medical care providers.
- LB-10 Reinstating Workers Comp benefits to consider the interest of the injured worker rather than favor the employer, including retraining and supporting the worker.
- LB-11 Banning the practice of employers reducing hours of employment solely to avoid paying health insurance and benefits.
- LB-12 A mandatory minimum of two person crews on all trains operated for any reason, for the safety of the public and crew members. These crews will consist of one qualified engineer and one qualified conductor.

Wages

We Support:

- LB-13 A minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour with regular cost of living adjustments to maintain a living wage.
- LB-14 Equal pay for equal work.
- LB-15 Legislation that restores all public sector bargaining rights. Wages, hours, terms, and/or conditions of employment should be mandatory subjects of bargaining for public employees.
- LB-16 Unemployment compensation should be extended to people who have to leave employment due to domestic violence or because of a spouse leaving for military service.

- LB-17 The right of workers to form a coop ownership of a company that closes its doors, first option to buy.
- LB-18 Allowing the government to use Project Labor Agreements as a tool to protect taxpayers and maintain quality work to get the best product for the best price.
- LB-19 Restoring unemployment benefits to 26 weeks.

We Oppose:

- LB-20 Nullification of locally approved minimum wage increases.
- LB-21 Requiring recertification upon each Union negotiation and/or new contract, for state/public employees.

Pension/Insurance

We Support:

- LB-22 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.
- LB-23 Maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit system and support legislation that will strengthen retirement systems for all public employees.
- LB-24 Cost-of-living adjustments to IPERS.

We Oppose :

- LB-25 Diversion of any pension fund by private entities without permission of the Employees/pensioners.

VETERANS

We Support:

- VE-1 Mandatory full funding for all health needs.
- VE-2 Full-funding of VA health care benefits to include Group 8 veterans/National Guard members/everyone who ever served in the US military and received anything other than a dishonorable/bad conduct discharge.
- VE-3 Eliminating waiting lists/backlogs/delays in delivering VA health care.
- VE-4 Comprehensive mental health care for disorders related to military service including posttraumatic stress disorder/acquired/traumatic brain injuries.
- VE-5 Veterans with 50% or more VA disability automatically qualifying for Social Security disability.
- VE-6 GI Bill benefits to all except dishonorable/bad conduct discharge.

We Oppose

- VE-7 Privatization of VA health care/other veterans' benefits.