

1 **FIRST DISTRICT DEMOCRATS 2014 PLATFORM**

2 **“Our Liberties We Prize and Our Rights We Will Maintain”**

3 **PREAMBLE**

4 America’s founders proclaimed the ideals that our Democratic Party continues to pursue  
5 defend and enhance. In pursuit of those ideals, we envision a truly free, democratic and just  
6 society where we: 1) come together to solve our problems; 2) take personal and collective  
7 responsibility; 3) provide an effective defense; 4) embrace principles of toleration and respect  
8 for diversity and differing views and cultures; 5) secure civil and human rights; 6) create  
9 political and economic institutions that benefit all, not just the privileged few; 7) provide full  
10 and affordable education to everyone in order to obtain meaningful jobs and also to grow and  
11 flourish as human beings; 8) value human needs and achieve a standard of living necessary  
12 for effective democracy; 9) protect our global environment to ensure that future generations  
13 will have safe and clean air, water and food supplies and will be able to benefit from the  
14 beauty and bounty of nature that past generations have enjoyed; 10) guarantee that high  
15 quality healthcare is affordable and available to all; and 11) safeguard our essential social  
16 services and economic security. We believe in a government that is truly of, by, and for the  
17 people of Iowa.

18 To remain effective and in a position of leadership in the global marketplace, we need a  
19 strong economy that fosters a broad-based prosperity for all. We affirm the right of workers,  
20 farmers and merchants to achieve sustainable income and fair working conditions by  
21 organizing and collectively bargaining. An equitably determined tax base, a fairly  
22 compensated labor force, fair trade policies and joint governmental and business efforts to  
23 promote United States job growth will build our economy and create a prosperous society.  
24 We believe the legitimate function of government is to accomplish those social goals, which  
25 we cannot achieve as individuals. We desire policies that address a range of issues including  
26 environment, energy, economy, education, health and human services, government, and  
27 international affairs. We are committed to platform planks that represent the concerns of our  
28 fellow citizens, among which are: wise use of resources to ease and reverse the decline of our  
29 environment and to reflect precautionary principles in all areas of environmental policy;  
30 growth and development that incorporates economic justice; learning environments that  
31 instill a life-long love of learning and development of individuals to their greatest potential;  
32 public business conducted in a legal, ethical and fair manner, open and accessible to all;  
33 quality and accessible health care as a basic right; and respect for diplomacy and responsible  
34 conduct of international affairs.

35 We believe these planks serve as a guide for our elected and appointed officials. This  
36 platform reflects the heritage of our Party; and it demonstrates our commitment to combining  
37 the accomplishments of our past with the ideas of the present and our dreams for the future.

## AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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### 40 **Agriculture**

41 *We Support:*

42 Preservation of the family farm, organic farming, crop diversification, agricultural-based jobs,  
43 and local food systems

44 Watershed management that protects streams, wetlands, and aquifers

45 Clear food labeling including origin, irradiation, genetically-engineered antibiotics, and  
46 hormones

47 Cultivation and processing of industrial hemp

48 Banning neonicotinoid pesticides

49 Local control of siting of CAFOs

50 Moratorium on CAFO construction and expansions until legislation is passed regulating them  
51 as environmental and public health hazards

52 Taxing CAFO buildings at commercial rates

53 Eliminating exemption for CAFO manure pits

54 Permits for any CAFO over 500 animal units

55 Humane treatment of animals

56 Reducing antibiotic use and eliminating growth hormones

57 Mandating, strengthening the master matrix

58 Aid to secure land ownership for beginning, small farmers

### 59 **Energy**

60 *We Support:*

61 Developing national renewable energy grid

62 Increasing subsidies and/or tax credits for RE—wind, solar, geothermal

63 Development of alternative bio-fuels

64 Taxing carbon and methane emissions, reducing carbon dioxide in our atmosphere to 350ppm

65 RES requiring all utilities to produce or purchase 40 % of electricity from renewable sources  
66 by 2020; 50% by 2030; 100% by 2050

67 Net-metering and reasonable feed-in tariff for all utilities, including REC, Municipal CAFÉ  
68 standards for all vehicles

69 County energy districts to improve energy efficiency

### 70 **Environment**

71 *We Support:*

72 Reversing climate destabilization, protecting our life-sustaining ecosystem

73 Assessing industrial/agriculture polluters for costs of environmental cleanup

74 LEED requirements for public buildings and mandating adoption of 2015 IECC

75 “Smart growth” policies for urban development

76 Repeal of the 1872 Mining Law

- 77 Increased funding for REAP and other soil and water conservation programs
- 78 Increased reduction, reuse, recycling of plastics, electronics, batteries
- 79 Increase all beverage bottle deposit to ten cents
- 80 Increase redemption fee for recycling centers
- 81 Fully fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
- 82 Banning lead shot/tackle
- 83 Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy
- 84 *We Oppose:*
- 85 Vertical integration of livestock production/marketing
- 86 The "Ag-Gag" bill
- 87 Use of 2, 4-D resistant corn and soy seeds
- 88 Growing pharmaceutical GMOs in open fields
- 89 Building new coal and nuclear plants in Iowa
- 90 Deep water, arctic oil drilling
- 91 Constructing pipelines that transport oil
- 92 All fracking in Iowa
- 93 Depositing coal ash and industrial waste in unlined unmonitored fill sites
- 94 Subsidies for fossil fuels, nuclear energy
- 95 Pet breeding with substandard conditions of care or profits over animal welfare

**LABOR, ECONOMY AND COMMERCE**

**97 Budget/Taxation**

- 98 *We support:*
- 99 Combined corporate reporting for tax purposes
- 100 Hedge fund management fees being treated as ordinary income
- 101 Corporate tax penalties for excessive officer compensation
- 102 Strengthening inner-city neighborhoods; encouraging investment through tax breaks

103 *We oppose:*

- 104 Non-banking entities other than credit unions and USPS establishing banks
- 105 Increasing taxes on credit unions

**106 Commerce/Trade**

107 *We support:*

- 108 Consumer's right to sue for violations of Iowa's Consumer Fraud Act
- 109 Expansion of affordable high speed internet access to underserved areas
- 110 Anti-trust restrictions on media consolidation
- 111 US-made products
- 112 Minimum 90% US manufactured content for "Made-in-USA" designation
- 113 Country of origin labeling
- 114 'FairTrade' not 'FreeTrade'

- 115 Ending large chain business subsidies/aggressively encouraging developing local small
- 116 businesses
- 117 Providing assistance/incentives for US businesses to invest in factory start-up, jobs
- 118 training/placement in the United States
- 119 Prosecuting corporate executives responsible for financial malfeasance

120 *We oppose:*

- 121 Fast-tracking trade agreements
- 122 Predatory lending
- 123 Deregulating industry
- 124 Corporate welfare, indiscriminate bailouts, excessive tax breaks
- 125 Commodity/energy speculation
- 126 Price gouging

## 127 **Economic Development**

128 *We support:*

- 129 Fully funded public broadcasting
- 130 Student loan forgiveness for staying in Iowa
- 131 Regulating private equity firms like publicly traded companies
- 132 Expanding public transportation; developing high-speed rail, funding of Amtrak/mass transit
- 133 Increased public works infrastructure funding
- 134 100% accountability/transparency for all public funds provided to/dispensed by corporations
- 135 Enforcement of Dodd-Frank Act
- 136 WPA-type programs
- 137 Monetary authority replacing Federal Reserve, issuing fiat money by Congress

138 *We oppose:*

- 139 Insurance credit scoring

## 140 **Labor/Job Security, Workers Rights, Safety**

141 *We support:*

- 142 Bidders' safety records for public contracts
- 143 Right to refuse unsafe work
- 144 ENDA
- 145 Employer background checks conforming to EEOC Green Factors
- 146 Tax policies and/or subsidies for small businesses providing livable wages, benefits,
- 147 pensions, safe workplaces
- 148 "Fair Share"
- 149 Public sector open scope-of-bargaining
- 150 Choice of medical care provider for on-the-job injuries
- 151 Expansion/enforcement of State licensing, inspection laws for plumbing, electrical, alarm,
- 152 fire prevention
- 153 Enforcing comprehensive OSHA and MSHA Standards providing greater employee safety
- 154 through NIOSH
- 155 Improved workplace ergonomic standards

156 Passing the Restore the American Dream for the 99% Act  
157 Construction/maintenance of nuclear power plants by union workers only  
158 Whistle-blower protection  
159 Strengthening/fully funding the NLRA, IPERA  
160 Covering all agricultural workers under health/safety statutes  
161 Staffing levels providing workplace safety  
162 Importer-financed federal quality/safety inspections of all imports  
163 Paid family leave  
164 *We oppose:*  
165 Providing government funds to organizations not providing full civil rights  
166 Efforts to take away rights of injured workers in the name of “economic development,”  
167 “regulatory reform,” “tort reform”  
168 Expanding FLSA exemptions  
169 Hiring replacement workers during labor disputes  
170 Prison labor replacing bargaining unit employees  
171 Job-outsourcing  
172 Immunity for violating privacy laws  
173 Credit scores for employment  
174 Employment-related polygraph tests  
175 Temporary workers displacing permanent workers  
176 **Wages/Pension/Insurance**  
177 *We support:*  
178 Pensions before creditors in bankruptcy  
179 Equitable wages/benefits for part-time workers  
180 Fully funding IPERS, FED, MFPRSI, maintaining long-term financing  
181 State Prevailing Wage Law  
182 PLA use in public construction  
183 “Living wage” indexed to inflation  
184 Statewide health insurance program for public employees  
185 Binding arbitration awards  
186 EFCA  
187 Pension/portability/efforts protecting workers’ pensions/health care benefits  
188 Unemployment benefits for layoffs beyond 28 weeks  
189 Temps employed over 30 days becoming regular employees with benefits  
190 Workers’ right to six months’ notice of intention to relocate  
191 Increased worker-retraining program funding  
192 Davis-Bacon Act  
193 Non-discriminatory parental leave benefits  
194 Appropriately funded, fully honored, secure, portable retirement/universal healthcare  
195 Medicaid expansion  
196 The Railroad retirement system/FELA  
197 Exemption-free minimum wage laws  
198 Repealing USPS pre-funding by RHBF

199 *We oppose:*  
200 Wage theft, worker misclassification  
201 “Employment-at-Will” doctrine  
202 Right-To-Work Laws  
203 Eroding overtime pay protections  
204 Mandatory overtime  
205 Companies using retirement funds for other than retirement benefits  
206 Waiting periods before receiving Workers Compensation/unemployment benefits

## 207 **EDUCATION**

208 *We Support:*

209 Fully funding:

- 210 • Head Start for all defined at-risk children
- 211 • Federally mandated programs; e.g. special education
- 212 • Education programs in prisons/juvenile detentions centers with re-integration  
213 programs
- 214 • Quality professional development, including training in/instructional materials for  
215 diversity issues
- 216 • Independent research at state universities
- 217 • Before, after, summer school, summer food programs, including school vegetable  
218 garden programs
- 219 • Academic integration of technology
- 220 • Energy efficiency

221 Increasing/Funding:

- 222 • Stable, timely funding for all levels, public libraries, the arts, physical education
- 223 • Funding for federal TRiO programs
- 224 • Funding for expanding secondary internships, apprenticeships, vocational programs
- 225 • Government financial support and reducing tuition at public institutions of higher  
226 education, including a no-cost option
- 227 • Pell Grant and SEOG, work study programs, and school-to-work programs
- 228 • Sales tax to be used for non-salary education purposes

229 Requiring:

- 230 • Full-time licensed school guidance counselor on-site per 150 students
- 231 • Full-time licensed media specialists, teacher-librarians, registered nurses in all public  
232 schools
- 233 • Iowa DE accreditation for instructors, curriculum, assessment, pupil attendance  
234 reporting for on-line, private, home-school and for-profit instruction

235 Applying best research practices in organizing and delivering student instruction

236 Making permanent programming to reduce class size, including budget weighting

237 Teaching/Including:

- 238 • Non-English language studies, all levels
- 239 • Age-appropriate financial planning, career education for all students
- 240 • Sciences based on scientific knowledge
- 241 • Human Rights Education in K-12
- 242 • Diversity, multicultural education for all students in state/public schools
- 243 Iowa Safe-Schools initiative, including anti-bullying education
- 244 Reforming zero-tolerance policies, including law enforcement within public schools
- 245 Derailing school-to-prison pipeline
- 246 Early recognition/intervention of at-risk of aggressive behavior by implementing conflict
- 247 resolution, civil discourse skills, coping skills training
- 248 Incentivizing diversity in local teacher hiring, recruitment
- 249 Enforcing Title IX
- 250 Correcting inequities of transportation per-pupil costs for school districts
- 251 Repealing third grade retention law
- 252 Maintaining local control of school districts
- 253 State School Board and DE retaining authority to change the Iowa Core
- 254 Raising salaries to be nationally competitive for all educators
- 255 Providing unemployment benefits for Education support staff
- 256 Extending SAVE permanently
- 257 Allowing persons be declared independent from parents' income, qualifying for financial aid
- 258 Deferring student loan repayment to one year post-graduation, subsidizing loan forgiveness
- 259 programs with community service
- 260 Policies alleviating student loan debt-crisis; lowering interest, making interest 100% tax
- 261 deductible, using Lottery revenues to reduce student debt

262 *We Oppose:*

- 263 Standardized test scores for retention in public schools
- 264 Merit pay for teachers, validating fast track certification programs for teachers/administrators
- 265 Allowing all school board members' replacement at once
- 266 Diverting SAVE resources for any non-education uses by Legislature or Executive Branch
- 267 Earmarking education dollars for specific programs, sacrificing education general fund state
- 268 aid increases
- 269 Diverting public monies for private/for-profit educational businesses, home schooling
- 270 Tax credits offsetting donations to private schools

271 **GOVERNMENT & LAW**

272 **Civil Rights**

273 *We Support:*

- 274 Voting rights for all citizens
- 275 Genderless voter registration/state IDs
- 276 Affirmative Action, ERA, ADA, Title IX

- 277 Same-gender couples' adoption rights  
 278 Reproductive freedom of choice  
 279 Sexual Orientation/Identity as protected classes  
 280 Comprehensive diversity programs  
 281 Progressive/humane immigration reform  
 282 Prisoner's voting rights  
 283 Strict separation of church and state  
 284 Sufficient training, public accountability to stop abuses by law enforcement  
 285 Classifying attacks on abortion providers as domestic terrorism  
 286 Identification/Driver license to all residents of Iowa, regardless of immigration status  
 287 *We Oppose:*  
 288 Erosion of Miranda Rights  
 289 Racial profiling  
 290 Religious bigotry  
 291 Corporations as people  
 292 **Corrections**  
 293 *We Support:*  
 294 Fully funding legal aid and public defenders  
 295 Improving standards of pre-trial detention  
 296 Prosecution of white-collar crime  
 297 Eliminating racial disparity in criminal justice system  
 298 Restorative justice  
 299 Equitable funding of governmental corrections programs  
 300 Reducing/pardoning nonviolent drug offenders  
 301 *We Oppose:*  
 302 Prisoner access to citizens' private information  
 303 Capital punishment  
 304 Mandatory sentences  
 305 Privatized prisons  
 306 **Elections**  
 307 *We Support:*  
 308 Iowa's First-In-The-Nation Status  
 309 Verifiable voting paper trail  
 310 Instant runoff voting  
 311 Same-day, universal voter registration  
 312 DC Statehood  
 313 Public campaign funding  
 314 Immediate disclosure of all contributions to campaigns/PACs/SuperPACs  
 315 League of Women Voters managing presidential debates  
 316 Secure/reliable/valid/innovative voting technologies  
 317 *We Oppose:*



- 318 Citizens United/McCutcheon Decisions  
319 Voter suppression  
320 Corporate/foreign contributions to campaigns/PACs/SuperPACs  
321 Gerrymandering  
322 **Minority Report:** Superdelegates
- 323 **Firearms rights and responsibilities**  
324 *We Support:*  
325 Responsible firearm ownership including liability insurance  
326 Mandatory education/testing for firearm ownership/use  
327 Banning ownership of assault weapons  
328 *We Oppose:*  
329 Stand-Your-Ground legislation  
330 Unlicensed individuals as gun retailers  
331 Gun show loopholes
- 332 **Government Processes**  
333 *We Support:*  
334 Sunshine laws  
335 Competitive bidding/disclosure in government contracts  
336 Equal access to government services  
337 Net neutrality  
338 Reinstating JARCP  
339 Home rule  
340 Creating cabinet level Department of Peace/Conflict Resolution  
341 *We Oppose:*  
342 Former elected officials as lobbyists  
343 Government shutdowns  
344 SOPA/PIPA  
345 Privatizing government services  
346 Legally exempting legislators  
347 Unfunded government mandates
- 348 **Immigration**  
349 *We Support:*  
350 DREAM Act  
351 Comprehensive immigration policy  
352 Expedient legal entry  
353 Citizenship pathways  
354 Resolving applicant backlogs  
355 Due process for detention/deportation  
356 Immigrant workers' employment/labor rights  
357 Recognizing same-sex marriage for immigration purposes

- 358 Legal representation in immigration courts  
359 *We Oppose:*  
360 Immigration quotas  
361 Deportations separating families  
362 **Judiciary**  
363 *We Support:*  
364 Fair, independent, merit-based judiciary  
365 Confirming/rejecting all federal judicial nominees within 125 days  
366 **Law Generally**  
367 *We Support:*  
368 E-verify  
369 Retaining USPS processing centers  
370 Regulating lobbyists' practices  
371 Adequate regulation of unmanned vehicles/drones  
372 Legalizing marijuana  
373 Reinstating/updating Glass-Steagall Act  
374 Iowa's system of selecting judges  
375 Nationwide NICS cooperation; universal background checks, data-sharing about potentially  
376 dangerous persons  
377 Filibuster reform  
378 *We Oppose:*  
379 Domestic violence  
380 Sharing personal data without explicit consent  
381 ALEC  
382 Tort reform  
383 Limits on financial judgments in civil liability lawsuits  
384 Warrantless domestic surveillance  
385 Legislative action closing state facilities  
386 Human trafficking  
387 Unrelated riders to Congressional Bills  
388 **Marriage**  
389 *We Oppose:*  
390 Constitutional amendment defining marriage  
391 **Military and Veterans**  
392 *We Support:*  
393 Fully funding VA programs  
394 Raising Iowa's Veterans' benefits, eliminating backlogs  
395 Equitable benefits for reserve/guard military members  
396 Expanding injured Veterans Grant Program

- 397 Fully funding/escrowing military actions, including legacy costs
- 398 Eliminating waste, fraud, abuse in national defense
- 399 Veteran business start-ups
- 400 Full adulthood for past/present military personnel
- 401 Civil judicial process for military sexual-assault prosecution
- 402 Bonus programs for all Veterans
- 403 Expansion of USERRA
- 404 FISA
- 405 *We Oppose:*
- 406 Mercenaries
- 407 USAPATRIOT Act

408 **Taxation and Social Security**

- 409 *We Support:*
- 410 Equitable progressive taxation
- 411 FICA tax income cap removal
- 412 Taxing electronic market transactions
- 413 State reimbursement to local governments for state-mandated property tax exemptions
- 414 Replenishing the SLTF
- 415 Reforming TIF
- 416 EITC
- 417 501(c)(3-4) only for public benefit
- 418 Federal Estate Tax
- 419 *We Oppose:*
- 420 Cutting Social Security benefits
- 421 Raising retirement age
- 422 Privatizing Social Security
- 423 Chained CPI
- 424 Foreign tax shelters

425 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- 426 *We Support:*
- 427 PPACA with single-payer public option
- 428 COLA for Social Security, Medicare, disability benefits
- 429 Mandatory immunization for entering public/private schools receiving government funds
- 430 Assisting employers to incentivize workforce wellness
- 431 Engaging communities in reversing childhood obesity trends
- 432 Reasonable caps on monthly patient co-payment costs
- 433 Medical marijuana, whole-plant cannabis
- 434 Increasing veteran care, making Tricare equal federal employee benefits
- 435 Medical care for veterans at local facilities if the nearest VA providing care is outside a 50
- 436       mile radius
- 437 Fully-funded:

- 438 • Assistance for victims of crime, human trafficking
- 439 • Stem cell research
- 440 • Survival essentials programs for low-income, homeless Iowans
- 441 • Family planning services like Planned Parenthood
- 442 • Drug/mental health courts
- 443 • SNAP
- 444 • DHS
- 445 • Iowa MHI
- 446 • Title 19
- 447 • Iowa Department of Aging
- 448 Elderly access to public transportation, home healthcare, properly inspected extended-care
- 449 facilities
- 450 Government negotiating prescription drug prices
- 451 Improved patient access to computerized record-keeping
- 452 Assistance/support services for disabled Iowans
- 453 Educated end-of-life decisions, including pain/symptom management, hospice services, Iowa
- 454 Death with Dignity Act
- 455 Expanded availability of medical nutritional therapies
- 456 Providing community support for people in substance abuse recovery rather than
- 457 incarceration/institutionalization
- 458 Recruitment and retention of skilled and properly compensated social workers, mental health
- 459 and healthcare professionals
- 460 Protection for personal reproductive decisions
- 461 Equal/full access to DHS services for all communities
- 462 Reopening MHI facilities
- 463 Statewide real-time registry regarding psychiatric bed availability
- 464 Requiring all medications legally prescribed be pharmaceutically filled/covered by insurance
- 465 FDA regulation of nicotine/nicotine products
- 466 Opioid Antagonist Access
- 467 911 Drug Immunity laws
- 468 Expanded research-based sex education emphasizing pregnancy prevention, STI prevention,
- 469 access to non-prescription contraception
- 470 Increased awareness, education of Lyme disease diagnosis/treatment
- 471 Equally regulating all licensed daycare centers
- 472 Expanding child-care assistance access
- 473 Increased mental health programs for children
- 474 Improving staff/resident ratios in nursing facilities, more accountability mechanisms for those
- 475 receiving Medicare funds
- 476 Dedicated, private, sanitary workplace milk expression accommodations
- 477 Food banks funding restoration
- 478 Statewide guidelines monitoring visitation rights of adjudicated children
- 479 Strengthened Hatch-Waxman Act
- 480 Self-defense training, the ability to carry nonlethal self-defense items by state workers at risk
- 481 for violence

482 Foster care systems for children up to 21 using measurable practices of evaluations, data  
483 -collection regarding outcomes  
484 Equal foster care stipends for relatives  
485 Gender equality for health insurance premiums

486 *We oppose:*

487 Privatizing Medicaid in Iowa  
488 Iowa Smoke-free Air Act exemptions for casinos  
489 Advertising prescription drugs  
490 Drug companies giving financial benefits to healthcare professionals  
491 “Conversion Therapy”  
492 Religious/philosophical exemptions for providing necessary health care to children  
493 Malpractice/negligence limitations  
494 Banning abortions at military hospitals overseas  
495 Hyde Amendment, similar legislation  
496 Shackling women prisoners during labor/delivery

497 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

498 *We Support:*

499 Continued improvement in relations with Iran  
500 Ending the embargo against Cuba  
501 Pursuing a more equitable relation with Cuba regarding Guantanamo  
502 The US taking an equitable and active role with its conflict partners in MENA conflict, to  
503 reduce/relieve the stresses on life across the region in meaningful and urgent fashion  
504 The elimination of extra-territorial and extra-legal prisons and renditions, both open and  
505 secret and afford imprisoned captives the rights given by the Geneva Convention  
506 Peaceful efforts to achieve separate, secure Israeli and Palestinian states, respecting the rights  
507 of all persons  
508 Right of return or just compensation for displaced Palestinians  
509 Admission to Palestine to full UN membership  
510 Escrowing aid to Israel until further settlements outside 1966 borders are stopped/Israel  
511 recognizes Palestine at 1966 borders, accepts their UN membership  
512 Full, open Congressional knowledge/approval of any long-term security agreements with Iraq  
513 or Afghanistan  
514 Criminal investigation and prosecution of war crimes and treasonous offenses by all persons  
515 involved in Iraq, Afghanistan, related conflicts  
516 Ratification of/adherence to:  
517 • Geneva Convention on treatment of POWs  
518 • Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty  
519 • Biological Weapons Convention Protocol  
520 • Ottawa Land Mine Treaty  
521 • Convention on the Destruction of Chemical Weapons

- 522 • Convention on Cluster Munitions
- 523 • Optional Protocol to the Convention on Torture
- 524 • International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced
- 525 Disappearance
- 526 • Paris Climate Agreement
- 527 • Convention on Law of the Sea
- 528 • Kyoto Treaty on Global Warming
- 529 • Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- 530 • Convention on Rights of the Child
- 531 • Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- 532 • International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 533 • Arms Trade Treaty
- 534 • Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 535 • U.N. Sustainable Development Goals – expanding Millennium Development Goals to
- 536 address root causes of poverty, universal need for development that works for all
- 537 • Full implementation of the U.S. Action Plan on U.N. Security Council Resolution
- 538 1325 on Women, Peace and Security
- 539 Prosecuting via ICC those who traffic in human beings/protection of said trafficking victims
- 540 Resuming support for UNESCO
- 541 Reducing our international military footprint
- 542 Debt cancellation for highly indebted/impooverished countries
- 543 Greater use of regional security partnerships, UN to solve international problems and crises
- 544 Closing of WHINSEC
- 545 Re-evaluation or repeal of NAFTA, WTO
- 546 *We Oppose:*
- 547 TPP
- 548 Further Israeli settlements outside 1966 borders
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550 **GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS**

551 ***Agricultural, Energy, and Environment***

- 552 CAFE The Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards
- 553 CAFO Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
- 554 GMOs Genetically Modified Organisms
- 555 International Energy Conservation Code
- 556 LEED Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
- 557 PPM Parts Per Million
- 558 RE Renewable Energy
- 559 REAP Resource Enhancement and Protection
- 560 REC Rural Electric Cooperative
- 561 RES Renewable Energy Standards

562 ***Labor Economy and Commerce***

- 563 EEOC Equal Employment Opportunities Commission
- 564 EFCA Employee Free Choice Act
- 565 ENDA Employment Non-Discrimination Act

- 566 FED Favorable Experience Dividend  
567 FELA Federal Employers Liability Act  
568 FLSA Fair Labor Standards Act  
569 IPERS Iowa Public Employees Retirement System  
570 IPERA Iowa Public Employee Relations Act  
571 MFPRSI Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System  
572 MSHA Mine Safety and Health Administration  
573 NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
574 NLRA National Labor Relations Act  
575 NLRB National Labor Relations Board  
576 PLA Project Labor Agreement  
577 OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
578 RHBF Retiree Health Benefits Fund  
579 WPA Work Progress Administration
- 580 ***Education***  
581 DE Department of Education  
582 IBE Iowa Board of Education  
583 IPERS Iowa Public Employees Retirement System  
584 SAVE Secure an Advanced Vision for Education  
585 SEOG Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant  
586 TRiO includes eight programs targeted to special needs students and is not an acronym
- 587 ***Government & Law***  
588 ADA Americans with Disabilities Act  
589 ALEC American Legislative Exchange Council  
590 CPI Consumer Price Index  
591 DC District of Columbia  
592 DREAM Act Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act  
593 EITC Earned Income Tax Credit  
594 ERA Equal Rights Amendment  
595 FICA Federal Insurance Contributions Act  
596 FISA Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act  
597 JARCP Job Access and Reverse Commute Program  
598 PAC Political Action Committee  
599 PIPA Protect Internet Protocol Act  
600 SLTF Senior Living Trust Fund  
601 SOPA Stop Online Piracy Act  
602 TIF Tax increment financing  
603 USAPATRIOT Act United and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools 687 Required To  
604 Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001  
605 USERRA Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act  
606 USPS United States Postal Service  
607 VA Veterans Administration
- 608 ***Health & Human Services***  
609 COLA Cost of Living Allowance  
610 DHS Department of Human Services  
611 FDA Food and Drug Administration  
612 MHI Mental Health Institute  
613 PPACA Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
614 SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
615 STIs Sexually Transmitted Infections  
616 VA Veteran's Administration
- 617 ***International Affairs***

- 618 ICC International Criminal Court UNESCO United Nations Organization for Education Science and Culture
- 619 MENA Middle East and North Africa
- 620 NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement
- 621 POW Prisoner of War
- 622 TPP Trans-Pacific Partnership
- 623 UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- 624 WHINSEC Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as 'School of the Americas'
- 625 WTO World Trade Organization



**Jackson County Democrats Support  
Peter Hird for State Representative**

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**IOWA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION 2016 PLATFORM AMENDMENT FORM**

Any changes in the proposed platform must be submitted BY 10:30 AM to the Convention Chair on this form.  
Is this change? (Please circle \*only\* one)

**Add to the proposed platform**

**Change a plank in the proposed platform**

**Delete a plank in the proposed platform**

If it applies, what line number(s) do you want addressed? \_\_\_\_\_

Which section does your plank speak to (doesn't have to be exact): Please circle

**Agriculture, Energy  
Environment**

**Education**

**Labor Economy &  
Commerce**

**Government & Law**

**Health & Human Services**

**International Affairs**

Include the SHORT text of desired changes below *after circling* "We Support" or "We Oppose" \_\_\_\_\_

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Person Proposing the Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signers: (20 total needed)

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