

2021 STATE PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

- ★ **Protect and follow Iowa's model redistricting process.**
- ★ **Rethink our approach to criminal justice & ensure equality for all:**
 - Ensure equal treatment under the law, regardless of race, racial mixture, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation.
 - Amend the Iowa Constitution to restore voting rights for those with past felony convictions.
 - Expand judicial flexibility by eliminating mandatory sentencing.
 - Continue opposition to the death penalty.
- ★ **Protect Iowa's natural resources and environment:**
 - Build upon the state's successful container redemption law ("bottle bill").
 - Fund REAP at no less than \$20 million.
 - Increase the sales tax and dedicate new funds for water quality and environmental initiatives.
 - Promote sustainable farming practices.
 - Develop state strategies to address climate change.
- ★ **Improve the health and safety of Iowans:**
 - Fund the entire range of services in the regional mental health and disability services system.
 - Ensure Medicaid services are comprehensive and accessible.
 - Guarantee access to women's reproductive health services.
 - Prevent human trafficking and support victims.
 - Promote responsible gun ownership.
- ★ **Build Iowa's workforce:**
 - Fully fund all levels of public education (preK-12, community colleges, Regents universities), including adequate computer technology and affordable Internet connectivity, and oppose the use of vouchers for private and home school education.
 - Help more families access childcare assistance without losing job opportunities.
 - Adopt policies and fund programs that welcome refugees and immigrants to Iowa.
 - Require public and private employers adopt "fair chance hiring" practices (i.e. "ban the box").
- ★ **Demand government accountability and transparency:**
 - Change legislative rules to require all amendments and bills discussed in a committee to be available to the public prior to a vote.