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2017 Oklahoma Democratic Party, First Congressional District Resolutions

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Oklahoma Democratic Party, First Congressional District Mission Statement We, the Oklahoma Democratic Party, First Congressional District, are committed to electing Democrats to all government offices and to promoting democratic values in our community.

Vision Statement We believe in reason in governance, unobstructed access to voting in the democratic process, equal justice under the law, sound fiscal policy which includes a balanced budget supported by fair and equitable taxation, scientifically based environmental policy which recognizes the right of all citizens to clean air and water and the inherent value of every person regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

Oklahoma Democratic Party, First Congressional District Preamble

The Oklahoma Democratic Party, First Congressional District, commits to influence governance and public investment in order to promote the common good and welfare of the citizens of the Oklahoma First Congressional District, the State of Oklahoma and the United States of America. Further, it is our goal to restore and maintain integrity to all branches of government and to the political process. Guided by the principles outlined in the Constitution of the United States and the Oklahoma Constitution, it is our commitment to advocate for legislation that promotes social justice and opportunity for prosperity for all. To this end, we find it to be self-evident that the Founding Fathers of this Great Nation intended to secure certain perimeters to the Rules and Laws of Governance, those being:

- To protect, preserve, and defend the standards, rights, and blessings established by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Oklahoma Constitution and ensure those blessings to all Americans and Oklahomans.
- That the various States remain united to protect the common welfare of all Americans.
- To remain true to the causes of Liberty and Justice for all Americans.
- To secure opportunity for prosperity and freedom to conduct business without infringement from foreign or domestic corporate entities.
- To secure uninhibited participation in the electoral process by American Citizens.
- To secure legal recourse against seizure of personal property by appointed or elected authority without due process and fair compensation.
- To ensure equal protections under the law regardless of economic status or self-identity.
- To eliminate all laws that attempt to regulate free expression of self when said expression does not infringe on a neighbor's rights.
- That the intent of all Laws, Rules and Regulations must be to promote the common welfare of the people of this Great Nation and must be in the spirit of the intended purpose of the Constitution of the United States of America.
- That true patriotism stands committed to a progressive ongoing process of forming a more perfect Nation for all.

The Oklahoma Democratic Party, First Congressional District stands united and committed today and tomorrow and all the days that follow to this worthy and honorable mission.

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So be it resolved...

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I. Health Care

- A. Access to Health Care: We believe that equal access to physical and mental health care is a human right.
- B. Universal Health Coverage: We support a single-payer universal health coverage system that provides quality care for all(aka Medicare for all).
- C. In the absence of a single-payer health coverage system:
 - 1. Low Income Families: We support expanding Medicaid in Oklahoma for low income individuals.
 - 2. Planned Parenthood: We support continued funding of Planned Parenthood.
 - 3. Public Option: We support a public option for health care coverage.
- D. Medical Marijuana: Legalization - We support medical marijuana for Oklahomans.
 - 1. Neurological Conditions: We support expanding the list of neurological conditions for which Cannabidiol is an approved treatment to include essential tremors.
- E. Mental Health Care: We support increased funding and access to mental health care including an expansion of needed mental health in-patient hospital beds, including publically funded in-patient hospital beds, and expansion of outpatient community based mental health services, including the PACT and COPES programs.
- F. Right to Privacy: We support the protection of each person's right to privacy as it pertains to health care.
- G. Women's Health Care: We oppose any discriminatory restrictions by any entity, public or private, on medical access or funding for women's health services.
- H. Freedom of Choice: We support the freedom of every individual to make their own decisions concerning their reproductive healthcare without interference from government.
- I. Transgender: We recognize transgender/gender non-conformity as a medical condition and oppose discrimination or denial of healthcare on the basis of perceived gender.
- J. Substance Abuse: We view substance abuse as a mental health and/or medical issue and not a character issue.
- K. Tort Reform:
 - 1. Full Recovery: We support an injured person's right to full recovery in the civil justice system if wrongful conduct is proven.
 - 2. Damage Caps: We oppose regulations to limit or cap damages under Tort Reform.
- L. Hyde Amendment: We support the repeal of the Hyde Amendment, a legislative provision barring the use of certain federal funds to pay for abortion except to save the life of the woman, or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape.
- M. Sex Education: We support funding of impartial science-based education and information concerning human sexuality including reproductive health care, sexual responsibility, and prevention of the spread of sexually transmitted infections.
- N. End of Life: We support the right of an individual to make their own decisions involving end of life issues without intrusion by the government.
- O. HIV / AIDS: We support efforts to eradicate AIDS at home and abroad.
- P. Cancer Registry: We support the creation of a cancer registry in Oklahoma for the sole purpose of tracking environmental causes of cancer.

- Q. Cell Towers: We support human health based and environment regulation of cell towers based on scientific consensus.
- R. Medical Providers Denial of Treatment: We believe that Medical Providers do not have the option of withholding treatment on the basis of their religious beliefs.

II. Government

- A. State Constitutional Convention: We oppose the call for a state Constitutional Convention (Con-Con).
- B. Patriot Act: We support the repeal of the Patriot Act, and its successor the USA Freedom Act.
- C. Creation of a Department of Peace: We support the creation of a federal cabinet level for a Department of Peace.
- D. Trade Agreement Provisions: We support fair trade agreements, rights of workers, and environmental safety for all nations.
- E. Torture: We support protecting our military personnel from torture by ending the training of any American or Foreign person in torture and support the closure of institutions that promote torture.
- F. Whistle Blowers: We support a mechanism within the Federal Government that protects “whistleblowers” who report wrongful activity in classified environments.
- G. Guantanamo Prison: We support the closing of Guantanamo prison and other extrajudicial prisons.
- H. Drones: We oppose the use of drones for domestic surveillance.
- I. Iran Agreement: We support upholding the Iran nuclear nonproliferation agreement.
- J. Pre-emptive War: We oppose unilateral pre-emptive war and support a strict interpretation of the War Powers Act.
- K. Consumer Financial Protection:
 - 1. We support prosecution of Wall Street financial institutions for financial crimes against U.S. citizens.
 - 2. We support efforts to protect consumers from abusive financial practices.
- L. Citizens United
 - 1. Reversal: We support reversing the Citizens United decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court.
 - 2. Campaign Contributions: We support full disclosure of campaign financial contributions.
 - 3. Finance Reform: We fully support comprehensive campaign finance reform as part of ensuring the integrity of our electoral process.
- M. Voting
 - 1. Voting Rights Act: We support the restoration of the monitoring and enforcement provisions of the Voting Rights Act and denounce all legislative action and initiatives that are designed to suppress a citizen’s right to vote.
 - 2. Creating Burdens: We oppose any legislative action that creates a burden on a citizen’s right to vote.
 - 3. Registration:
 - a. We support automatic voter registration.
 - b. Alternatively, we support same day registration.
 - c. We support efforts to register voters in underserved communities.

4. Voting Days: We endorse the expansion of voting days.
 5. Purging of Voter Records: We oppose the purging of voter records.
 6. Notary Limits: We call for the elimination of the 15 voter notarization limit on each notary for absentee ballots.
 7. Voter Identification Laws: We favor the elimination of voter identification laws.
 8. Straight Party Voting: We support the repeal of straight party voting.
 9. Gerrymandering: We believe redistricting must be done by an independent, nonpartisan commission to ensure fairness of representation and minimization of political, racial, ethnic, and religious gerrymandering.
 10. Financial Reporting: We request the release of tax returns and pertinent financial information for all statewide and federal office candidates.
 11. Mail-in Voting: We support the expanded use of mail-in voting, especially for special elections.
 12. Electoral College: We support replacing the Electoral College with the popular vote.
- N. Electoral Process Participation: We support legislation and/or initiatives that encourage participation of American citizens in the electoral process including a minimum voter turnout requirement to validate an election.
- O. Media Monopolies: We support the Federal Communications Commission restrictions on media to prevent formation of media monopolies.
- P. Immigration:
1. Common Sense Approach: We believe Oklahoma should take a compassionate, common sense approach to federal immigration legislation and remain, foremost, mindful of the human rights of undocumented immigrants and their children even if federal funds will be lost in the process.
 2. Dream Act: We support the Dream Act, which is a multi-phase process for undocumented immigrants in the United States that would first grant conditional residency and upon meeting further qualifications, permanent residency for children.
 3. Reform: We support fair and comprehensive immigration reform, including a compassionate and consistent pathway to acquiring U.S. citizenship.
 4. Restriction of Services: We oppose the restriction or denial of essential services to individuals based on their immigration status.
 5. Pathway to Citizenship: We believe we should expedite and respect the vetting process (path to citizenship).
 6. Travel Bans: We oppose travel bans on individuals based solely on their religion or nation of origin.
 7. Undocumented Initiatives: We propose there be initiatives for the benefit of undocumented residents & children.
 8. Driver's Licenses: We support the issuance of a driver's license regardless of a person's United States citizenship status.
 9. 287G Revocation: We support the termination of any contract between Tulsa County and the immigration & customs enforcement (ICE).
 10. Border Wall: We oppose the building of a border wall between the United States and Mexico.
- Q. Officials Nullifying Federal Laws: We support strong sanctions and the implementation of recall for those elected officials who try to nullify federal laws.

- R. Deterring Business Growth by Communities: We reject unnecessary and blatantly unconstitutional legislation and government actions that target specific religious, ethnic, or other identifiable communities as such actions deter business growth and by invite costly lawsuits.
- S. Internet Freedom: We support legislation and treaties that maintain the freedom of the Internet, while balancing the protection of intellectual property and copyrights.
- T. Privatization:
 - 1. Government Assets: We oppose privatization of state and municipal assets including water management. Private management operates on a profit based system which many times leads to lower levels of service and higher public rates for less service.
 - 2. Prisons: We oppose privatization of the prison system and support the return of operations of prisons to the State.
 - 3. Federal Lands: We oppose the lease of federal lands to large corporations at amounts below market value.
 - 4. Public Lands: We oppose the privatization of public lands.
- U. Public Parks: We support funding and protection of all state and national parks.
- V. Municipal Home Rule: We oppose any encroachment by the state legislature on municipal home rule powers.
- W. Taxation:
 - 1. Equitable Progressive Tax: We support the restoration of an equitable progressive income tax and the elimination of unnecessary corporate tax subsidies in order to correct the budget deficit.
 - 2. Sales Tax Elimination: We support the elimination of sales taxes on groceries.
 - 3. Repeal of Previous Reductions: We support the repeal of previous tax reductions on the gross production of oil & gas.
 - 4. State Income Tax Reductions: We oppose any reductions in state income tax until and unless we have a state surplus for three years in a row.
 - 5. Rainy Day Fund: We support the restoration of the rainy day fund.
 - 6. Corporate Tax Reporting: We support combined corporate tax reporting that prevents tax avoidance.
 - 7. Capital Gains Exemption: We support the repeal of the capital gains tax exemption.
 - 8. Super Majority Rule: We support the repeal of Article 5 Section 33(D) of the Oklahoma Constitution that requires a supermajority to raise revenue.
 - 9. Johnson Amendment: We support the Johnson Amendment which prohibits 501(c)3 organizations from supporting political parties.
 - 10. Social Security Income Cap: We support the repeal of the cap on Social Security taxes.
 - 11. Pass-Through Income: We support closing loopholes for pass-through income.
- X. Marijuana: We support decriminalization of marijuana for personal consumption by adults.
- W. Tribal Sovereignty: We support the protection of the sovereignty and police jurisdiction rights of the numerous native (or indigenous) tribes of Oklahoma and their rights to protect their land & culture.
- X. Indigenous People's Day: We support the establishment of an Indigenous People's Day to replace Columbus Day.

- Y. SNAP Expansion: We support the expansion of the SNAP program to include the essentials that families require including, but not limited to, menstrual products, over the counter medications, and diapers.
- Z. Pension Removal: We support the removal of pensions for legislators found guilty of crimes of moral turpitude and felonies.
- AA. Post Office: We oppose the closing of the Tulsa Mail Processing Center.
- BB. Payday Loan Industry: We support tighter regulation of the payday loan industry in Oklahoma. Its lending policy is repressive, regressive and negatively affects the lower socioeconomic groups it purports to help.
- CC. Local Economy
 - 1. We support the development of our local arts, music, businesses and entertainment industries by eliminating economic barriers in order to make our state an attractive destination for all.
 - 2. We support the protection and preservation of our historic buildings and districts.
- DD. Expansion of Freedom of Information: We support expansion of the scope of the Oklahoma Records Act to include all government agencies or transactions on behalf of the public.
- EE. Transit
 - 1. We support the safe design of highway systems that avoid interweave merging.
 - 2. We support expanded public transportation.
 - 3. We support the development of safe & accessible, and environmentally conscious alternative transportation.
- FF. Overrule of People's Voice:

We oppose efforts by the State Legislature to overturn the will of the people on state questions.
- GG. Endorsement of Science:

We support the acknowledgement of scientific evidence in the establishment of government policy.
- HH. Right to Divorce: We support the continuation of no fault divorce in Oklahoma.
- II. Data Privacy: We believe that data protection is a priority at all levels of government and that all efforts should be made to secure all individuals' sensitive data. To do so, we feel that there should be regulations enacted to ensure protections of sensitive data for all persons.
- JJ. Responsible Legislation: We oppose attempts by the legislature to pass laws that are clearly unconstitutional, particularly those that target specific religious, ethnic, or LGBTQIA communities and that force the state to spend money on costly litigation.

III. Education

- A. Public Education: We support quality public education beginning with early childhood education continuing through higher education.
- B. Funding: We support increased funding for public education in order to reduce and limit class sizes, to attract and maintain qualified teachers, provide adequate textbooks and materials, and allow access to technology for all students, thereby improving the learning environments of our children. We oppose vouchers that divert public resources from public schools to private educational institutions.
 - 1. Teacher Pay: We support an increase in teacher's pay to the regional average.

2. Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System: We support permanent and adequate funding of the Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System (OTRS) and cost of living increases consistent with the Consumer Price Index for retired educators.
 3. Equal Financial Distribution: We support equal financial distribution of funds for all public schools. Based on enrollment, school funds should be distributed fairly and evenly for the benefit and education of each student and for each district/area.
- C. Educator Policing Responsibilities: We do not believe educators should be responsible for policing their campus.
- D. Advanced Placement Classes: We support continuation of Advanced Placement (AP) classes in public schools and we oppose any legislation which attempts to eliminate AP classes in public schools.
- E. STEM Education: We support additional emphasis on STEM subjects in schools.
- F. School Evaluations: We oppose evaluation of schools and teachers based disproportionately on test scores.
- G. OETA: We support funding Oklahoma Educational Television (OETA) and the high quality programming it provides.
- H. Cultural History Education: We support the inclusion of comprehensive education on American & Oklahoma cultural history in our schools, including the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot and the Trail of Tears.
- I. Administration Consolidation: We support consolidated administration in public education.
- J. Cultural Sensitivity Education and Anti-Bullying:
1. Cultural Sensitivity Education: We support the inclusion of cultural sensitivity education both for students and school district employees.
 2. Anti-Bullying: We support anti-bullying programs in schools.
- K. Adult Education: We support access to adult education to offset the challenges of a changing economy.
- L. School Week: We support a five day school week.
- M. School Availability: We oppose the consolidation of schools and school districts, which creates an undue burden of transportation on parents and leads to an unacceptable student to teacher ratio.
- N. Expanded School Curriculum:
1. Arts, Humanities & Vocational Curriculum: We support adequate funding and restoration of an arts, humanities, and vocational curriculum in Oklahoma schools.
 2. Agriculture, Health & Nutrition: We support providing students with information on agriculture, health and nutrition topics.
 3. Environmental Education: We support providing students with environmental education (climate change).
- O. Protection of LGBTQIA Persons: We support the development and implementation of statewide school policies to protect the rights of transgender members of the educational community to use facilities and participate in educational opportunities consistent with their gender identity.
- P. Title IX:
1. We support the interpretation of Title IX, the prohibition of sex-based discrimination at schools and other education programs receiving federal funding, to extend its protection to transgender students.

2. We support vigorous enforcement of Title IX to ensure effective and just processes for the prevention and prosecution of campus sexual assault and rape.

Q. Special Needs Education:

1. We support adequate funding and training of educators to deliver a quality education to students with special needs.
2. We support increased staffing to bring the educator to student ratio in line with recommended levels.

R. College Education: We support free access to public colleges and universities for all citizens.

IV. Food

- A. Mandatory Labeling: We support mandatory labeling of all genetically modified food products.
- B. Mandatory Inspection: We support vigorous mandatory inspection protocols of imported food products.
- C. Organic Farming: We support organic farmers and family farm operations.
- D. Meat Industry Regulation: We support better regulation and enforcement of the meat industry, including identifying meat sources on consumer packaging and inspecting cows for Mad Cow disease.
- E. Affordable Healthy Food: We support policies to make healthy food choices more affordable and accessible to all areas in a community.
- F. Unhealthy Food Subsidies: We support eliminating subsidies for unhealthy foods.
- G. Support of Local Healthy Foods: We support key decision makers, elected officials and business owners that support the production and marketing of local, healthy fresh foods.
- H. Locally Grown Food Markets: We support expanded markets for locally grown foods, increased local food processing, and direct contact between farmers and consumers.
- I. Food System Education: We support increased public education about local food systems and the benefits of eating healthy, locally grown food.
- J. Horse Slaughter: We oppose any law that would allow the slaughter of horses to provide meat as a food product.
- K. Community Gardens: We support community gardens.

V. Military

- A. Increased Pay: We support a pay raise for our active service personnel.
- B. Veterans:
 1. Programs: We support quality programs for veterans and their families that offer assistance with housing, vocational training, education, health care, substance abuse, and mental health care, through both the Veterans' Administration and the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.
 2. Hospitals: We support a full independent investigation of recent VA deaths at VA hospitals.
 3. Fair Treatment: We believe in the fair treatment of our Veterans.
 4. Justice: We support Veterans' Courts that specialize in assisting veterans in the legal system.
- C. Uranium Munitions: We support a ban on the use of depleted uranium munitions that endanger our troops and civilians' health.
- D. Non-Proliferation Agreement: We support the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

- E. School of the Americas: We support the closure of the School of the Americas and the end to any program designed to train foreign soldiers in torture techniques.
- F. Sonar Damage & Environmental Degradation: We oppose practices by the US military that damage the environment or harm sea life through sonar activities in target practice zones.
- G. Geneva Convention Support: We support the Geneva Convention and oppose torture, including the practice of waterboarding.
- H. Military Hardware Sales Restriction: We oppose the export of military hardware to foreign governments guilty of grave human rights violations.

VI. Human Rights

- A. Women's Health Care:
 - 1. We support women's health care as a fundamental human right not subject to Government scrutiny.
 - 2. We believe that women's health care extends to transgender and intersex persons.
 - 3. We support the repeal of all legislation in Oklahoma designed to destroy a woman's right to her reproductive decision-making.
- B. Right to Sexual Self – Determination: We support each individual's right to self-determination and oppose discrimination in housing, education, and employment by all public and private institutions based on sex or gender identity.
- C. LGBTQIA Protection: We support the full protection for all LGBTQIA citizens in every sector of life including education, labor, private, and public life, and demand equal rights be granted under the law. We also support the resolution to enact a protected status for LGBTQIA citizens.
- D. Bathroom Restriction Bills: We oppose all bathroom restriction bills that are intended to discriminate against transgender individuals.
- E. Marriage Equality: We support marriage equality and oppose any Act or Law that is designed to allow for discrimination of same-gender married couples.
- F. Oklahoma Human Rights Commission: We support the reinstatement of the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission as an independent state agency.
- G. Right to Clean Environment: We believe it is a human right to have access to clean air, water and clean soil.
- H. Expansion of Consideration: We encourage all businesses to accommodate individuals in regards to closed captioning and other needs.

VII. Democratic Party

- A. Run-Off Voting: We support immediate run-off voting.
- B. Precinct Election Meetings: We support an option for holding precinct election meetings in the precincts.
- C. Community Outreach: We support efforts as a party to reach out to all communities through voter registration drives.
- D. Separation of Church and State: We support the separation of church and state while opposing discrimination on the basis of religion.

- E. Candidate Support: We support all candidates in nonpartisan races that have identified with and are dedicated to the promotion of values consistent with the Democratic Party.
- F. Open Primaries: We continue to support open primaries to allow registered independent voters to participate in the Democratic Party's primary election process.
- G. Citizen's Right to Assemble: We support a citizen's rights to assemble and oppose any legislation that limits free speech.
- H. Candidate Selection: The Oklahoma Democratic Party, First Congressional District, is committed to finding, running, and supporting a Democrat as a candidate for all partisan general elections that fall within its jurisdiction.

VIII. Environment

- A. Climate Change: We acknowledge that climate change is supported by overwhelming scientific evidence and requires our immediate action. Further, we accept that human activity is the main contributor to climate change and therefore humankind is empowered to make a difference. We additionally support an international, global response to climate change and to the perils confronting the health of our oceans.
- B. EPA:
 - 1. We support a strong EPA that protects the environment for our children and all future generations.
 - 2. We oppose the appointment of Scott Pruitt as Director of the EPA due to his overriding loyalty to the oil and gas industry and his denial of science regarding climate change
- C. Protections: We approve strong protections for our air, food and water.
- D. Agriculture:
 - 1. Concentrated Animal Feeding: We strongly support stricter enforcement of current laws regulating the operation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) including water pollution, inhumane animal treatment, and food safety.
 - 2. CAFOs: We support phasing out CAFOs in Oklahoma in favor of the independent family farm.
 - 3. Natural Herbicides: We support the use of natural herbicides that benefit our soils without the use of harsh chemicals that pollute our water, such as neonicotinoids, which kill useful plants and harm our pollinators including butterflies and bees.
 - 4. We support regulations to manage agricultural waste and prevent it from contaminating both running water and groundwater.
 - 5. Dog Breeders: We encourage regulation of dog breeders to limit the number of dogs and encourage humane treatment of their animals.
 - 6. Spay & Neuter: We support legal requirements to spay & neuter.
- E. Clean Energy
 - 1. Public Investment: We support public investment in renewable energy sources that support a healthy environment, create new jobs, and diversify the economy.
 - 2. Incentives: We support municipal and statewide incentives for energy conservation, recycling, and installation of renewable energy sources at the residential and commercial levels, and we oppose any penalty that discourages the use of clean energy resources.

3. Advanced Technologies: We support requiring the use of technologies in all new public building construction in order to reduce energy use, conserve resources, and reduce our carbon footprint.
4. Energy Rate Increases: We support making utility rate increases contingent on the investment, transmission, and distribution of renewable energy sources.
5. Net Metering: We support net metering for renewable energy production for private and residential installations.

F. Clean Air / Water / Land:

1. ODEQ: We support the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) taking necessary action to improve and protect our air, land, and water quality.
2. Water Resources: We support protecting and conserving our in-state water resources from out of state sales and require any prospective water buyer to use strict water conservation practices.
3. Clean Water Sources: We support acquiring the cleanest, highest quality water sources available for all Oklahomans.
4. Halliburton Loophole: We support eliminating the “Halliburton Loophole” in the State of Oklahoma.
5. Chloramines in Water: We support requiring the immediate removal of chloramines from water treatment facilities for the health and safety of our citizens by using enhanced charcoal filtration to meet EPA standards.
6. Tiered Utility Rates: In order to encourage conservation, we support implementing tiered utility rates for water, electricity, and gas, but which must not be based on time of day.
7. Electrical Generation: We support statewide policies that will move Oklahoma beyond carbon-intensive coal-fired electricity as soon as economically possible with a deadline of 2025.
8. Hazardous Waste Disposal: We oppose the burning of hazardous waste in Oklahoma.
9. Air Quality Standards: We support stringent air quality standards for industry, including mandatory standards for mercury, carbon dioxide emissions, and particulate matter with meaningful fines for noncompliance and enforcement.
10. Air Pollution: We support the elimination of all industrial air pollution and support ODEQ monitoring.
11. Mass Transit: We support public investment in fuel efficient mass transit systems.
12. Non-Biodegradable Materials: We believe in reliance on biodegradable materials to reduce pollution from Styrofoam and plastics.

G. Nuclear / Radiation

1. Nuclear Transportation: We oppose the transportation of nuclear waste by rail or truck across Oklahoma.
2. Radiation Reporting: We support the nationwide reporting to the public of all airborne radiation recorded by the EPA.
3. Radioactive Waste in Manufacturing: We support the labeling of all radioactive waste, and oppose the release of radioactive waste by the Department of Energy to be used in manufacturing and commerce.
4. Nuclear Power Plant Guarantees: We oppose federal bailouts and loan guarantees for nuclear power plants and nuclear energy corporations.

H. Oil / Gas Exploration:

1. Pipelines: We continue to oppose the Keystone XL Pipeline, Plains Pipeline, and Diamond Pipelines, which threaten Oklahoma's water, communities, and farmland.
 2. Transportation: We support requiring corporate investment in the safe transportation of oil and gas products, with special attention given to the transportation of highly flammable Bakken crude oil.
 3. Respect of Treaties: We demand pipelines respect existing treaties with indigenous Americans.
 4. Subsidies Termination: We support the termination of all state and federal subsidies for fossil fuels and nuclear power.
 5. Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals: We support the requirement to report all chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process to the public, including lateral drilling operations, and any that can be found in produced wastewater.
 6. Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations: We support requiring active enforcement of all regulations governing hydraulic fracturing, and increased enforcement staff to accomplish this.
 7. Arctic Ban: We support elimination of all oil and gas drilling and mining operations in the Arctic region, which devastates the ability of indigenous peoples and wildlife to survive.
 8. Oil and Gas Development: We support development of oil and gas resources if protections of public health, the environment, and wildlife are in place and strictly enforced with meaningful fines.
 9. Fossil Fuel Emergency Plans: We support requiring every fossil fuel well site to have an emergency plan in place and the equipment needed on site to control any spill or explosions at the well site.
 10. Hydraulic Fracturing Setback: For hydraulic fracturing operations, we support a minimum setback of 2000 feet from any habitable structure, park, ground water or surface water, whether moving or static.
 11. Hydraulic Fracturing and Earthquakes: We acknowledge a direct link between hydraulic fracturing and increased earthquakes that have damaged homes and businesses in Oklahoma.
 12. We support an increase in earthquake insurance for all Oklahomans.
 13. Establishment of Earthquake Trust: We support the establishment of an industry funded earthquake trust for citizens whose property has sustained damage caused by increased seismic activity.
 14. Wastewater Injection: We support a prohibition on the use of wastewater injection wells.
- I. Land Use Conservation: We support common sense regulations on fishing and hunting that ensure both the safety of Oklahomans and tourists and promote conservation of wildlife to prevent over-fishing or over-hunting.

IX. Economy / Labor

- A. Equal Pay and Standards: We support enforced equal pay regardless of gender, fair wage standards, and worker protection laws.
- B. Opportunity and Subsidies: We support efforts to ensure economic opportunity for family farmers and rural economic development, and oppose subsidies for large agribusinesses.
- C. Compensation Limits: We support limits on the compensation of businesses receiving taxpayer funds, including caps on corporate executives' compensation and retirement "golden parachutes."

- D. Passenger Rail Systems: We support funding for Oklahoma passenger rail systems, specifically, the Eastern Flyer between Tulsa and Oklahoma City and the Heartland Flyer from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth.
- E. Non-narcotic hemp: We support ending the ban on growing non-narcotic hemp.
- F. Job Training: We support funding for job training programs, such as the Department of Rehabilitation Services, for unemployed Americans and those looking for work for the first time.
- G. International Trade Agreements: We oppose the international trade agreements that do not address fair labor and environmental issues.
- H. Employer Penalties on Undocumented Persons: We support relief from penalties for employers who employ undocumented persons while in compliance with workplace regulations.
- I. Tax on Internet Sales: We support taxing Internet sales in the state of Oklahoma.
- J. Auto Sales: We support requiring the car dealer to include tag and tax expenses when purchasing a new car.
- K. Taxes on Investment Income: We support taxing investment income the same as regular income.
- L. Renewable Energy Research: We support investment in research in renewable energy technologies to ensure that our people and infrastructure can support sustainable economic growth.
- M. Trained Workforce Development: We support investment in the development of a trained workforce for renewable energy technologies, including re-training of workers away from obsolete energy industries.
- N. Minimum Wage: We support increasing the minimum wage to a living wage of \$15.00 an hour on both the state and federal level.
- O. Elimination of Automatic Pay Increases: We support elimination of all automatic pay increases for all elected officials.
- P. Right to Work: We support the repeal of Oklahoma's Right to Work law, and oppose interference from the employer in the rights of workers to organize.
- Q. Collective Bargaining Rights: We support the rights of all workers to engage in collective bargaining and stand against any legislation designed to weaken that right.
- R. Worker Protection: We support increased protections that guarantee safe working conditions.
- S. Sick Leave Guarantee: We support guaranteeing that workers have paid sick leave.
- T. Retirement Pensions: We support full funding of employees' retirement pensions and the protection of those funds from employer misappropriation.
- U. Right to Campaign: We support city employees' ability to campaign for a candidate or an issue of his or her own choosing on their own time.
- V. Student Loan Discharge: We support the discharging of student loans in federal bankruptcy proceedings, with good cause.
- W. Outsourcing of Jobs:
 - 1. We oppose laws that make it easier for corporations and businesses to offshore workers or outsource jobs that are being done by American workers.
 - 2. We oppose laws that make it easy for American corporations to offshore profits as a way to avoid US taxes.
- X. Worker's Compensation:
 - 1. We support repeal of limitations on damages and support an injured worker's rights to full recovery in the Worker's Compensation System.
 - 2. We support improvements to the broken worker's compensation legal process.

- Y. LGBTQIA Employee Rights: We support proposed legislation safeguarding employee rights for the LGBTQIA community.
- Z. Pension Protection: We support protection of pensions for our public employees.
- AA. Union Dues: We support the right of public employees to deduct union dues from their paychecks.
- BB. Unjust Termination for Wage Discussion: We support the prohibition of employee termination for the discussion of wages.
- CC. Infrastructure Support: We support investment in infrastructure to maintain safe conditions for all Oklahomans.

X. Criminal Justice

- A. Legal Reform: We support and encourage the Federal Government to declare an end to the War on Drugs.
- B. Smart on Crime Initiative: We support the “Smart on Crime” initiative described by Eric Holder and the Justice Reinvestment Initiative which supports jail diversion programs for nonviolent offenses.
- C. Death Penalty: We support an end to the death penalty.
- D. Jail Diversion Programs: We support jail diversion programs such as Women in Recovery, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court.
- E. Civil Asset Forfeiture: We oppose civil asset forfeiture.
- F. Legal System Costs: We oppose discriminatory bail and administrative fines.
- G. Mandatory Minimum Sentences: We oppose mandatory minimum sentences, such as HB 1306 (the Blue Lives Matter Bill).
- H. Rape Victim Protections: We support strengthening rape victim protections while increasing the time on the statute of limitations for sexually motivated crimes.
- I. State Questions 780 and 781: The Democratic Party stands behind the will of the people in regard to State Questions 780 and 781.
- J. Hate Crimes: We support the addition of crimes against LGBTQIA persons or their property in hate crimes legislation in Oklahoma.
- K. Police Reform:
 - 1. Support of our Law Enforcement: We support Oklahoma law enforcement officers who faithfully serve and protect the public.
 - 2. System Review: We support a complete review of our City, State, and Federal criminal justice system.
 - 3. Lethal Force Training: We support advanced training in the avoidance of lethal force by law enforcement.
 - 4. Campaign Zero Initiatives: We support the Campaign Zero initiatives, such as independent reviews of all police excessive force claims and the use of body cameras.
 - 5. Mandatory Educational Training: We support mandatory education covering Implicit Bias, cultural sensitivity, and diversity education for our public officials and law enforcement.
 - 6. Policing Actions Oversight: We support statewide independent oversight authority over policing actions.

7. Community Policing: We support community policing as defined by the US Dept. of Justice - a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

L. Prison Reform

1. Rehabilitation Investment: We support investing in rehabilitation efforts within our prison system and in discharge planning for inmates focusing on housing, vocational training and job search in advance of their release.
2. Excessive Sentencing: We support the elimination of life without parole sentencing and the death penalty.
3. Reintegration: We support programs that assist the reintegration of ex-felons back into society.
4. Parole Process Overhaul: We support removing the Governor from the parole process.
5. Prison Funding: We support fully funding our prison system so that our correctional officers have the tools and staffing to do their job appropriately.
6. Public Prison Support: We support public prisons and oppose the private prison system in Oklahoma.

XI. **Public Safety**

- A. Gun Safety: In recognition of the role of gun violence in eroding the sense of safety and security in American communities, we support reasonable gun safety legislation while preserving the Second Amendment right to bear arms.
- B. Assault Weapons: We support the reinstatement of the Assault Weapons Ban.
- C. Background Checks: We support comprehensive background checks on all firearms purchasers including all purchases whether public or private, using state-of-the-art computer systems to provide quality information.
- D. Firearm Free Zones:
 1. Public Places: We support a prohibition on the carrying of any firearm by a private citizen in public places such as schools, universities, and stadiums.
 2. Private Property: We support the right of owners of private property to exclude the carrying of firearms on that property by any person, without exception.