

2020 STATE PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

- ★ **Automatic reinstatement of voting rights for people with felony convictions upon release from incarceration.** Iowa and Kentucky are the only states to permanently ban all individuals with a felony conviction from voting unless rights are restored by the Governor. Legislators need to take immediate action to begin the process for a constitutional amendment to be presented to the voters in 2022.
- ★ **Protect Iowa's redistricting process.** The "Iowa Model" ensures that there is a balanced, fair, and non-partisan approach to redrawing the political landscape.
- ★ **Increase the state sales tax to create a stable, sufficient, and dedicated funding source for water quality.** The Legislature needs to ensure REAP is fully funded at no less than \$20 million.
- ★ **Build on Iowa's successful bottle redemption law** by adding other non-carbonated beverages, doubling the deposit, and increasing handling fees that go to redemption centers. Stores should not be allowed to opt out of the collections; instead the Legislature should use unredeemed deposits to incentivize partnerships with redemption centers.
- ★ Ensure reliable and sufficient funding for the state's **regional mental health and disability services system**, including funding for the new core services for those with complex needs and children.
- ★ Guarantee access to comprehensive women's **reproductive health services**.
- ★ Ensure **Medicaid** services are comprehensive and accessible throughout the state without unnecessary administrative burdens.
- ★ Fully fund all levels of **education**, including childcare, preschool, K-12 education, community colleges, and Regents institutions.
- ★ Address the income cliff for **childcare assistance** and ensure quality and safety with better oversight and enforcement of unlicensed and unregulated childcare homes. Working families should not be forced to choose between safety, affordable childcare, and job advancements.
- ★ Provide greater judicial flexibility in sentencing by eliminating **mandatory minimum sentencing** and penalty enhancements that do not contribute to public safety.
- ★ Protect and support victims of sex and labor trafficking and adopt policies to prevent **human trafficking** and build public awareness.
- ★ Oppose reinstatement of the **death penalty**.
- ★ Enact **gun safety laws** that encourage responsible gun ownership, give law enforcement greater authority to deny licenses, ensure background checks are conducted prior to any purchase, and protect children from gun violence.
- ★ Support the adoption of state strategies to address **climate change**.
- ★ Make Iowa a welcoming place for **immigrants and refugees**.