TOP PRIORITIES

★ Automatic reinstatement of voting rights for people with felony convictions upon release from incarceration. Iowa and Kentucky are the only two states that permanently ban all individuals with a felony conviction from voting unless they are restored by the Governor. The Legislature needs to take immediate action to begin the process for a constitutional amendment that can be presented to the voters in 2022.

★ Protect Iowa’s judicial nominating process and redistricting process, both of which are national models. Partisan politics has no place in either process, and Iowa’s current system ensures that there is a balanced, fair, and non-partisan approach to selecting judges and redrawing our 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.

★ Address the income cliff for child care assistance. Working families should not be forced to choose between affordable child care and job advancements that would make them ineligible for child care assistance. Tiering the assistance in a way that allows parents to move up their career ladder without an immediate loss in child care creates a path to independence that the state should support.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

★ Build on Iowa’s successful bottle redemption law by adding other non-carbonated beverages and increasing handling fees that go to redemption centers.

★ Ensure reliable and sufficient funding for the state’s regional MH/DS system, including funding for the new core services for those with complex needs.

★ Begin to develop an integrated, coordinated, and comprehensive children’s mental health system.

★ Encourage strong and consistent oversight of Medicaid to ensure services are comprehensive and accessible without unnecessary administrative burdens.

★ Guarantee sufficient funding for all levels of education, including child care, preschool, K-12 education, community colleges, and Regents institutions.

★ Provide greater judicial flexibility in sentencing by eliminating mandatory minimum sentencing and penalty enhancements that do not contribute to public safety.

★ Resist all efforts to further limit access to women’s reproductive health services or reinstate the death penalty.

★ Vote down a proposed gun rights constitutional amendment that goes beyond federal constitutional protections, and instead align with the US Constitution.