2022 STATE PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

★ Promote equal access to voting and ensure all votes are counted.

★ Demand government accountability and transparency:
  o Change legislative rules to require all amendments and bills discussed in a committee to be available to the public prior to a vote.
  o Continue virtual committee and subcommittee meetings to encourage more direct citizen participation.

★ Rethink our approach to criminal justice & ensure equality for all:
  o Ensure equal treatment under the law, regardless of race, racial mixture, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation.
  o Amend the Iowa Constitution to restore voting rights for those with past felony convictions.
  o Oppose the death penalty.

★ Iowa’s natural resources and environment:
  o Build upon the state’s successful container redemption law (“bottle bill”).
  o Fund REAP at no less than $25 million.
  o Increase the sales tax and dedicate new funds to environmental initiatives that improve the quality of our lakes, rivers, and streams.
  o Develop state strategies to address climate change.

★ Improve the health and safety of Iowans:
  o Fund the entire range of services in the regional mental health and disability services system.
  o Ensure Medicaid services are comprehensive, accessible, and reimbursed at an adequate level.
  o Guarantee access to women’s reproductive health services.
  o Promote responsible gun ownership.
  o Boost public knowledge of human trafficking in all its forms and support its victims.

★ Build Iowa’s workforce:
  o 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.
  o Adopt policies and fund programs that welcome refugees and immigrants to Iowa.
  o Continue to expand access to childcare.
  o Require public and private employers adopt “fair chance hiring” practices (i.e. “ban the box”).