

**NEBRASKA REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
**LEGISLATIVE PLAN FOR NEBRASKA**  
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Nebraskans deserve a better and brighter future. They desire policies that put them first instead of policies that stand in their way. The Nebraska Republican Party supports a legislative plan building a path for a brighter tomorrow. We have full confidence in the potential of Nebraskans to create a future for themselves and their families filled with peace, prosperity, and opportunity.

**MAKE A STRONG ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR ALL NEBRASKANS**

Economic success is fueled by the drive of free men and women aspiring to achieve their dreams, provide for their families, and further prosperity for their communities. Our Nation declared its independence to fight back against an overbearing government that subordinated the freedom and prosperity of individual citizens. Our founders sought to unleash the power of entrepreneurship and free enterprise. We seek legislation that will grow our state's economy and provide hope and prosperity lifting up families and communities across the state.

- Reduce the burden of local property taxes by increasing state aid and curtailing spending
- Provide a fair and regionally competitive personal and corporate state income tax rate
- Eliminate special tax exemptions for the few in favor of reducing taxes for all
- Purge any state regulation where the cost of such regulation exceeds its benefit

**COMMITMENT TO PROLIFE AND CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS**

The basic purpose of government is, as the Declaration of Independence states, to secure our unalienable, God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. America was founded on the timeless and universal truth of humanity that "all men are created equal." Today these rights are under threat from an array of leftist sources, and we must continue our state government's commitment to freedom, equality under the law, and self-governance.

- Protect the unborn child, restrict abortion, and honor the sanctity of every human life
- Defend our constitutional right to keep and bear arms, stand your ground, and self defense
- Protect our own healthcare decisions and our right to work by banning vaccine mandates
- Defend female athletes and preserve fairness in women's sports
- Stop big tech from encroaching on our free speech

**GIVE PARENTS CONTROL OVER THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**

Education should help prepare our children for the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. We have a responsibility to empower Nebraska families with quality education options that nurture our children's God given talents and strengthen our communities.

- Empower parents in selecting the school their child attends by funding school choice
- Protect and ensure in all aspects a parent's fundamental right to raise their children
- Give every parent the right to see all curriculum materials in every class their child attends
- Encourage schools to teach basic skills that prepare students for life as an adult
- Advocate for teaching the truth about America's history and the ideals of Americanism

## **PROVIDE SAFE COMMUNITIES SO OUR FAMILIES CAN LIVE IN PEACE**

The rule of law is indispensable to our great state. However, it is impossible for Nebraskans to be safe and secure with the increasing rate of violent crime in our state. State and local governments must meet their basic duty of providing public safety, ensuring that every Nebraskan enjoys a safe and secure community.

- Promote respect for law enforcement and provide necessary public safety funding
- Unravel organized crime, human trafficking, and the drug trade within our state
- Address poverty and mental health issues that are impacting our urban and rural areas
- Strengthen parenthood, for both mothers and fathers, and the nuclear family

## **MAKE OUR ELECTIONS SECURE BY MAKING IT HARD TO CHEAT**

The foundation of our self-governance is liberty, and the core expression of the people's liberty is the ability to cast their ballots in free and fair elections. Every eligible Nebraska voter should have the opportunity to cast one ballot at one time that is counted once. Anything that fails this simple test is a failure of the system, and people committing voter fraud must be held accountable.

- Require voters to have photo identification and eliminate ballot harvesting
- Adopt ballot security measures to ensure no counterfeit ballot is counted
- Ban dark money groups from giving money to election officials to influence elections
- Allow people at the county level to determine how their votes are counted
- Change how Nebraska allocates its presidential electors to a "winner take all" system

## **GROW OUR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND EXPAND ENERGY PRODUCTION**

Agri-business is vital to Nebraska's economy and domestic ownership of our natural resources are a matter of national security. Ingenuity and entrepreneurialism have transformed our Ag products into a "best in class" world recognized commodity. Policies providing abundant and affordable energy for Nebraska's homes, communities and industries will enable our products to be competitive on the world stage.

- Strengthen the global demand for our agricultural products by reducing input costs
- Limit how many acres non-US foreign corporations may own and require annual reporting
- Provide for affordable energy and make Nebraska more energy independent
- Build a premier infrastructure system including roads, bridges, pipelines, and broadband

## **MODERNIZE NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE RULES TO REFLECT "WE THE PEOPLE"**

The Nebraska Unicameral has been plagued by outdated rules and procedures that do not reflect the values and needs of its citizens. As a result, a small group of senators can block legislation desired by an overwhelming majority of Nebraska families and communities. It is way overdue for legislators to change their procedural rules so beneficial legislation may become law.

- Require open and transparent senator votes when electing legislative committee chairs
- Reduce the cloture vote requirement so that 17 senators cannot block legislation
- Make the Unicameral a partisan body so voters know their senator's party allegiance
- Make available online video recordings of all floor debate and hearings within 24 hours
- Require all legislative fiscal notes are publicly available three days prior to a hearing