

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.

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.

- Set boundaries allowing parents to protect children from indoctrination and pornography
- Empower parents to choose the best education by funding students instead of school systems
- Expand school choice by including K-12 schools in the Nebraska educational savings plan
- Give parents the right to see all curriculum materials in every class their child attends
- Provide vouchers to parents when a school fails to produce academically proficient students

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
- Adopt the Sports and Spaces Act to defend women and preserve fairness in women’s sports
- Protect our right to work and religious freedom by banning ID chip and vaccine mandates
- Enact a law protecting our political free speech and prohibit infringement by corporations

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.

- Expand apprenticeship programs and promote trade schools to build Nebraska’s workforce
- Prohibit companies from considering ESG credit scores in banking and lending practices
- Reform the valuation of real property and impose a tax-asking cap on local taxing authorities
- Eliminate specialized tax exemptions for the few in favor of reducing taxes for all
- Reduce the number of state regulations when its economic cost exceeds its intended benefit

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.

- Address poverty and mental health issues negatively impacting our urban and rural areas
- Increase criminal penalties for pedophile child rapists and drug dealers who target children
- Enable state patrol and national guard members to interdict drugs and stop human trafficking
- Protect us against the opioid crisis by strengthening penalties for crimes involving fentanyl
- Pass an age verification law protecting children from exposure to pornography

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.

- Provide greater restrictions on leasing and owning of farmland by adversarial foreign nations
- Expand domestic ownership of fertilizer production and local livestock processing
- Strengthen the global demand for our agricultural products by reducing input costs
- Provide for affordable energy and make Nebraska more energy independent
- Build a premier infrastructure system including roads, bridges, pipelines, and broadband

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.

- Explicitly require photo identification from the voter before casting a ballot
- Change how Nebraska allocates its presidential electors to a "winner take all" system
- Require all local political subdivision elections be held on even year election cycles
- Adopt ballot security measures to ensure that no counterfeit ballot is counted
- Allow citizens at the county level to determine how their votes are tabulated

MODERNIZE NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE RULES TO REFLECT "WE THE PEOPLE"

The integrity of the Nebraska Unicameral has been eroded by outdated rules that do not promote best practices for legislation and the needs of its citizens. It is way overdue for legislators to change their procedural rules to make the legislative process fairer and more efficient.

- Reduce cloture time limit and vote requirement so that 17 senators cannot block legislation
- Require open and transparent senator votes when electing legislative committee chairs
- Require all legislative fiscal notes be made publicly available three days prior to a hearing
- Make the Unicameral a partisan body so voters know their senator's party allegiance