



## What We Believe

*Nebraska Democrats come from diverse backgrounds but are united in the desire to make 'the good life' better for all Nebraskans. We support candidates with main-stream, common-sense ideas that will benefit our communities, our state, and our country. The following are taken from the Nebraska Democratic Platform:*

**EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY** We believe that every student needs access to quality public education that prepares them to live successfully in the 21st Century and that having well educated citizens strengthens our community and economy.

**AGRICULTURE** We believe we need a comprehensive national food and fiber policy that protects the long term productivity and quality of our natural resources and our food supply. The policy must also enhance our system of family farmers and ranchers by paying fair market prices for products.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** We believe that any economic development or incentive plan for business should include safeguards that insure every worker receives fair pay for honest labor, a safe work place, and retirement security. At the same time, incentives must provided aid to small businesses to give them the boost they need to thrive and grow.

**HEALTH CARE** We believe that affordable, accessible, quality health care is a basic human right and that the present health care system needs an overhaul to bring basic health care to all.

**TAXES** We believe Congress should keep the federal budget balanced and eliminate wasteful programs and unnecessary spending. The tax system should be equitable for all citizens and include different forms of taxation in a proper mix.

**HOMELAND SECURITY** We believe in a strong America, capable of defending itself and preserving the peace by working with other nations of the world to put an end to violent extremism. We must take the steps necessary to defend ourselves from foreign and internal threats while preserving the freedoms that make us Americans. All levels of government should staff and fully fund first responders, public safety officers and support staff that help protect our country.

**EQUAL JUSTICE** We believe that every American, regardless of race, gender, or economic status, is created equal and is due equal protection under the law.

**CONSERVATION** We believe that natural resources must be conserved and protected with responsible stewardship, and we must develop alternative sources of energy that are better for the environment and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

**SECOND AMENDMENT** We believe in responsible gun ownership within the protections and limitations already provided by Congress and the Constitution.

**POVERTY** We call for the active leadership by the United States in leading coordinated efforts to address poverty and health risks at home and around the world.

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