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1. I support a moratorium on new/expanded CAFO's until the number of impaired waterways drops below 100. Once that milestone is reached I will support allowing new/expanded CAFO's only with (a) local approval of siting using a new "Master Matrix" scoring document whose scoring emphasizes factors that affect improving water and air quality, (b) DNR review to ensure that "state of the art" anti-pollution methods and technologies will be used. As will be the case for all state government actions when I am Governor, any approval of new/expanded factory farms will need to be reviewed for its impact upon climate change.
2. Local law enforcement exists to enforce state and local laws regarding public safety, not to enforce federal laws or civil matters. We want every Iowa resident to be comfortable cooperating with local law enforcement – reporting crime, acting as witnesses, providing information – because that cooperation is needed to fight crime. Moreover, several jurisdictions in other states that have a Section 287(g) "memorandum of agreement" have been found by the federal Department of Justice to have committed constitutional violations while apprehending suspected violators. As Governor, I will issue an Executive Order barring any state agency from signing a Section 287(g) "memorandum of agreement" and will take legal action if any local government questioning any local government's authority to sign such a MOA. I strongly support "Welcoming City" resolutions and ordinances as Windsor Heights recently passed.
3. I support immediately increasing the state minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour for all Iowa workers, indexed to inflation to automatically increase in future years. I oppose a sub-minimum wage for tipped workers and for workers under 18. As Governor, I will work with unions representing state employees and then issue an Executive Order increasing all state employee salaries to at least \$15 an hour, and requiring all contractors and vendors doing business with the State to pay their employees at least \$15 an hour. I will strongly support and campaign around the State for legislation increasing the minimum wage.
4. I support universal-coverage, single-payer health insurance that eliminates profit, fancy real estate, and overpaid management salaries in favor of broad coverage and benefits and affordable premiums. As Governor, I will immediately eliminate the disastrous and expensive privatization of Iowa's Medicaid program and then seek federal approval to allow individuals and businesses to join the Medicaid program with federal and state-subsidized premiums, squeezing private insurers. Longer term solutions involve requiring businesses to either provide Medicaid-level coverage or join Medicaid, and setting up regional Medicaid programs if doing so decreases costs.
5. Adoption of clean-energy technologies is fast increasing due to declining costs and improving returns-on-investment. Financing and marketing gaps continue to impede progress. As Governor, I will propose legislation to create a state-owned and operated Bank of Iowa that will – among other things – offer favorable financing for businesses, groups, neighborhoods and individuals to implement alternative energy production. I will also appoint individuals to the Iowa Utilities Board who will review every proposed order for its impact upon global climate. I will push for a streamlined interconnection

review process and changes to utility company tariffs that facilitate independent renewable energy. While these issues involved get extremely technical and complicated we need a Utilities Board that is equally passionate about the goal of 100% renewable energy in the next ten years.

6. Changing our corrupt pay-to-play system of financing elections – and seeking political justice - is a core reason why I am running for Governor. “Big money” campaign donations from wealthy individuals and corporation, combined with the power of money in hiring lobbyists and creating “think tanks” that influence legislators, are responsible for the erosion of our tax base and much legislation that favors the wealthy while hurting the rest of us. As Governor, I will propose a small-dollar public financing system in Iowa, as well as more frequent disclosure of private donations, and limits on the amount a private donor can give. I believe that one cannot claim to be in favor of campaign finance reform and continue to take “big money” for the Democratic primary: I have set a \$500 limit on how much any single donor can contribute to my campaign so that I will take office in 2019 beholden only to the voters.
7. “Stand Your Ground” laws are unethical: using deadly force and potentially taking a life should be someone’s last option, and the idea that having a “reasonable basis for the belief” (that the shooter was in danger) regardless of the facts is I believe morally repugnant. Also, “Stand Your Ground” laws in our racist society will be applied unequally, both by individuals trying to decide if they and by law enforcement/county attorneys. “Stand Your Ground” and other statutory changes made in 2017 should be repealed and as Governor, I will fight to repeal them.
8. Iowa needs highly educated residents. As Governor reducing student tuition with the goal of making higher education and training programs free is a very high priority. I have pledged to spend \$100 million in new funding during my first year to reduce tuition at all of Iowa’s public colleges and universities, and \$50 million during my first year to buy down the costs experienced by former. This money will come from cutting special tax breaks for the rich. (As the son of a Financial I have concerns about the “tuition free” approach, I do not want to reduce federal assistance that comes into the state in the form of Pell Grants, Work Study, etc. I strongly recommend
9. The first piece of legislation that I will pre-file will be to roll back the 2013 “bipartisan” cut in commercial property taxes – a bad idea that has increased taxes on most single-family owner-occupied houses in the State. The second bill I pre-file will eliminate most deductions, credits, and exemptions that reduce corporate taxes. We need a simple and clear tax structure with as few special interest loopholes as possible. As Governor, I am committed to fixing the regressive nature of Iowa taxes: working Iowans pay about 10% of their income in various taxes, while the rich pay only 6%. I will fight to reduce taxes on low and middle income taxpayers and raise taxes on the rich, and I will move us the I’ll also work to create new income, such as my proposal to legalize Cannabis that will generate large amounts of money that will be used to reduce property taxes and put new money into our mental health and opioid treatment services.
10. In situations where doing so is economically attractive we need to encourage and assist Iowa farmers to move away from planting corn or soybeans every year and starting to include more niche or specialty crop in their rotation. We also need to encourage and

assist Iowa farmers to use environmentally friendly technology such as precision agriculture to reduce inputs and calculate return on each intra-field section; some intra-field section may not be producing relative to the cost.