

Platform Proposal for the _____ County _____ Party
January 3, 2012

1. Whereas the global financial meltdown and economic collapse were caused by the big banks and corporate CEOs on Wall Street with no regard for the common good and

Whereas so much wealth and power has been concentrated into the hands of the few that they have been able to break or rewrite the rules, gamble our lives away, and get away with it

Be it resolved “too big to fail” financial institutions should be broken up and rebuilt to serve the needs of everyday people and the CEOs responsible for the financial collapse must be investigated and brought to justice.

2. Whereas after the economic collapse, corporate interests immediately blamed everyday people and hardworking families for a budget crisis these people did not create and

Whereas the money to rebuild this country is not in the back pockets of school-age children, family farmers, teachers, workers, or senior citizens; the money is on Wall Street

Be it resolved to pass comprehensive tax reform that raises marginal rates on millionaires and billionaires, cracks down on financial speculation and high frequency trading, and closes corporate tax loopholes.

3. Whereas stabilizing underwater mortgages will help fix the housing crisis and stabilize our neighborhoods, pump money back into our economy, and create 1 million jobs annually and

Whereas the big banks inflated and then burst the housing bubble with predatory, sub prime loans

Be it resolved to require the banks to write down the debt that has forced 11 million mortgages underwater.

4. Whereas Social Security keeps tens of millions of retirees out of poverty and Medicare and Medicaid provide access to affordable care to millions of Americans

Be it resolved to institute Medicare for all and to scrap the cap on wages subject to the Social Security tax so everyone pays their fair share.

5. Whereas big money has corrupted our political system and allowed the corporate 1% to hijack the democratic process

Be it resolved to create funding for public financing of campaigns, universal voter registration, and an end to corporate personhood.

Take this resolution to your caucus!

Everyday Iowans can – and should – fight for an economy that works for all of us. We are fed up with business as usual in Washington DC and on Wall Street. We want to let Republican presidential candidates and Barack Obama that we're sick and tired of politicians who care more about corporations than everyday Americans.

Therefore we offer these resolutions – and big ideas – at our precinct caucuses and call for their adoption:

- **Bust up the big banks and throw the crooks in jail.** The global financial meltdown and economic collapse were caused by the big banks and corporate CEOs on Wall Street with no regard for the common good. So much wealth and power has been concentrated into the hands of the few that they have been able to break or rewrite the rules, gamble our lives away, and get away with it. No more. “Too big to fail” financial institutions should be busted up and rebuilt to serve the needs of everyday people, not corporate greed, and the CEOs responsible must be brought to justice.
- **Make Wall Street and the 1 percent pay their fair share.** After the economic collapse, corporate interests immediately blamed everyday people and hardworking families for a budget crisis we did not create. The money to rebuild this country is not in the back pockets of school-age children, family farmers, teachers, workers or senior citizens. The money is on Wall Street. We need to pass comprehensive tax reform that raises marginal rates on millionaires and billionaires, cracks down on financial speculation and high-frequency trading, and closes corporate tax loopholes.
- **Stabilize the housing market with across the board principal reductions.** The big banks that inflated and then burst the housing bubble with predatory, subprime loans need to write down the debt that has forced 11 million mortgages underwater. Stabilizing underwater mortgages will help fix the housing crisis and stabilize our neighborhoods, pump money back into our economy, and create 1 million jobs annually.
- **Strengthen, not cut, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.** These vital public programs are a promise to the American people. Social Security keeps tens of millions of retirees out of poverty and Medicare and Medicaid provide access to affordable care to millions of Americans. We need Medicare for all and to scrap the cap on wages subject to the Social Security tax so everyone pays their fair share.
- **Break the chokehold that corporate power has over our democracy.** Big money has corrupted our political system and allowed the corporate 1% to hijack the democratic process. We need voter-owned clean elections, public financing of campaigns, universal voter registration, and an end to corporate personhood.