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IOWA CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

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Money Out, People In! Our 2013 Legislative Agenda.

Our Money, Our Priorities - A Budget That Puts People First

Hardworking Iowans have weathered the national recession better than most states, and we are fortunate to have nearly \$1 billion in rainy day funds. Rather than turn around and hand out even more unnecessary tax cuts to big corporations, we expect state leaders to **reinvest in programs and state agencies that have faced cuts** over the last four years. We need a budget that **closes corporate tax loopholes** rather than opening them up wider. By bringing in more revenue, we can afford to reinvest in infrastructure, vital public services, and programs that everyday Iowans and hardworking families depend on.

Legislative Priorities: Combined corporate reporting, Transparency in Tax Reporting Act, ending the pollution control tax exemption for factory farms, expanding the Earned Income Tax credit for working families, fully funding state agencies and vital public services

Our Farms, Our Air, Our Water – Environmental Policy That Puts People Before Polluters

Here in Iowa, we're good neighbors. But factory farms just aren't. They build without consideration for our quality of life, property values, or environment. Factory farms don't "smell like money" – they reek of corporate greed. Last summer, Iowa CCI members fought factory farms in 30 different counties, and stopped a dozen from being built. But sixty percent of Iowans believe we still need stronger laws to stop factory farms from polluting our air and water.

Legislative Priorities: Local control, stronger permitting standards, increased separation distances, Antibiotic Transparency in Livestock Feed Act, ending the pollution control tax exemption for factory farms, and a fully-funded DNR

Our Wages, Our Work – Labor Policy That Puts People Before Profits

In Iowa, we still believe that a hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay. Fairness is also an inherent Iowa value. But some Iowans are being treated unfairly. Iowa CCI members have recovered more than \$150,000 in stolen wages since 2010, and a recent report released last summer shows that Iowans lose up to \$600 million a year from wage theft. **Cracking down on wage theft** means holding greedy employers accountable for breaking the law and stealing wages from hard working Iowans.

Legislative Priorities: Increased fines and penalties for businesses that engage in wage theft, and a fully-funded Workforce Development

Our Lives, Our Schools – Education Policy That Puts People Before Politics

Many hardworking young Iowans don't have American citizenship, but that shouldn't stop them from pursuing their dream of higher education. The federal government has instituted a program of deferred action for young people who came to states like Iowa as children, have grown up here, and who want to live and work here. It is time for Iowa to extend that dream to more students by passing the **IOWA Act**. This would allow children who have lived in Iowa for five years and graduated from our high schools to attend Iowa Universities by paying in-state tuition rates.

Legislative Priorities: IOWA Act so immigrants can afford to go to college and pay in-state tuition rates

Our Paychecks, Our Security – Financial Policy That Puts People Before Profits

Hardworking Iowans are still suffering from the national recession caused by the big banks on Wall St. and sometimes in their time of need, they fall victim to predatory payday lending. **Cracking down on predatory lending would keep as much as \$36 million of our money from leaving the state of Iowa every year.** That is money that some of Iowa's largest cities have already been trying to keep in their communities by limiting the industry's growth through local zoning ordinances.

Legislative Priorities: Cap payday loan interest rates at 36 percent – the same rate as banks and credit cards

Our Government, Our Voice – Electoral Policy That Puts People Before Politics

Iowa is fortunate to have some of the highest voter registration rates and voter turnout rates in the country. Our voting and redistricting system are considered models for the country. But there have been recent attacks on our voting system – both from government officials and from big money corporate attack groups. **VOICE** would help stop the corrosive influence that big money is trying to wield in our elections, and return the power of the vote to everyday Iowans. And **universal voter registration** would officially register every Iowan of legal voting age to vote, ensuring we are opening our voting process to more Iowans, not trying to restrict it to fewer.

Legislative Priorities: Voter-Owned Iowa Clean Elections (VOICE), campaign contribution limits, universal voter registration, constitutional amendment overturning corporate personhood/*Citizen's United*