

Official Democrat Resolution Submission Form

This form is provided as an aid to submitting and recording proposed resolutions for the platform. Please check one of the boxes below indicating the general category that best fits your resolution. Please note that you, as the proposer of the resolution, **must** print and sign your name and include your address, phone number and email if you have one. NOTE: This form must also be signed by the caucus secretary.

Agriculture Economy Education Environment Government

Health Care Human Services International Affairs Labor

Write your resolution and your rationale for it on the lines below, or tape or staple a printed copy to this form. In the event the original resolution is amended, attach the final amended resolution to the back of this form.

Resolution: We support classifying CAFOs as commercial/industrial entities, including corresponding taxation.

Rationale for your resolution:

Because factory farms (or concentrated animal feeding operations/CAFOs) are an economic burden on local communities;

and because factory farms cost counties millions of dollars in agricultural tax exemptions each year;

and because factory farms burden taxpayers with the increased cost of infrastructure maintenance;

and because factory farms pollute drinking water with unsafe levels of nitrates, forcing taxpayers to bear the cost of nitrate removal;

and because the presence of a factory farm can cause property values to decrease up to 40%; and because the Iowa counties with the largest factory hog farms lost 38% of retailers from the 1980s to the mid-200s, while the statewide decline was only 2.7%;

and because Iowa has lost 82% of hog farmers since the 1980s as a result of corporate owned factory farms;

and because Iowans should not be forced to subsidize a multi-billion dollar industr

Proposed by: _____

print your name sign your name

address

phone number email

Caucus secretary: _____

sign your name precinct number

Completed forms are to be inserted in **ENVELOPE B** and mailed to the County Chairs **IMMEDIATELY**. County Chairs should **IMMEDIATELY** give all resolutions to the **County Platform Committee Chair**.