

## 2022 STATE PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

- ★ **Promote equal access to voting and ensure all votes are counted.**
- ★ **Demand government accountability and transparency:**
  - Change legislative rules to require all amendments and bills discussed in a committee to be available to the public prior to a vote.
  - Continue virtual committee and subcommittee meetings to encourage more direct citizen participation.
- ★ **Rethink our approach to criminal justice & ensure equality for all:**
  - Ensure equal treatment under the law, regardless of race, racial mixture, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation.
  - Amend the Iowa Constitution to restore voting rights for those with past felony convictions.
  - Oppose the death penalty.
- ★ **Iowa's natural resources and environment:**
  - Build upon the state's successful container redemption law ("bottle bill").
  - Fund REAP at no less than \$25 million.
  - Increase the sales tax and dedicate new funds to environmental initiatives that improve the quality of our lakes, rivers, and streams.
  - Develop state strategies to address climate change.
- ★ **Improve the health and safety of Iowans:**
  - Fund the entire range of services in the regional mental health and disability services system.
  - Ensure Medicaid services are comprehensive, accessible, and reimbursed at an adequate level.
  - Guarantee access to women's reproductive health services.
  - Promote responsible gun ownership.
  - Boost public knowledge of human trafficking in all its forms and support its victims.
- ★ **Build Iowa's workforce:**
  - Fully fund all levels of public education (preK-12, community colleges, Regents universities), including adequate computer technology and affordable Internet connectivity, and oppose the use of vouchers for private and home school education.
  - Adopt policies and fund programs that welcome refugees and immigrants to Iowa.
  - Continue to expand access to childcare.
  - Require public and private employers adopt "fair chance hiring" practices (i.e. "ban the box").