

Republican Party of Minnesota

2016 Standing Action Agenda

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Section 1: Promote Economic Prosperity

- Ending the use of omnibus spending bills
- Supporting a Balanced Budget Amendment and paying down the national debt
- Opposing currency manipulation and trade barriers by foreign government
- Stop spending government funds to provide high-speed internet
- Allowing Sunday liquor sales
- We support agricultural property tax relief
- Returning Social Security to an "on budget" item
- Using all automobile fees and taxes for their dedicated purpose, roads and bridges
- Eliminating taxation of estates and inheritances, Social security and veterans benefits, and tobacco

Section 2: Preserve Civil Rights

- Supporting religious freedom for business owners that believe in traditional marriage
- Defund Planned Parenthood
- Protecting the right to privacy of school children, the right not to share bathrooms and locker rooms with the biologically opposite sex
- Ban "dismemberment abortions"
- Concealed carry reciprocity with other states
- Permitting public religious displays
- Opposing a government backdoor into personal electronics

Section 3 – Protect our Health Care

- Requiring inspection of abortion clinics
- Veterans should be able to access their VA benefits anywhere
- All practitioners to be exempt from the MN Health Record Mandate
- Recognizing a right to voluntary reparative therapy
- Repeal MNsure
- Repeal of the Minnesota All-Payer-Claims database
- Supporting an alternative to the AMA that supports natural and holistic medicine
- Free trade with Canada for prescription drugs
- Supporting a ban on "morning after pill" until long-term effects can be studied
- Repeal Obamacare

Section 4: Educate our Children

- Parents are the primary decision maker in their child's education
- Opposing further interference in a family's right to home school
- Asking MN to withdraw from Common Core
- In support of removing chronic behavior problems from public schools
- Freedom of choice through vouchers *including religious schools*
- Opposing "free" college education
- Opposing the Minnesota anti-bullying law
- Requiring high school graduates to pass the US citizenship test
- Opposing any teaching that gender is a choice
- Opposing teaching of the Muslim faith or any political agenda
- Opposing government-run universal pre-K
- Supporting Education Savings Accounts

Section 5: Strengthen our Families and Communities

- Prohibit commercial surrogacy

Section 6: Protect Public Safety

- Teachers with carry permits be allowed to carry in school
- Supporting increased efforts to stop human trafficking
- Reopen the Prairie Correctional Facility in Appleton
- Stricter penalties for assaults on police
- Adapting traffic laws to rural areas
- Requiring prosecution of protestors who impede emergency traffic
- Support for the Kate Steinle law

Section 7: Strengthen the Rule of Law

- Supporting an Article 5 Constitutional Convention
- Abolishing asset forfeiture prior to conviction
- Defund Sanctuary Cities

Section 8: Enjoy and Protect our Natural Resources

- Reduce government land holdings to 20%
- Reform or repeal of the buffer strip law
- Promoting ethanol
- Supporting oil pipelines rather than rail, as a matter of public safety

Section 9: Make Government Smaller and Better

- Requiring federal regulations to be approved by Congress
- Congress must abide by the laws they pass
- Elimination of Local Government Aid
- Repeal of the 17th Amendment (direct election of Senators)
- Supporting a State hiring freeze and contracting out
- Requiring campaigns to start no earlier than January 1 of an election year
- Prohibiting use of Automark in elections
- Reforming the Met Council
- Eliminate same-day voter registration
- Require Voter ID
- Add a sunset clause to all new federal programs

Section 10: Defend America at Home and Abroad

- Requiring Selective Service registration to apply only to men
- Stopping unvetted Syrian refugees
- Supporting E-verify for all employers
- Supporting efforts to upgrade the electrical grid against an EMP attack
- Keeping Guantanamo open
- Ending the Iran nuclear deal
- Limiting refugees to 3% of MN population
- Stopping illegal immigration
- Eliminating all public benefits, including the vote, for illegal aliens
- Abolish automatic birthright citizenship for children of non-citizens