

2019 AFP-NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Through broad-based grassroots outreach, Americans for Prosperity (AFP) is driving long-term solutions to the country's biggest problems. AFP activists engage friends and neighbors on key issues and encourage them to take an active role in building a culture of mutual benefit, where people succeed by helping one another. AFP recruits and unites activists behind a common goal of advancing policies that will help people improve their lives.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY

Nebraskans deserve an economic system that provides the same chance for everyone to get ahead, making it easier for the least fortunate to grab hold of the economic ladder and rise. We will oppose bills that increase the tax and regulatory burdens on Nebraskans and businesses, which stunt entrepreneurship and innovation. And we'll work to reduce Nebraska's high tax burden by supporting tax reform, specifically **property tax reform** that will help increase economic growth and opportunity for all Nebraskans.

PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH CARE

While Nebraskans spoke and decided to expand Medicaid, our lawmakers should seek to reform Medicaid to improve health outcomes for those in the program while more effectively using our tax dollars.

We need to seek more sustainable, long-term solutions for affordable and accessible health care for all Nebraskans. To that end, we support patient-centered, free-market reforms, which will provide

greater access, quality, and affordability. Reevaluating our scope of practice laws have been proven to lower costs, expand access, and improve the quality of health care.

CORPORATE WELFARE

We support leveling the playing field for Nebraska entrepreneurs and businesses and eliminating all special favors that benefit some at the expense of others. Unfortunately, in today's environment, the effectiveness of taxpayer-funded favors to private companies is often kept secret. The Nebraska Advantage Act is up for renewal and it provides costly incentives at taxpayer expense, with little to no accountability and transparency. Rather than continuing this status quo, we oppose the Nebraska Advantage Act and support lifting the veil on these special favors and taxpayer handouts.

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

Every student should have access to educational opportunities that foster their unique potential—whether it be public or private, home school, or anything else.

We will work to increase educational freedom through policies that ensure all students have access to a quality education that helps them discover, develop and apply their unique talents to find fulfillment and success in life. One of many ways to help do so is by expanding access to **Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)** and **scholarship tax credits** that provide students and parents with more opportunity to choose the education that is best for them.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Our criminal justice system should prioritize rehabilitation and provide second chances to those who deserve them. Once someone pays their debt to society, we should help them reenter society and restore opportunities that are currently denied to people with criminal records. As states across the country have proven in recent years, such a system keeps communities safe and is smart on crime and soft on taxpayers. AFP-NE will be working on variety of issues toward that end, including **sentencing reforms**.