

Kansas Legislative Agenda

We exist to remove barriers to opportunity and enable every Kansan to thrive.

Economic Opportunity

► TAX REFORM

The core beneficial role of state government is to protect the foundational rights necessary for people to earn success. In order to ensure government plays this beneficial role, government should have a fairer, flatter, and simpler tax policy that unleashes growth and removes barriers to opportunity so all Americans can improve their lives.

AFP-Kansas will work with lawmakers to pass tax decoupling and income tax reform, which will put more money back in Kansan's pockets. AFP encourages lawmakers not to burden Kansas families with additional taxes by keeping our state spending under control. Additionally, AFP supports reforming the property tax by protecting our state's property tax lid while also advocating for other reforms that reduce county spending and bring more transparency and accountability to county governments.

► GOVERNMENT FAVORITISM

Individuals should be able to find success based on the value they create for others, not on political connections.

We will work with lawmakers to support legislative efforts to keep Kansas' incentive programs in check and to end corporate welfare programs that leave taxpayers on the hook for millions, with little economic benefit to show for it.

► TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING

More than 50 government entities and associations actively lobby our Legislature. These groups push for bigger budgets and more regulations. AFP will urge the Legislature to require all state employees who lobby on behalf of state agencies to register as lobbyists, report their expenditures, and require all government entities to report how much they spend to influence the Legislature.

► OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

We will advance employment policy that empowers people to earn success, contribute to their communities, and live meaningful lives.

We will work to pass legislation that removes excessive licensing requirements that prevent individuals from pursuing the American dream and contributing to our economy. Kansas should follow the lead of other states in implementing policies that allow for license reciprocity and recognition across state lines.

► RED TAPE REDUCTION

AFP will support reforms to identify and eliminate overly burdensome, duplicative, ineffective, or outdated regulations. This is a crucial element of comprehensive regulatory reform that will remove barriers to opportunity, reduce compliance costs, encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, and ultimately unleash individuals to succeed.



Criminal Justice Reform

▶ CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

Civil asset forfeiture (CAF) should be reformed to protect innocent owners. CAF allows law enforcement to take ownership of property without arresting, charging, or convicting the property owner. Government should not be able to keep property without providing citizens their rightful due process protections.

BAN THE BOX

- ▶ An existing executive order eliminated the criminal history check box on most state job applications. AFP will encourage the Legislature to make this ban permanent.

DRIVERS' LICENSE SUSPENSION REFORM

- ▶ Punishments that suspend drivers' licenses for non-driving related offenses jeopardize families' economic well-being. AFP will encourage lawmakers to end these suspensions.



Education

▶ EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Educational opportunity provides Kansans the freedom to select the best educational pathway.

We will continue to support education models that provide individualized education to meet the needs of all our students. This includes expanding access by encouraging lawmakers to protect the Tax Credit Scholarship Program and to explore open enrollment policies.



Energy

- ▶ Kansans pay more than the national average and 13% more than our neighbors in Missouri for our electricity. AFP supports efforts to lower costs for ratepayers, including ending any cross-subsidization proposal that forces ratepayers to pay for items such as electric car charging stations.



Health Care

- ▶ We strive to create a health care system that helps more people access better care at a lower cost—where health care providers compete to offer the best health care products and services at the best prices that meet the needs of patients. This includes making permanent important temporary reforms enacted in the wake of COVID, including those related to practice agreements, tele-health, and licensing.

Additionally, AFP will work with lawmakers to end unnecessary collaborative agreement requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), enabling these qualified professionals to provide care to rural communities and other underserved areas. We will also work to pass reforms to outdated red tape which are stifling innovation and access to care across our state.

▶ HALT MEDICAID EXPANSION

Medicaid Expansion in Kansas would cost the state billions and be catastrophic for taxpayers. Expanding this already broken system will restrict access to care for those who need it most and drive up costs for everyone. AFP will continue to prioritize stopping expansion and continue to build support for health care reforms that will actually increase access to quality care for everyone.



Judicial Selection Reform

- ▶ Kansas' current process for selecting judges lacks transparency and excludes the voices of voters. Currently, an unelected commission of nine individuals picks our state's Supreme Court justices. Allowing this small group to play such an important role in the selection of our third branch of government removes accountability and gives power to a select group of lawyers and other special interests. Lawmakers must work to dissolve the unelected commission and allow Kansas voters to directly elect our State Supreme Court justices. That means transparency, accountability, and a court that reflects our state's values.