

AFP-Nebraska 2021 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 advancing a free and open society, where every person can realize their American dream. AFP recruits and unites Nebraskans behind a common goal of advancing policies that will help people improve their lives.

Economic Freedom and Opportunity

Nebraskans deserve an economy that empowers individuals and provides everyone the same opportunity to grab hold of the economic ladder and rise. AFP-NE will continue working to remove the barriers standing in the way of people realizing their full potential. We will oppose bills that increase the tax and regulatory burdens on Nebraskans and businesses, which stunt entrepreneurship and innovation. We'll fight the cronyism that benefits a select few at the expense of everyone else and pits groups of people against one another. And we'll work to support comprehensive tax reform that will reduce Nebraska's high tax burden and help increase economic growth and opportunity for all Nebraskans.

The first step in this process is adopting a Truth in Taxation Act. This legislation requires local officials to advertise when a meeting will take place to consider a property tax increase, as well as allow for property owners to provide input. It also requires a notice to be mailed to property owners, so owners will know the total cost of the proposed tax increase. This increased transparency will allow for better oversight of how our tax dollars are being spent.

Patient-Centered Health Care

Nebraska lawmakers should seek to reform Medicaid to improve health outcomes for those in the program while more effectively using our tax dollars.

We will support sustainable, long-term solutions for quality and affordable health care in Nebraska. Lifting restrictions to our scope of practice laws will ensure our health care professionals are able to provide the services they were trained to do.

The pandemic heavily impacted Nebraska in 2020 and brought light to regulations that have prevented access to health care in our great state. Governor Ricketts took action through executive orders to increase access to critical health care services. We encourage our lawmakers to make many of these temporary steps prompted by the pandemic permanent.

Corporate Welfare Reform

We support leveling the playing field for Nebraska entrepreneurs and businesses and eliminating all special favors that benefit a few special interests at the expense of everyone else. In today's environment, taxpayer-funded handouts to private companies lack sufficient transparency, making it difficult to determine how effectively tax dollars are being spent. While the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, passed in 2020, takes steps to be more responsive to the need for accountability and transparency, it provides costly tax incentives at everyday Nebraskans' expense. Rather than continuing this status quo, we will encourage the legislature to look for comprehensive tax reform, removing the need for special favors and taxpayer handouts.

Educational Freedom

Every student should have access to educational opportunities that foster their unique potential—regardless of their family income or ZIP code. 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. We will support legislation that would expand access to Education Scholarship Accounts (ESAs), nontraditional learning environments, and funding that follows the student, to provide students and parents with more opportunity to choose the education that is best for them.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the necessity for a variety of educational opportunities to ensure every child receives the best education possible. We have been provided with a rare opportunity turn the challenges faced by the education community into positive solutions that benefit students and their families.

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