



## Believe in Arkansas Policy Plan

Americans for Prosperity-Arkansas' (AFP-AR) Believe in Arkansas policy plan outlines bold initiatives to break down barriers to opportunity that inhibit Arkansans from improving their lives and reaching their full potential. AFP-AR will focus its legislative priorities on promoting economic opportunity for all Arkansans, improving education for all students, expanding access to quality, affordable health care, and reforming our criminal justice system.

### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

AFP-AR will focus on common sense policy reforms that will unleash opportunity by prioritizing reforms that will help remove barriers to economic mobility and growth and allow more Arkansans to achieve the American dream.

- **Tax Reform:** Arkansas should practice fiscal responsibility by limiting wasteful spending and protecting taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. Enacting a Tax Expenditure Limit policy would set Arkansas on a path to continue its progress in income tax reduction.
- **Occupational Licensing Reform:** Overburdensome licensing requirements often serve as barriers to entry for individuals trying to enter a profession. Arkansas should embrace universal recognition of licenses to bring working professionals across many career fields to the state, including military families.
- **Reducing Red Tape:** Arkansans should not have to seek a permission slip from the government to earn a living and provide for their families. The legislature should consider cutting burdensome red tape by adopting policies such as the "REINS" Act to make it easier for individuals and businesses to succeed.

### 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 push to break educational barriers to education by championing policies that would provide education credits for learning to expand out-of-classroom learning opportunities. We will also support education reforms that focus on content mastery instead of arbitrary seat-time rules. Arkansas can provide students the freedom to explore learning environments that build a strong foundation for a successful future.

### HEALTH CARE

We will support sustainable, long-term solutions for health care that Arkansas families can afford and meet their needs. To increase health care access, reduce medical costs, and improve health outcomes for patients, Arkansas should work to remove government regulations that limit lifesaving health care access and innovation by repealing Certificate of Need (CON) laws and ending moratoriums on new residential care facilities and intermediate care facilities for mental illness.

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AFP-AR will also push to authorize Medicaid to reimburse remote-patient-monitoring (RPM) and store-and-forward telehealth services to better allow health care professionals to deliver essential care to patients.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

In Arkansas, we have many opportunities to reform our criminal justice system and remove barriers to opportunity that will provide second chances to those that have paid their debts to society. We will continue to work with a diverse group of coalition partners to support criminal justice reforms that are smart on crime, soft on taxpayers. We must take steps to address overcriminalization, ensure due process protection, and improve transparency and accountability in the collection of revenues from fines, fees, and forfeitures.

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