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**MISSOURI REPUBLICAN PARTY
2024 DRAFT PLATFORM**

SECTION 1. PREAMBLE.

Most of what is important in life we do for ourselves, without the government. We form our own families and raise our own children. We choose what we want to do in life. We pray to our God as we choose; we form and join the religious and civic groups that care for our neighbors in need and shape the direction of our state. There are only a few things we need the government to do for us; but it should do those things well and faithfully.

Missourians deserve a state and national government with the vision to see the bright future ahead and the effective leadership to guide us there. We pledge to continue providing both the vision and the effective leadership Missourians deserve.

WE BELIEVE all people are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is our fundamental belief that our morals, our values, and our culture are derived from Almighty God. To quote the Psalmist, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12.

WE BELIEVE that the strength of America is in the hearts and homes of its citizens.

WE BELIEVE in the right of Missourians to be secure in their persons, their homes and their communities.

WE BELIEVE government governs best when it governs least.

WE BELIEVE all political power is vested in, and derived from, the people; all government originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole by protecting the unalienable and God-given rights of the people.

WE BELIEVE the role of the federal government should be "to ensure domestic tranquility, to provide for the common defense, and to promote the general welfare," and we believe the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution grants all other duties to the states.

WE BELIEVE that it is the duty of the federal government of the United States to provide for a safe and secure border, stop the onrush of illegal immigrants, and eliminate the flow of harmful illicit substances like fentanyl into this country.

WE BELIEVE United States law and/or the laws of the individual states shall not be subservient to the laws, religious regulations, and/or cultural mores of the United Nations and/or any other country or countries.

WE BELIEVE the Republican Party is the best vehicle to build on the principles of free enterprise, personal responsibility, economic opportunity, strong families, moral values, protection of innocent human lives, and sound government.

WE COMMEND the efforts of elected Republican officials at the county and local levels. We encourage their work to advance good government.

WE COMMEND the efforts of elected Republican officials at the state level. Without question, Missourians are better off with Republicans leading both chambers of the Legislature.

WE COMMEND the efforts of elected Republican officials at the federal level. We encourage their continued efforts to reduce expenditures and balance the federal budget, to rein in the growth of the federal bureaucracy, to empower the states, and reverse the trend towards socialism and the high taxes that pay for it.

WE BELIEVE the election of a Republican president and controlling both houses of Congress will rein in Washington and restore government to its proper place, giving our citizens the opportunity to realize the American Dream.

WE BELIEVE continuing to maintain the Republican leadership in our state, including the election of a Republican governor and other statewide officials, will make Missouri safer, stronger, and more economically competitive.

SECTION 2. FREEDOM.

The people of Missouri should be taxed only to the extent necessary to provide a balanced budget, funding the essential functions of government in a manner that is simple, equitable, and uniform. Missouri families can be trusted to know how to spend their money more wisely than the government. Free enterprise and fiscal responsibility go hand in hand. Creating an environment in which high-quality, family-supporting jobs can flourish must be a priority.

Job Creation

We believe the free market creates jobs and allocates resources much more efficiently than government. Extreme and unnecessary federal regulations have stifled innovation, killed jobs, and restrained the economic recovery. Whenever possible, the government should get out of the way and allow entrepreneurs and businesses, small and large, to do what they do best: put Americans back to work.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Reducing government regulations and restrictions that prevent the creation of jobs and the growth of Missouri businesses.
- Enacting a moratorium on new federal regulations to reduce regulatory uncertainty caused by out-of-control federal bureaucracies.
- Reforming the workers' compensation system to balance the rights of employees and their employers.
- Continued efforts to reduce costly frivolous lawsuits, which may result in killing jobs or harming the economy in other ways.
- Opening new markets for Missouri made or Missouri grown products.
- Eliminating the Death Tax.
- Eliminating the Alternative Minimum Tax.
- Continuing to reduce the overall combined tax burden.
- Revitalizing Missouri's urban communities through policies that encourage the creation of jobs and economic opportunities in those areas.
- A strong transportation infrastructure because of its importance for jobs and economic development.

Spending & Debt

In recent years, the federal government has seen an unprecedented explosion of debt that will have to be paid off by future generations. This must be reversed. Governments must learn to live within their means—just as Missouri families do every day.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Passage of a federal Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to be adopted by the states and NOT by constitutional convention.
- Balancing the state budget without increasing taxes.
- Streamlining of government services to avoid duplication at the city, county and state level.
- Continuing to streamline the state and federal government by eliminating fraud, waste and abuse.
- Using technology and improved management principles to deliver the highest quality of government services at the lowest possible cost.
- Keeping and enforcing the Hancock Amendment and electing officials who respect its goals and principles.
- Performance of government functions at the level of government closest to the people who can most efficiently perform the task.
- An independent audit of the Federal Reserve Banking System.
- Elimination of the use of baseline budgeting for future federal budgets

Health Care Freedom

Every Missouri citizen, regardless of age, should be able to choose and access a health plan that meets their needs at a fair market price, without the interference of the federal or state government.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Efforts leading to a full repeal of “Obamacare.”
- Promoting a consumer-driven healthcare economy by avoiding Medicaid expansion and preventing a single-payer healthcare system.
- Allowing every American to purchase health insurance policies across state lines.

- Giving every American the ability to maintain a Health Savings Account (HSA) and removing any requirement that individuals must obtain a high-deductible insurance policy before opening up an HSA.
- Empowering Missourians to purchase their own personal health insurance, including allowing small business owners to join together to purchase quality, affordable health insurance for themselves and their employees.
- Missouri's tort reform law that stopped the abuse and misuse of Missouri's judicial system through the filing of frivolous lawsuits and has allowed doctors to remain in our state.
- Empowering consumers and the market to control health care costs by increasing price transparency from providers.
- Giving small and large businesses the flexibility in choosing what is provided in their health insurance plans.

Energy, Climate, and The Environment

It is important to balance economic growth with environmental protections. However, extreme regulations devastate our economy, raise prices, disproportionately hurt our poorest residents, and make it increasingly difficult to achieve energy independence. Some liberals in Washington DC and Jefferson City have proposed, and in some instances implemented, extreme, job-killing environmental measures such as the "Green New Deal", "Waters of the United States" EPA regulations, and other proposals which harmfully reduce our citizens' access to our nation's bountiful resources. Rather than adopting extreme measures which harm our economy and make energy more expensive, policy makers should adopt an all-of-the-above approach to energy that utilizes the United States' vast energy resources, focuses on market solutions rather than government subsidies, boosts our economy, promotes job creation, and leads to energy independence.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Opposition to socialist policies masked as environmental measures.
- Efforts to prevent any state or federal cap & trade scheme from taking effect.
- Efforts to prevent the EPA from unilaterally regulating carbon dioxide or implementing any regulations without approval of Congress.
- Providing reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound energy for America's future, reducing our dependence on foreign sources of energy and responsibly providing for the development of our domestic energy sources.

- Efforts to promote conservation, diversify our energy supply, and achieve American energy independence.
- Environmental regulation premised upon sound free market principles and the elimination of environmental regulation that imposes excessive financial burdens for insubstantial benefit.
- Efforts to prevent government entities from adopting excessive regulations, including extreme building codes, which disproportionately reduce economic growth.
- Abolition of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and greater autonomy for the states to develop their own environmental protection strategies.
- Development of a domestic “rare earths” industry to reduce our dependence on foreign adversaries like China.

Educating Our Children

The education of Missouri’s children is paramount to the success of a free society, the preservation of rights and liberties of all Missourians, and the ability of our state to experience a bright future. Missouri’s schools must teach our children with one aim: education, not indoctrination. Due to excessive interference and misguided objectives by the government and other special interest groups, this goal has been hindered and educational outcomes have declined. We must ensure control over the education system is returned to the parents or guardians, who bear the authority and responsibility in the upbringing of their children.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **Supports:**

- The fundamental right of parents or guardians to serve as the primary authority to determine and direct the nurturing, healthcare, education, guidance, discipline, religious, and moral upbringing of their children, including the ability to home-school or send children to faith-based schools free of burdensome government regulation.
- The expansion of broad school choice options accessible to all families across Missouri including charter schools, education savings accounts that may be used for meeting educational expenses, vouchers, and public school district open enrollment.
- Elimination of school-based clinics which dispense contraceptives and provide abortion counseling which is not the proper role of schools.
- Requiring informed consent of a parent or guardian before providing sexual education to minor students.

- Requiring informed consent of a parent or guardian before recommending referral to health, mental health, or substance abuse treatment services to minor students in public schools or referring students to health treatment professionals.
- The prerogative of parents or guardians and children to pursue choices in education which provides the best opportunities post-graduation, whether that is public, private, parochial, charter, or home schools.
- Decisive action to correct the education crisis in urban areas, which has undermined the education progression of generations of Missourians.
- The foundation formula that funds education based on the needs of our children rather than the taxing capacity of a school district.
- Free and fair elections for local school boards, without undue influence from teachers' unions, school administrators, and special interest groups which do not prioritize our children's educational needs.
- Elimination of the Federal Department of Education and returning the authority over schools to parents and school boards to make determinations regarding educational issues.
- Establishing a merit pay system which rewards the most effective teachers and reformation to the teacher tenure system to ensure that the best teachers, regardless of their length of employment, remain in classrooms, guaranteeing the best possible education for each student.
- Protecting children from experiences harmful to their development, including bullying, explicit sexual content, and political indoctrination.
- The rights of parents or guardians to protect their children from data collection, and full disclosure on the gathering, usage, storage, and disclosure of their children's data.
- Free-thinking school board members to make decisions free of undue influence of special interests.
- Efforts at all levels of government to ensure that sex-specific areas are closed to members of the opposite sex, and that athletic competitions are kept fair by only allowing members of the specified sex to compete.
- Protecting Constitutional rights at our state universities, including the right to free speech, the right to bear arms, and balancing Title IX regulations with people's legal rights.

- Schools which recognize their purpose is education rather than indoctrination and the rights of parents to opt their children out of curriculums where they believe the school is focused on indoctrination rather than education.
- Expansion of vocational education programs available to students to foster career development opportunities.

Property Rights & Agriculture

Landowners have the right to manage their property, as good stewards of the land, without government interference. We believe the source of our riches is embodied in the production of our foods and the protection of our environment. We realize the wealth of our nation comes from the land and the conservation and wise use of our resources are essential to the future of America. We understand that agriculture is Missouri's largest industry, and we support the great work of all individuals and families involved in agriculture production.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- The restricted use of eminent domain only in cases when it is necessary for the benefit of the general public and only when full and adequate compensation is provided to the property owner.
- Preventing small and large bodies of water from being under federal control.
- Policies and programs enhancing agricultural production.
- Current state law which allows children to work on family farms.
- Value-added production and job growth by processing our raw agricultural products in Missouri.
- A long-term agricultural policy enhancing Missouri family farms and their ability to compete.
- A common-sense approach to environmental policy by federal, state, and local governments without infringing upon the rights of landowners.
- Limitations upon excessive land-use regulation and zoning that deny property owners the fair use of their property.
- Policies recognizing food production and environmental protection are both essential to life in our society.
- Sound river management policies, especially those enhancing flood control and navigation.

- Encouraging the pursuit of agriculture, promoting agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protecting farming in Missouri by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict.
- Protecting Missouri land from ownership by foreign adversaries.

Ethics

Elected officials must uphold ethical standards, follow their oaths of office and the United States and Missouri Constitutions, and the Missouri Republican Party Platform. However, recent examples of unethical behavior, such as intentionally misleading legislation and inaccurate ballot propositions, have led to growing cynicism from the public. This trend undermines trust in those seeking public office. It is imperative that our elected leaders prioritize the interests of their constituents over personal gain or political expediency, understanding that their actions reflect not only on themselves but also on the reputation of the Republican Party.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Transparency for lobbyists, elected officials, and key legislative and executive staff with regards to campaign finance disclosures.
- Ensuring that all of Missouri's elected officials at all levels serve faithfully in office and support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Missouri, according to their respective oaths of office.
- Elected officials who serve with humility, dedication, and distinction, especially those who recognize their positions should be used to advance Republican values over their own self-interest.
- Elected officials who uphold the highest standards of accountability and transparency, which has been essential to maintaining the trust of their constituents.

Protecting the Integrity of Elections

The legitimacy of our republic comes from the knowledge that every American has an equal say in the elections that determine the direction of our nation. Those who cheat not only dilute the lawfully cast ballots of their fellow Missourians, but also undermine the foundation of our entire political system.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Requiring government-issued voter photo-identification to prevent voter fraud.
- Efforts to ensure fair and honest elections, making sure all legally cast votes are not diluted but are counted so that all participants safeguard the integrity of the election.

- Creating a more efficient and secure system of voting by our military personnel to guarantee that those who are on the front lines have a say in governing our country.
- Strict and swift prosecution of election fraud.
- The use of fair and non-biased ballot language for petition-driven initiatives.
- Reforms to the initiative petition process, including the reduction of out of state influence and requiring more than a simple majority vote to change the Constitution.
- Efforts to oppose the National Popular Vote interstate compact, which would eliminate the Electoral College.
- The right of the State Legislature to alter and revise, with respect to the intention of the voters, legislation passed through ballot proposition in order to protect Missourians from misleading campaigns.
- Paper ballots to prevent voter fraud.
- The voluntary political party affiliation of all voters as allowed under current State law.
- Efforts to oppose Ranked Choice Voting.

SECTION 3. FAITH & FAMILY.

Families are the bedrock of Missouri. This question should measure every public policy: Does it strengthen or weaken our families? Policies strengthening our families should be pursued. Those weakening the family structure must be discarded.

The Fundamental Right to Life

God-given rights for all citizens, including the fundamental right to life for born and unborn children, the aged, the terminally ill, and the handicapped, should be provided for in our laws and in our Constitution. Life begins at conception. From the moment of conception, a woman becomes a mother, she begins to sacrifice for her child and has need of love and support throughout their journey to the birth of her child. Therefore, we reaffirm our support for a Human Life amendment to the United States Constitution. We endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children and encourage those institutions, including faith-based initiatives, which take a proactive approach in teaching sexual responsibility, including abstinence, to our young people.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* correctly holding that the United States Constitution does not confer a constitutional right to abortion and overturning its incorrect decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.
- The appointment of federal and state judges who respect the sanctity of innocent human life from conception through natural death.
- Current state law providing women seeking an abortion with information regarding alternatives such as adoption, providing a reflection period of 72 hours between providing such information and the performing of the abortion, and increasing tax credits to encourage alternatives to abortion.
- Current state law requiring that a minor obtain parental notification and consent before obtaining an abortion.
- Legislation requiring that a minor obtain parental notification and consent before obtaining invasive birth control or contraceptive measures.
- Current state law protecting the sanctity of human life, including the Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act.
- Preventing taxpayer money from going to organizations performing abortions or affiliated with abortion providers.

- Current state law preventing public employees or agencies from making abortion referrals or otherwise facilitating abortion in any way, shape, or form.
- Current state law ensuring abortion clinics meet the same Department of Health standards required of comparable surgical facilities in the state.
- The compassionate work of individuals and organizations offering alternatives to abortions by meeting the physical, emotional, and financial needs of pregnant women and those support systems necessary for legal adoption.
- Legislation to correct the incorrect definition of human cloning placed in the Missouri constitution.
- Legislation to prohibit both the public funding and the conducting of all human cloning, scientifically known as Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer, and research requiring or encouraging the destruction of living human embryos.
- Efforts to encourage Economic Development and job growth by focusing on ethical forms of stem cell research instead of research destroying living human embryos.
- Legislation to prohibit and penalize coercion of women to have an abortion.
- Legislation to prohibit “assisted suicide” and “euthanasia.”
- Legislation banning abortions using the “dilation and evacuation” method, also known as “dismemberment abortion.”
- Legislation strengthening regulations regarding the disposition of fetal remains and prohibiting any sale, procurement, or donation of fetal remains for valuable consideration of any kind.
- Legislation to insert the protective language of 196.1127 on all economic development bills as follows: “Public funds shall not be expended, paid, or granted to or on behalf of an existing or proposed research project that involves abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research as defined in RSMo Section 196.1127.”
- Rescinding the HHS definition of “religious employer” which excludes charities, hospitals, and colleges serving people of faith and subjects these entities to the mandate that all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception.
- Expansion of the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credit to care for mothers and children.

Family

The traditional family is the foundation of our great history and is critical to our future. Building futures through hard work and personal responsibility are American values to be encouraged by government policy.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS**:

- Marriage as being between only one biological man and only one biological woman.
- Efforts to promote secure, stable, and safe marriages.
- A permanent end to the marriage penalty in the tax code.
- The protection of the lives of In Vitro Fertilized embryos and all other human embryos from the beginning of biological development.

Faith

Missouri's many and diverse faith communities are critical to the rich fabric of our society. Government has nothing to fear from people of faith and much to gain. Faith communities should be embraced and allowed to offer assistance to those in need without undue bureaucratic interference. The most powerful sources of charity, virtue, and shared prosperity in our society are not found in government, but in families, houses of worship, charities, and free markets. The Missouri Republican Party believes in protecting the religious freedom of citizens.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS**:

- Freedom to practice religion, as an individual choice, including the ability to pray in school.
- Conscience legislation so that no person, business, or organization can be penalized for its exercise of religious freedom by not providing services that violate their religious beliefs.
- Protecting the acknowledgment of God in our public life.
- Keeping the phrase "one nation under God" in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.
- Keeping "In God We Trust" on our currency and in other public declarations.
- All efforts to honor and preserve America's religious heritage, including the public display of the Ten Commandments or other religious symbols, and to remain true to the principles upon which this nation was founded.
- The Prayer Amendment, adopted overwhelmingly by Missourians in August 2012.

SECTION 4. SECURITY.

Freedom is not America's gift to the world; freedom is God's gift to each individual. America has a solemn duty to stand for freedom, at home and abroad, and a special responsibility to help make the world a more peaceful place. Fighting for freedom in foreign lands helps prevent the necessity of fighting the enemies of freedom in our homeland.

Homeland Security

America needs to continue making progress to protect and defend our homeland. We must improve the government's ability to protect our infrastructure, guard our borders, and patrol our skies.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Combating global terrorism by taking the fight directly to the enemies of freedom.
- Congressional oversight and approval of all refugee entry programs to ensure proper background vetting for those entering our Country, which will allow the free exercise of States Rights and the ability of individual states to either participate or not participate in such programs at their own discretion.
- Requiring all refugees introduced into the state of Missouri to register with the state of Missouri.
- The continued work of the federal and state Departments of Homeland Security and the increased coordination in the gathering and use of intelligence.
- Increased efforts to combat the emerging threat of cyber-terrorism.
- Revamping the system of monitoring the status of all visas, including student and work visas, and mandating better background checks on all aliens applying for visas.
- All efforts to root out the agents of terror and protect Americans from the evils of terrorism.

Strong National Defense

Defending the nation against its enemies is the first and fundamental commitment of the federal government. America must use its position of unparalleled strength and influence to create a balance of power in the world favoring freedom.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Protecting the size and strength of our armed forces.

- A strong national defense protecting our strategic interests and those of our allies.
- Extending peace by seeking to spread the benefits of freedom and prosperity across the globe and fostering an era of good relations among the world's great powers.
- Committing the resources necessary to defeat global terrorism, including ongoing military and civilian operations around the world.
- Defending the peace by opposing and preventing violence by terrorists and outlaw regimes both at home and abroad.
- All efforts to ensure Iran cannot build or obtain nuclear weapons.
- The expansion of all technologies, including the national missile defense system, which will allow the United States to intercept any nuclear attack before it reaches our borders.
- Expanding access to care and treatment options for all returning troops, active duty, Guard, and Reserve, during and after military service including improved oversight of the Veterans Administration Services.
- Improving the compensation provided to military personnel and providing better benefits to their spouses and families.
- Honoring our commitment to all military personnel, veterans, and their families.
- Maintaining and expanding each of our excellent military facilities in Missouri.
- A strong Missouri National Guard and Reserve as an element of the national military structure and support to civil authority in times of emergency or disaster.
- All troops of the United States government at home and abroad.
- The integrity and independence of our U.S. troops under U.S. command.
- The military's courageous efforts to protect us from the threat of global terrorism.
- The special relationship between our state, nation, and our strong ally Israel.
- The right of Israel to exist and defend itself.
- The opposition of efforts to boycott, sanction, or divest from Israel.
- The integrity of all military chaplains and their historic unfettered ministries, including the use of insignia and unregulated religious performance liberties.
- The Missouri National Guard's 'Partner in Care' program, linking local churches as a support network for chaplains' and ministry needs of our service men and women.

Protecting our Borders

America's immigrants helped forge a nation built on a foundation of laws. We welcome those who continue to look to America to pursue life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness legally—and we owe it to the legal immigrants who respected our nation's laws to prevent those who break our rules from entering the country illegally. Securing our borders against illegal immigration must be a priority in the ongoing battle against international terrorism and in our efforts to ensure that only law-abiding citizens receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- An immigration policy that does not include amnesty for illegal immigrants.
- Preventing illegal immigrants from receiving taxpayer benefits.
- Securing the border to prevent illegal immigrants or terrorists from entering the country, eliminating the flow of illicit substances into the United States, and the prevention of human trafficking which is occurring due to the current lack of border security.
- Efforts by the states to secure the border when the Federal Government is unwilling or unable to do so.
- Fair and effective efforts to assure that people who register to vote in our elections are indeed citizens of the United States lawfully entitled to cast a ballot.
- Empowering state and local law enforcement agencies with the authority, responsibility, and resources needed to detain illegal immigrants within the course of their regular duties.
- Imposing sanctions on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.
- Prohibiting public funding for so-called sanctuary cities.
- Interpreting the US Constitution in a way that does not automatically allow children of illegal immigrants in the U.S. to become American citizens.
- Mandatory use of E-Verify or a similar system to ensure that illegal immigrants are not illegally employed.

Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice

The Missouri Republican Party is committed to supporting our brave law enforcement personnel and a fair and swift judicial system that protects us from those who would hurt our families or threaten our communities. Missourians deserve protection from crime and drugs. Our law

enforcement officers are putting their lives on the line every day to protect us. They need and deserve our help.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS**:

- The men and women who serve in law enforcement.
- Protection of individual liberties guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution.
- Appointment of federal and state judges who believe in the rule of law, uphold the Constitution, and understand that the role of a judge is to interpret our laws, not make them.
- Preventing activist judges from violating the U.S. Constitution by legislating from the bench or through excessive administrative rules.
- Opening to the public a selection process for Missouri State Judges in accordance with the Sunshine Law.
- Efforts by the Missouri General Assembly to improve the selection of Missouri judges and reduce the influence of special interests in the selection process.
- Expansion of state laws protecting our children against sexual predators.
- Aggressive enforcement of existing laws related to child pornography and adult-oriented industries that target Missouri families and children, and further development of law enforcement tools to protect Missourians from such exploitation.
- Aggressive prosecution of those who deprive individuals of their God-given right to liberty by engaging in human trafficking.
- Continued efforts to address the special concerns of spouses, children, older people, and others who become victims of abuse.
- Strong oversight of the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service to ensure federal laws are fairly enforced and applied.
- An act of Congress mandating the supremacy and controlling authority of the U.S. Constitution and federal law and the constitutions and laws of the several states and prohibiting federal courts from according any United Nations or foreign court declaration, law or precedent any weight or authority greater than such federal and state constitutional and statutory authority.

- Prohibiting the transfer of power and sovereignty from our United States government to foreign powers and international organizations.
- An amendment to the U.S. Constitution to prohibit the desecration of the American flag.
- Strict enforcement and prosecution of current laws on gambling.
- Strict enforcement and prosecution of laws on illegal drugs.
- Efforts by the Federal Communications Commission to enhance the enforcement of obscenity and decency standards on television and radio and to increase the punishments for violators.
- Swift judgment and sure and appropriate punishment of those who are guilty, with limits on the number of appeals.
- Capital punishment, where called for and administered in a fair and constitutional manner, with all protection afforded by judicial review but without protracted and frivolous appeals.
- Greater latitude for law enforcement officials to use incriminating evidence in the courts.
- Continued efforts to reform Missouri’s municipal court system by ending “taxation by citation.”
- Creating a consistent standard for trying violent juvenile offenders as adults.
- Making records of violent juvenile offenders available to school and local authorities.
- Requiring drug testing for welfare recipients when there is reasonable suspicion that the individual is using illicit substances.
- Reformation of the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan.

2nd Amendment

The Founding Fathers enshrined the Second Amendment as a way to secure all of our other rights. The right to bear arms is as important now as it was centuries ago, and we believe every law-abiding citizen has the right and responsibility to defend themselves, their families, and their property.

Therefore, the Missouri Republican Party **SUPPORTS:**

- Preserving and interpreting the Bill of Rights, including the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, in the manner intended by the founding fathers.

- State law allowing law-abiding Missourians to carry concealed firearms and other Second Amendment protections such as the Castle Doctrine and the protection of those rights during emergencies.
- The strict enforcement of existing gun laws but not the creation of new and unnecessary gun control laws.
- Limiting frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers.
- Limiting government's ability to over-regulate, tax, or reduce the manufacturing, sales, or ownership of firearms, ammunition, and related accessories.

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