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“Our democracy is broken and our elections are rigged to favor wealthy political donors and corporate special interests. When I’m elected, I’ll fight tirelessly to stop the surge of big money in our elections, protect the right to vote, and ensure that our government works for the people.”

This Reform Agenda details a wide range of options for building a unique anti-corruption and reform platform for your campaign. It covers both policy solutions that you should consider for your time in office, as well as proactive campaign steps that you can take today to show voters that you’re serious about fixing our broken system. Not all of these solutions will fit with every candidate, and that’s okay - this is a menu from which to pick and choose. We’re always happy to discuss any of these options in more detail.

The Reform Agenda is organized into four policy areas in need of reform: money in politics, voting rights, redistricting, and other broad changes to how Concord works. Each section presents a menu of voluntary actions and policy solutions that candidates can take to demonstrate to voters that they’re committed to making real change. And, of course, we encourage you to join Democrats from across the country in making a commitment to introduce a comprehensive anti-corruption and reform bill as your first act in office.

STOP BIG MONEY IN POLITICS

■ Run a Reform Campaign

- Refuse campaign contributions from corporations and their PACs.
- Refuse campaign contributions from individuals and corporations, that have existing state contracts or are applying for state contracts.
- Refuse special interest money (whether from industry associations, corporations, lobbyists, and individuals working in the sector) from certain industries that are not in line with campaign values. Examples that other candidates have chosen include: No Fossil Fuel Money, No Lobbyist Money, No NRA Money, No Pharma Money, etc.
- Propose a “People’s Pledge” where all major candidates in an election agree to a total rejection of unlimited independent expenditures.
- Refuse support from an outside spending group that exists for the sole purpose of supporting your campaign (such as a single-candidate Super PAC or dark money group).
- Make campaign fundraisers open to the press.
- Voluntarily disclose all contributions of \$1,000 or more on the campaign website within 48 hours.
- File campaign finance reports electronically with the Secretary of State.

■ The Policy Solutions

- Ban direct corporate donations to political campaigns
- Ban corporate PAC donations to political campaigns
- Ban direct LLC donations to political campaigns
- Require political groups with secret donors to disclose donors and expenditures over a certain threshold
- Expand political advocacy organization reporting requirements
- Require political committees to identify their top five contributors in political advertising
- Forbid foreign-owned, foreign-influenced, or foreign-controlled corporations from spending money in our elections
- Forbid shell companies from spending money in our elections
- Create a voluntary system of small-dollar matching funds, tax credits, and/or “democracy dollar” vouchers for qualified candidates
- Pass a resolution through the Legislature that records New Hampshire’s support for overturning *Citizens United* and *Buckley v. Valeo*
- Apply the same disclosure rules to online ads as to TV and radio ads
- Prohibit registered lobbyists who are lobbying for a foreign government from making campaign contributions
- Prohibit corporations and affiliated political committees which have pending business with a state governmental entity from contributing to any officeholder with jurisdiction over decisions relative to those vendor decisions
- Restrict coordination between candidates and outside spending groups
- Extend disclosure requirements to local elections in which candidates are spending significant amounts of money
- Require campaigns and outside groups to disclose contributions of \$1,000 or more within 48 hours

PROTECT EVERY GRANITE STATER’S RIGHT TO VOTE

■ Run a Reform Campaign

- Actively encourage new voter participation and educate voters on their rights
- Work with and support the party’s voter protection programs
- Include voter registration information in campaign materials

■ The Policy Solutions

- Establish automatic voter registration
- Permit no-excuse absentee voting, both in-person and by mail
- Establish online voter registration
- Assure the integrity and accuracy of New Hampshire's voter rolls by entering into the Electronic Registration Information Center
- Establish early voting dates and times
- Require employers to give employees time off to vote
- Establish universal vote-by-mail
- Permit towns to conduct all mail voting in local elections
- Strengthen election security through increased technology standards and testing requirements
- Create a program that educates eligible inmates about their right to absentee vote from jail
- Clarify and publicize that those confined in a penal institution awaiting trial for a misdemeanor are eligible to vote
- Guarantee voting rights for all Granite Staters, including those currently incarcerated

DRAW FAIR MAPS

■ Run a Reform Campaign

- Promote a fair, accurate, and complete census process.
- Support a fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting process throughout the 2021 redistricting process.

■ The Policy Solutions

- Create an independent redistricting commission to draw fair maps
- Ban partisan gerrymandering at the federal and state levels
- Establish public notice and public input requirements at all points of the redistricting process
- Prohibit race-based gerrymandering to protect New Hampshire's minority communities

CHANGE CONCORD

■ Run a Reform Campaign

- Pledge to never become a lobbyist after leaving office.
- Pledge to post a daily schedule during the legislative session.
- Pledge to hold monthly town halls and be accessible to constituents.
- Pledge to not fundraise during the legislative session.

■ The Policy Solutions

- Establish a state ethics commission with subpoena power to hold government officials accountable
- Require public service corporations to file annual reports about their spending to influence elections, government actions, and public policy
- Prohibit Members of the Legislature and candidates from taking contributions from lobbyists during the legislative session, forbid registered lobbyists from bundling contributions, and strengthen the definition of who must register as a lobbyist
- Restrict Members of the Legislature from receiving contributions from industries regulated by committees on which the Member sits
- Ban former elected officials and government staffers from lobbying their former colleagues
- Establish a four-year cooling-off period before former elected officials can lobby their former colleagues
- Ban candidates and elected officials from spending campaign cash for personal uses
- Ban candidate fundraising during the legislative session
- Prohibit banks and big corporations from giving special bonuses to employees who leave to work in government
- Require executive branch nominees to disclose all potential conflicts of interest connected to political fundraising

RUN AS A REFORM FIRST CANDIDATE

- Pledge to start your time in office by introducing a comprehensive reform bill to clean up corruption and unrig the system so we can get things done for the people