

Illinois GOP 2024 Resolution

Protect Illinois Assets from Foreign Adversaries

WHEREAS, land is a finite resource and must be protected from adversarial foreign interests; and

WHEREAS, our land is irreplaceable and an essential resource for production of goods and services, housing, travel, leisure, and protection of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Illinois farmland is among the most productive farmland in America and the world, ranking first in soybean production, second in corn production, and fourth in hogs and pigs; and

WHEREAS, Illinois invests in research and development of best practices and technological advancements in agriculture, food, and other biological systems; and

WHEREAS, Illinois manufacturers and businesses create cutting-edge technology in a myriad of fields including our defense industry; and

WHEREAS, the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (“the House Select Committee”) has determined that policies of the People’s Republic of China undermine U.S. economic security, pose a risk to our national security, and threaten our technological competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the House Select Committee has noted the danger of the “CCP’s state-led, market-distorting policies and practices, forced technology transfers, mercantilist trade measures, intellectual property theft, and exploitation of U.S. capital markets”; and

WHEREAS, Chinese nationals have been convicted of stealing American technology, including seeds out of the ground, spying on Americans, conducting secret police action in the United States, imprisonment of religious minorities and unfair labor practices; and

WHEREAS, Illinois taxpayers have been forced to subsidize CCP-controlled companies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party opposes the sale of Illinois permanent assets such as Illinois farmland, manufacturing, industrial and warehousing facilities, and other buildings of significant economic importance to any foreign adversary and specifically any Chinese national or Chinese-controlled or owned company; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party opposes any local, state, or federal tax credits or subsidies to companies controlled by a recognized foreign adversary, specifically any Chinese controlled company including Gotion, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls for the immediate claw back of all subsidies dispersed to Gotion, Inc., to date and the cancellation of any future tax credits of subsidies to Gotion, Inc..

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

Affirming Equal Opportunity for All

WHEREAS, America from its inception was seen as the land of opportunity and is still viewed as such around the world by people of every race, ethnicity, sex and religion; and

WHEREAS, we are by nature free and independent and have certain inherent and inalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and that we all are entitled to equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, our first Republican President, signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves and led the nation during the Civil War to abolish slavery and to ensure all men and women will live in freedom in the United States; and

WHEREAS, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. echoed the essence of equal opportunity by stating his dream that all people will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character; and

WHEREAS, the United States has amended its Constitution to ensure equal rights for all citizens, passed further civil rights and affirmative action legislation, and when necessary has litigated these right before the U.S. Supreme Court and courts throughout the land to enforce anti-discrimination laws; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has struck down the use of affirmative action in admissions to institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats abhor the idea of equal opportunity, passing laws mandating preferential treatment in contracting for race and sex, passing laws mandating reporting of a number of items based on race and sex, and recently proposing race-based funding for higher education; and

WHEREAS, Illinois law requires the use of Environmental, Social, and Governance scores for investing that is discriminatory by its nature and is based on Marxist ideology and unsound investment strategies, therefore limiting prudent investment options; and

WHEREAS, people are not free if they live under rules where others are elevated for hiring, admission, contracting, or any other activity based on anything other than merit;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the legislature to adopt laws and policies that select for hiring, admission, contracting or other activities based solely on competence, and other non-discriminatory merit, best practices, and cost-effectiveness; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that all laws and policies that fail to conform to such standards for all should be repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party unequivocally states its commitment to a land of equal opportunity where all persons have inherent, inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution
In Support of American Energy Independence

WHEREAS, the threats to America inextricably link national security with energy security and energy independence; and

WHEREAS, energy produced in America or in friendly nations such as Canada is preferable to purchasing energy from unfriendly governments like Venezuela and Russia and governments that support terrorism such as Iran, Iraq and Syria; and

WHEREAS, energy produced by American companies creates American jobs, raises capital for American investment and does not fund unstable or unfriendly governments or terrorist activities; and

WHEREAS, the more of our world's energy demand that is met by United States supply strengthens our ability to influence foreign policy without using our military and is a positive influence in the world; and

WHEREAS, the electric grid in Illinois is crucial for fostering economic growth; and

WHEREAS, clean coal, natural gas and nuclear power generation are the only reliable sources of base load power; and

WHEREAS, solar, wind and other renewable power generation sources offer opportunities to provide peaking capacity and augment the United States and Illinois power needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the electrical energy generation mix in IL was approximately 55% nuclear, 16% natural gas, 15% coal, 12% wind, 1% solar and less than 1% other sources; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is a significant source of heating in Illinois and according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), natural gas is the primary heating fuel for approximately 60% of Illinois households; and

WHEREAS, Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) requires a carbon-free power grid by 2045 and the closing of all fossil-fuel power plants which currently represent 31% of Illinois energy production capacity; and

WHEREAS, CEJA requires renewable energy to reach 40% of State of Illinois power by 2030 and 50% by 2040 from the current amount of 13%, and

WHEREAS, Electric Vehicles (EVs) have potential but have technological limitations such as range, battery replacement costs, battery recycling and their reliance on rare earth minerals that are a scarce resource; and

WHEREAS, CEJA provides for a state subsidy of \$4,000 per electric vehicle (EV), and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government provides tax credits of up to \$7,500 per EV and up to 30% of the installation of solar power or wind generation, and

WHEREAS, the current electric grid cannot support the electrification of all of our power needs; and

WHEREAS, proven technologies such as co-generation, compressed natural gas vehicles, hybrid vehicles and LED lighting have improved efficiency, air quality and the environment in general; and

WHEREAS, new technologies such as hydrogen fuel cells will continue to offer opportunities to provide power generation, energy efficiency and a cleaner environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party declares that in the interest of American national security and economic strength, we shall support and advocate investment in all energy sources including nuclear, clean coal, natural gas and renewables to promote American energy independence; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party steadfastly believes that the market should drive changes to our energy use rather than arbitrary edicts by state and federal governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports the repeal of the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) and replacing it with legislation that supports research and development and market-based reforms that are realistic and are not a burden on the residents and business of the State of Illinois.

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**Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution
In Support of Law & Order (Anti-Crime)**

WHEREAS, under Democratic rule, Illinois has seen an unprecedented increase in criminal activity including increases in homicides, robbery, sexual assault, carjackings (a 245% increase between 2021 and 2023), shootings, and other violent crimes, which over a 10-year period are up 18% while arrests are down 43%; and

WHEREAS, the epidemic of violent crime throughout Illinois, endangers our citizens, our children and our way of life, and negatively impacts businesses and the Illinois economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Democratic Party opposes law and order and law enforcement generally as evidenced by the adoption of the SAFE-T Act, which has eliminated cash bail and prevented the Illinois justice system from keeping criminals off the streets, and allowed criminals to continue to commit more crimes immediately after arrest and release; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats such as Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx demonstrate that they are not serious about crime by selectively ignoring, as a policy matter, retail theft and criminal activity arising from protests, such as rioting, looting, property damage, and vandalism, only to reverse that policy for the Democratic National Convention this summer; and

WHEREAS, unbelievably, States Attorney Foxx has recently announced that her office may institute a new policy of *not* filing drug, gun or theft charges in cases that arise from traffic stops for minor issues, further demonstrating her willful ignorance of the fact that such a policy will only ensure that more guns stay in the hands of criminals; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats continue to engage in "political prosecution," with rogue county state's attorneys selectively enforcing crimes against politically opposed constituencies or candidates; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats have infringed on the Second Amendment rights of lawful Illinois gun owners by purporting to criminalize possession of so-called "assault weapons" and firearm attachments through the adoption of an unconstitutional gun registry; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl is the number one cause of overdose deaths in America and Illinois House Democrats showed a callous disregard for preventing these deaths by voting to decriminalize possession of up to 3 grams of fentanyl which is enough to kill 1,500 people; and

WHEREAS, Illinois House Democrats also voted to decriminalize the possession of significant amounts of other dangerous, illegal drugs, including heroin, cocaine, oxycodone and other painkillers; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats are attempting to further hinder local government efforts to reduce crime by eliminating local Crime Free Housing and Public Nuisance Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, such activities by Illinois Democrats have demoralized law enforcement officers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats have unequivocally failed Illinois residents on the issue of public safety;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports immediate repeal of the Illinois SAFE-T Act; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports the immediate and complete repeal of the so-called Illinois “Assault Weapon” Registry and ban, and calls for all records collected by the registry to be destroyed; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports the right of self-defense for every Illinoisan, their family, and their property; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports law enforcement officers throughout the State of Illinois who put themselves in harm’s way to keep Illinois families safe and expresses its gratitude and appreciation for their efforts; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports proper funding for robust training programs that provide our law enforcement officers with comprehensive physical and academic training and further supports funding of proper mental health care and encouragement for officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the Illinois Legislature and Governor to enact true, bipartisan, criminal reform that prioritizes public safety and law-abiding citizens.

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

Restoring Integrity To Our Elections

Make it Easy to Vote, Hard to Cheat

WHEREAS, the right to vote is among the most sacred rights bestowed upon citizens of Illinois and of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Republican Party believes that the free exercise of the franchise is a beautiful, quintessential aspect of our democracy, consistent with the ideal that all are created equal, and that each of us has the right to self-expression and to participate equally in our government; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the integrity of our voting and election administration is foundational to our society and to our government, because the ability to trust election results is fundamental to an ordered society; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Republican Party encourages all legal voters to vote and for all legal votes to be counted; and

WHEREAS, elections in Illinois and the United States are under attack by radical Democrats and Left-Wing operatives whose policies erode the integrity of our elections and therefore our society; and

WHEREAS, Democrats have resisted reasonable efforts to clean the voter rolls, preferring instead to maintain large swaths of voters on the rolls who are no longer alive, no longer at their registration address, or are registered elsewhere, all for the purpose of using those inaccurate voter rolls for their political benefit; and

WHEREAS, Democrats oppose common sense transparency measures such as voter ID and meaningful signature verification on Vote By Mail ballots for their perceived political benefit; and

WHEREAS, Democrats have sought to implement confusing schemes and chaotic administrative procedures in the voting process resulting in less transparency and integrity and making it easier for illegal votes to be cast and counted; and

WHEREAS, Left-Wing groups such as the Center for Tech and Civic Life with the support of the Democratic Party have sought to influence election outcomes by privately funding election authorities in select jurisdictions in order to aid Democratic turnout; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party enables and promotes illegal immigration and voting by non-citizens as a means to hold political power, and

WHEREAS, Democrats are passing measures that would permit non-citizens to vote in local elections, as well as measures that facilitate illegal non-citizen voting generally, such as HB 3882, which provides that undocumented immigrants in Illinois may be given a standard drivers license – a document commonly used to register and vote – which now contains no notation that the licensee is a non-citizen; and

WHEREAS, it is a federal offense for a non-citizen to vote in a federal election, but there currently exists no legal mechanism that would ensure that only citizens register and vote in federal elections, as the National Voter Registration Act (“NVRA”) prevents a state agency from inquiring about a prospective voter’s citizenship, and any prospective voter need only to self-certify that they are a citizen; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports the SAVE Act, which would update the NVRA and require proof of citizenship for anyone registering to vote; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on leaders in the General Assembly and the Illinois State Board of Elections to take immediate steps to end the State of Illinois’ membership in ERIC (the Electronic Registration Information Center), as ERIC has proven itself to be a vehicle used to maintain inaccurate voter rolls, rather than accurate voter rolls, and is an undue cost to Illinois taxpayers; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party opposes voting methods and practices that do not have sufficient safeguards in place, including but not limited to maintaining appropriate chain of custody of ballots, to ensure that only legal votes are cast and counted, and calls on all election authorities to ensure that their voting systems are fully auditable; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party stands firmly behind voter identification laws, and calls on the General Assembly to enact laws that ensure that every voter is verified to be the actual voter regardless of method of voting; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party opposes any and all efforts to unreasonably expand time periods for early or Vote-By-Mail that makes ballot counting procedures intentionally unmanageable or incapable to complete expeditiously following Election Day, and specifically opposes the counting of Vote-By-Mail ballots for a full 14 days following Election Day, except for military ballots; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls for the elimination of temporary or “pop up” voting locations and drop boxes that are traditionally poorly maintained and watched by authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls for heightened scrutiny of the US Post Office’s handling of election materials, given the extraordinary volume of ballots that are cast by mail, and the relative lack of oversight over how the Post Office treats mailed-in ballots and other election materials.

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

In Defense of Our Border and Sovereignty

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration inherited the most secure southern border and lowest illegal immigration in decades and has not only cynically abandoned its responsibility to safeguard the border, it has actively prevented, primarily the State of Texas, from securing the border, including through court action; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration ended former President Trump's successful "Remain in Mexico" Program; and

WHEREAS, the resulting unprecedented flow of an estimated 16 million illegal immigrants into our country during the Biden Administration, the highest number in US history, poses a threat to the security, safety, health and welfare of every resident of the State of Illinois, and has transformed every state into a border state; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration's dereliction of its duty at our southern border has caused a tragic, yet preventable, human trafficking crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration's failure at the border has directly resulted in increased drug smuggling, adding to the problem of fentanyl use and overdose deaths especially among our young adults; and

WHEREAS, the sophisticated human smuggling and drug trafficking organizations that facilitate these criminal acts are spearheaded by violent international drug cartels that have operational control over our unsecured southern border, and the Biden Administration's abdication of control over the border directly enriches these drug cartels; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented flow of illegal immigrants into the country constitutes a threat to our national security and physical safety as individuals on terror watch lists seek to enter our country through our porous southern border; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented flow of illegal immigrants has resulted in billions of dollars of government spending on public aid, housing and other government services, further burdening our already over-taxed citizens and crowding out other essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party enables and promotes illegal immigration as a means to hold political power as evidenced by the fact that every Democrat in Congress voted against the Equal Representation Act and to include foreigners, including illegal aliens, in the 2030 census and congressional re-apportionment; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Mayors Lori Lightfoot and Brandon Johnson exacerbated the Biden Administration's failure by housing the overflow of immigrants in the City of Chicago's

police stations, further endangering the residents of the City of Chicago by impeding police from their jobs; and

WHEREAS, neither Governor Pritzker nor Mayor Brandon Johnson have shown any desire to address the safety, health and economic problems resulting from the invasion at our southern border;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the Biden Administration to resume construction of former President Trump's Border Wall, to safeguard all of the country's borders, and to transport, by any means available, all illegal immigrants across the same border they illegally crossed; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party categorically condemns the feckless border policies of the Biden Administration and calls for a renewed effort to impeach Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on leaders in the City of Chicago to revoke Chicago's status as a so-called sanctuary city, and on leaders throughout the state to reject and eliminate all so-called sanctuary policies, and that all of these actions must be implemented in order to safeguard the security of Americans and to extinguish the worldwide incentive for millions of undocumented non-citizens to continue to gain illegal access to the United States.

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

Illinois Republicans Denounce Democrats Extremist Pro-Abortion Agenda

WHEREAS, under the last five years of Democratic rule, Illinois has rapidly become perhaps the most radically pro-abortion state in the Union, permitting late term abortions prohibited even under *Roe v. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, Democrats have systematically adopted policies that vastly increased the number of abortions performed in Illinois, stripped the law of any reference to the rights and humanity of the unborn, discarded protections for health and safety of mothers and children, made Illinois a destination for those seeking abortions from across the nation, and enshrined the so-called “fundamental right...to have an abortion” into statute under the guise of promoting healthcare, which the termination of a pregnancy is not; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Democratic legislators, led by Governor Pritzker’s commitment in Executive Order 2019-05 to “ensuring that Illinois is the most progressive state in the nation for...legal abortions,” passed the revolutionary Reproductive Health Act; and

WHEREAS, that sweeping Act repealed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975, redefined “fetal viability” and “health of the patient” to allow abortion at any stage of pregnancy and until the first breath, lowered medical standards for abortion clinics and providers, upheld taxpayer funding of abortion, and eliminated the requirement that coroners conduct an investigation into the death of a mother at an abortion clinic, disregarding the lives of women whose rights Democrats claim to defend; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Democrats repealed the Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995, depriving parents and guardians of the legal right to be informed that their minor child is seeking an abortion, empowering sexual predators to force abortions upon their victims to conceal evidence of criminal assault, undermining the sanctity of the family, and upending a law that had demonstrable success at reducing abortions and possessed broad, bipartisan support among the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Democrats enacted additional measures permitting the Illinois Attorney General to target crisis pregnancy centers for seeking to discourage abortion and mandating that health insurance policies include abortion coverage; and

WHEREAS, during the votes on the Reproductive Health Act (SB0025) and the repeal of the Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995 (HB0370), not a single Republican member of the General Assembly voted in favor, or voted present, with over 85% of Democrats voting in support, or voting present; and

WHEREAS, throughout this relentless misuse of power by Democrats to impose their extreme pro-abortion program, the united and vigorous opposition of Illinois Republicans in office has demonstrated the conviction and leadership of our Party in the fight for life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party affirms that human life begins at conception, is a blessing from God, and that its sanctity must be defended from its beginning until its natural end; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party stands in staunch opposition to the radical pro-abortion agenda of the Democratic Party; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports the repeal of the Reproductive Health Act, the reinstatement of parental notice of abortion rights, the repeal of taxpayer funding of abortion, the repeal of any and all enactments of the General Assembly to restrict a medical provider's right of conscience or to curtail the operation of crisis pregnancy centers, and demands full transparency from the State regarding the number of abortions occurring in Illinois and how tax dollars are used to fund them; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports legislation which guarantees appropriate medical care for infants whose birth is incidental to abortion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the restoration of the culture of life in Illinois will not occur until the Democratic Party and the radical organizations that support them are removed from power.

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution
Local Government Funding and Control

WHEREAS, until 2011, 10% of total income tax collections were dedicated to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Revenues; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 the state has not fully funded LGDF resulting in over \$10 billion being withheld from local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the LGDF was reduced to 6%; and in 2017 the LGDF on individual tax collections was reduced to 5.45%; and

WHEREAS, the LGDF is currently 6.47% on individual tax collections and 6.845% on corporate income tax collection; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the state budget was \$39.5B and Governor Pritzker's 2025 proposed budget is \$52.7B, an increase of \$13.2B or 33.4%; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the State of Illinois underfunded LGDF by \$1.04B; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's FY 2025 budget calls for \$325M of additional funding cuts to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the legislature introduced 166 bills that preempted local government authority, 16 of which became law; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, approximately 100 more bills were introduced that preempt local government authority, including bills to eliminate crime free housing that over 160 communities in Illinois use as a crime prevention tool to keep neighborhoods safe; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has enacted the Illinois Power Agency Act (IPA Act), the Illinois Public Utilities Act (PUA), the Illinois Power Agency Act and the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA), all of which preempt local authority for wind and solar energy projects; and

WHEREAS, the preemption of local zoning laws disempowers communities but also weakens their ability to shape their own futures; and

WHEREAS, the legislature continues to pass laws with mandates on local government authorities that either do not fund these mandates or restrict local government funding requiring taxing bodies to raise property taxes or cut other services; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 that according to the Illinois State Association of Counties 2023 State Mandates Report, the legislature passed 43 bills with unfunded mandates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the General Assembly to pass legislation to immediately restore the LGDF to the full funding level of 10%; and

BE IT RESOLVED that we oppose unfunded mandates on local governments, and call on the state to provide the financial resources to implement any mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party opposes local government preemption and supports local government control which is fundamental to democratic governance as it ensures that decision making power is closest to the people it affects which fosters greater citizen engagement, accountability and responsive governance while *preserving* the identity of local communities.

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

In Defense of Parental Rights

WHEREAS, the family is the primary and most essential unit at the foundation of society, and government should recognize that primacy and its actions should be supportive of the family unit, and in no way undermine the family; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party Platform does not recognize the primacy of the family as fundamental to the building of a successful society, and instead advocates for policies that infer government knows better than the citizenry in all matters, public and private; and

WHEREAS, Democrats across the United States and specifically in Illinois have attempted to interfere in the child-parent relationship in numerous ways, including in the medical area by repealing parental notice of abortion, preventing parents from accessing medical information without minor children consenting, and allowing doctors to prescribe birth control without parental knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Democrats across the United States and in Illinois have undermined parents in the school setting by seeking to indoctrinate children on the subjects of gender, sexuality and race through public schools' curriculum, by promotion of inappropriate library materials for children, and by allowing school personnel to socially transition students to another gender than their biological sex without parental knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Democrats in Illinois were the first in the nation to restrict local control by parents and others as to the nature of books that would be allowed in public school libraries; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats have gone so far as to introduce legislation that would impose criminal penalties on parents who resist their minor children's attempts to change their sex; and

WHEREAS, the Democrats are at war with parents, imposing policies that lack an understanding of the parental primacy and common sense as the state allows parental permission for minors to take field trips, get their ears pierced or buy medicine, and yet Democrats want no parental involvement in decisions affecting life-changing physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Democrats in May 2024 cynically passed SB 2412 which placed three advisory referenda on the General Election ballot, crowding out the Parents Matter Coalition's citizen initiative to place a common sense advisory question on the ballot that would ask Illinois voters if parents have the right to be involved in their minors' medical decisions, particularly with gender transition treatments and abortions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party believes that parents should raise their children, and not schools or the government, and as such, we reaffirm that parents have control of all legal matters concerning their children instead of the courts or government agencies; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party stands firmly and unflinchingly behind parents in participating in the education of their children and in making all medical decisions for their minor children, especially and including the use of puberty blockers, gender transition treatments and abortions; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the General Assembly to pass legislation which would prohibit classroom discussion, counseling, or instruction at school concerning sexual orientation or gender identity to minor children, and require parental consent for age-appropriate discussions about sexual reproduction in schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party recognizes that the fight in Illinois is no longer just a fight about tax rates and business regulations, but also a fight about fundamental truths and parents' rights to raise their children in accordance with their faith, biological truths, and reason, and that Illinois Republicans will never back away from this fight.

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In Support of the Protection of Illinois and United States Agricultural Land, Food and Pharmaceutical Supply Chain

WHEREAS, the Illinois Republican Party alongside the Republican National Committee (RNC) is committed to protect Illinois and United States' critical infrastructure on behalf of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois and United States food and agricultural supply chain falls within the definition of critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, millions of acres of United States farm land have been taken out of food production due to various factors; and

WHEREAS, small farmers and ranchers are struggling due to inflation, tax increases, fuel and fertilizer costs, and issues involving foreign influence over our food and agricultural supply chain; and

WHEREAS, the global food and agricultural supply chain was damaged by COVID-19, including but not limited to, harvesting, logistics, processing, marketing and sourcing, making it imperative to provide meaningful protection with respect to the national food supply chain; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, a Chinese firm Shuanghui, now doing business as WH Group, purchased Smithfield Food, Inc. and took possession of 42,000 acres of agricultural land in Missouri, in addition to over 146,000 acres of farmland across the country, which allows it to control a significant portion of U.S. pork production; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) of 1978 fails to ban or limit foreign investment, but instead simply requires foreign entities to self-report their purchases of farmland to the USDA, and although the Act allows for steep penalties, enforcement is rare; and

WHEREAS, six states ban foreign ownership of United States agricultural land and approximately 22 states have passed some regulation of foreign ownership, there is no uniformity of statutory protection with meaningful enforcement mechanisms to protect the U.S. food and agricultural supply chain; and

WHEREAS, there are too few definitive studies of the potential multitude of cascading effects of foreign investment in the U.S. food and agricultural supply chain; and

WHEREAS, as part of Agenda 47, President Trump took historic action in 2020 to ensure essential medicines were produced in the United States, only to have Joe Biden reverse the order in 2021, resulting in severe shortages of over 295 medications—a record five-year high – creating a public health crisis and a national security crisis; and

WHEREAS, that as part of Agenda 47, President Trump's plan to obtain total independence from China and unsafe foreign countries required that restrictions be phased in to bring back production of all essential medicines to the United States, and that while President Trump signed an executive order to begin this process in 2020, Joe Biden shamefully failed to follow through, ending it in April 2021 so that he could better support China, thereby keeping America dependent on foreign countries for its most critical medical needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party, along with the Republican National Committee, urges the U.S. Congress and Illinois Legislature to take action that ensures the Illinois and U.S. agricultural and food supply chains are protected, and that for purposes of national and state law, agricultural land is deemed an integral part of the United States' critical infrastructure and is afforded the utmost protection; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports reasonable restrictions to protect the American food and supply chain via both state and federal legislation involving foreign governments and foreign entities that purchase U.S. farmland, and for national security reasons, that legislation must have teeth to stop foreign governments and entities from controlling the U.S. agricultural and food supply chain; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party supports keeping agricultural land and food processing in the hands of the Illinois and U.S. farmer, and the nation's agricultural intellectual property secure for the preservation of American agriculture, America's future prosperity, and to prevent the potential weaponization of genetically modified organisms such as genetically modified seeds to wipe out U.S. crops and sicken the population; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Illinois Republican Party supports the labeling of our food to include its country of origin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Illinois Republican Party supports the return of manufacturing of critical, essential medicines to the United States as a matter of both public health safety and national security.

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Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

Taking Ownership of Higher Education & Spiraling Student Loan Debt

WHEREAS, the Illinois Republican Party supports individual decisions regarding career preparation, including higher education, trade schools, apprenticeships, or entering the workforce directly; and

WHEREAS, institutions of higher education have chosen to significantly increase their spending to unsustainable levels, with expenditures far beyond the rate of inflation, expecting that tuition increases will cover their extravagant spending decisions; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of college tuition at public four-year institutions has risen 180% over the last two decades, presenting a significant financial burden on students and their families; and

WHEREAS, the skyrocketing cost of obtaining an advanced degree remains an enormous financial challenge for the vast majority of individuals, many of whom rely on loans and grants to afford education, leading to increased debt as institutions spend extravagantly without accountability; and

WHEREAS, the federal student loan system allows borrowing without regard to the ability to repay, compounded by further education, delaying repayment, and increasing total debt; and

WHEREAS, student loan debt in the U.S. has reached \$1.6 trillion, affecting the financial lives of millions of Americans, resulting in individuals delaying marriage, homeownership, and starting families; and

WHEREAS, the enormity of individual student loan debt – sometimes for degrees that fail to yield positions that will pay for those educational credentials – leaves millions of Americans drowning in unsustainable debt; and

WHEREAS, despite the United States Supreme Court twice ruling he does not have the authority to do so, the Biden Administration continues to unlawfully promise student loan forgiveness, thereby shifting the financial burden to U.S. taxpayers in the amount of an additional \$559 billion; and

WHEREAS, by doing so, the Biden Administration places the cost of education on individuals who chose not to pursue higher education, attended less expensive schools, or responsibly repaid their own loans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Illinois Republican Party urges students and their families to carefully review their personal finances when selecting a college to ensure their reasonable ability to pay its tuition and fees; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Republican Party believes in free will and personal responsibility, and that students who borrow money for their education should fulfill that commitment by repaying those loans; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that institutions of higher education must counsel and fully educate students on the responsibility of borrowing money for their education, including the requirement to repay

their loans in full, and provide a report on the monthly payment amount for all existing loans to date, before any new loan funds can be dispersed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that institutions of higher education, students, and the federal government share the responsibility for addressing the student loan crisis and ensuring that higher education is both affordable and accountable to students and taxpayers.

Adopted and affirmed by the Platform and Resolutions Committee on May 24, 2024 in Collinsville, Illinois and agreed upon by the state convention delegates on May 25, 2024

Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

Confirming the Immutable Biological Sex of Humans and The Protection of Women

WHEREAS, the scientific and cultural definitions of a man and woman have been universally accepted and unquestioned across time; and

WHEREAS, the biological sciences have found that every cell of the human body contains DNA, including only the XX chromosomes for women and XY chromosomes for men; and

WHEREAS, it is medically impossible to change any person's DNA; and

WHEREAS, the use of puberty blockers, hormonal drugs for gender transitioning, and gender modification surgeries have led to long-term harmful medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People commissioned by the NHS England and NHS Improvement ("the Cass Review") is the most thorough review of treatment concerning children with gender dysphoria and the Cass Review has found that:

- *"The rationale for early puberty suppression remains unclear, with weak evidence regarding the impact on gender dysphoria, mental or psychosocial health. The effect on cognitive and psychosexual development remains unknown."*
- *"The use of masculinising / feminising hormones in those under the age of 18 also presents many unknowns."*
- *"Clinicians are unable to determine with any certainty which children and young people will go on to have an enduring trans identity."*

WHEREAS, the Cass Review, as well as other studies, has led countries in Europe to limit or abolish the use of gender transitioning treatments; and

WHEREAS, Title IX and other government policies were enacted in recognition of these physiological differences between the sexes to protect and promote women, and

WHEREAS, women, especially our young daughters, have a right to privacy and safety in restrooms, locker rooms, and shelters, and a right to fair competition athletically;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party recognizes biological gender is an essential, immutable characteristic of a person's identity and purpose and that we oppose all efforts to validate transgender identity; and

BE IT RESOLVED that parents, responsible citizens, and officers of government should promote measures that respect and protect the biological gender of children and that no medical practitioner or provider may engage in gender modification surgery or prescribe

pharmaceuticals that alter the natural progression of puberty to a person aged 18 or under with a perception of gender that is inconsistent with their biological sex; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Illinois taxpayer funds shall not be used for any type of medical gender dysphoria treatments or sex change operations or treatments, including but not limited to military personnel and inmates in federal, state, or local prisons or jails, and that inmates must be housed according to their biological sex, and that no federal, state, insurance, or probate monies may be allocated for the use of such treatment; and

BE IT RESOLVED that therapists, psychologists, and counselors licensed with the State of Illinois shall not be forbidden or penalized by any licensing board for practicing Reintegrative Therapy or other counseling methods when counseling clients of any age with gender dysphoria, and that our laws and regulations which pertain to males and females should be based on genetics and biology rather than one's individual state of mind, and as such gender identity should not be a protected status or used to award special treatment of government services; and

BE IT RESOLVED that no person should suffer any penalty in employment for "misgendering" any person as a matter of free speech; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that women and girls sports, locker rooms, and multi-stall bathrooms shall be preserved for biological women only.

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