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**TITLE: "WE BELIEVE" OF THE PREAMBLE TO THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN
PARTY PLATFORM**

Platform Amendment #: 2024-1

Submitted by: Darryl Ford, Canyon County Delegate

Presented by: Darryl Ford, Canyon County Delegate

Item 9: **We believe** government must practice fiscal responsibility, and that taxpayers shall allow the government only the money necessary to provide ~~appropriate~~ functions.

Amend to read:

Item 9: **We believe** government must practice fiscal responsibility, and that taxpayers shall allow the government only the money necessary to provide Constitutionally specified functions.

TITLE: ADDITION OF A PLATFORM FOREWARD

Platform Amendment #: 2024-2

Submitted by: Branden Durst, Ada County Delegate and Kirsten Lucas, Canyon County Delegate

Presented by: Branden Durst, Ada County Delegate and Kirsten Lucas, Canyon County Delegate

The Platform of the Idaho Republican Party is amended with a new section to be added immediately following the preamble as follows:

FOREWORD

Running as a Republican is both a privilege and responsibility. Our Republican elected officials deserve our support and we deserve to know that they are committed to pursuing and supporting our priorities in their respective offices. It is unfair to all involved to not have a transparent and clear set of expectations. To that end, the following is a list of priorities by which our Republican elected officials will be judged, measured and held accountable for the next two years.

- The Idaho Legislature and the Governor shall support and enact a policy to:
 - End the sales tax on groceries.
 - Provide for universal school choice either in the form of an education savings account, tax credit or a combination of both while protecting the rights of homeschooling families.
 - Prohibit the sale of farm land and other natural resource assets to foreign companies or countries with whom the United States has an adversarial relationship.
 - To repeal any law made by initiative or any other means that undermines that Idaho Republican Party's right to be the sole entity with authority to nominate Republican candidates for partisan offices.
 - Prohibit any funds to be expended by Idaho's public colleges and universities on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion or similar type programs.
 - Prohibit any changes to Idaho's abortion laws including the adding of a "health" exception.
 - Direct the Idaho State Police and local law enforcement agencies to make the enforcement of federal immigration law a top priority and the establishment of the e-verify system for all employers in Idaho.
 - Reform Idaho's Medicaid program to provide a work requirement and prohibit the use of any funds for sex change operations, gender hormone treatments or elective abortion.

- Develop a plan to end the acceptance of federal education funds in the state budget within five years.
- Our Congressional delegation shall support and/or enact a policy to:
 - Stop the breaching of any dams in the Pacific Northwest.
 - Provide for comprehensive immigration reform to include the prohibition of amnesty to any illegal immigrant and securing of the southern border through military and other means.
 - Stop any further funding or military or other support to Ukraine.
 - Ensure the total support of Israel in its battle for survival.
 - Protect the unregulated status of digital currency.

TITLE: RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT

Platform Amendment #: 2024-3

Submitted by: Parrish Miller, Stephanie Alvarez, Craig Campbell, Benjamin Chafetz, Heidi Fackrell, Paul Lewer, and Jeffrey B. Russell, Ada County Delegates, and Bonnie Carter, Matthew Jensen, and Niklas Kleinworth, Ada County Alternates

Presented by: Parrish Miller, Ada County Delegates

ARTICLE I. RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT, amend Section 1(D) and add Section 1(F) as follows:

ARTICLE I. RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Fiscal Responsibility

- A. The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that all government is financed by taxing its citizens. We believe the size and cost of government, as well as the national debt, must be reduced.
- B. We believe Social Security must be stabilized, diversified, and privatized to allow expansion of individual retirement options.
- C. We believe in a balanced budget and support congressional action to pass a balanced budget amendment.
- D. We believe the ~~unnecessary~~ growth of government is unnecessary and has a negative impact on both the conduct of business and our individual lives. We endorse the review of all government programs and encourage their assumption by private enterprise ~~or local government~~ where appropriate and workable. Programs which are outside of government's constitutional obligations, not cost effective, or have outlived their usefulness should be terminated.
- E. We expect the government entity which mandates a program to provide the funding for its implementation.
- F. We believe the state legislature should appropriate funds only for purposes and to the extent required to meet government's constitutional obligations. Any current programs, functions, or activities of government that are not required by the constitution should be repealed, defunded, and left to the private sector.

TITLE: ABOLISH INCOME TAX

Platform Amendment #: 2024-4

Submitted by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Presented by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Proposal Text: It is proposed to make the following changes to Article 1: Section 2, C. and Article 1: Section 5, C. of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Article 1: Section 2, C. (strike “income” and the two commas surrounding the word sales)

C. We believe Idaho’s tax structure should be predictable, fair, and balanced; and that the combination of our ~~income~~, sales, and property taxes will continue to provide a stable, dependable source of income for governmental needs.

Article 1: Section 5, C. (strike “reduction of Idaho’s income tax rates” including the comma and insert “the abolishment of Idaho income taxes”)

C. We support ~~reduction of Idaho’s income tax rates~~, the abolishment of Idaho income taxes and encourage a reduction in property taxes whenever possible.

TITLE: SOUND CURRENCY

Platform Amendment #: 2024-5

Submitted by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

Presented by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

Proposal Text:

Article I, Section 4: Sound Currency

A. We recognize the failure of the Federal Reserve System to maintain a sound U.S. dollar and the danger of mercantile banks controlling the issuance of our currency. We believe the Federal Reserve Bank should be abolished and the issuing power restored to the people with the stipulation that the U.S. dollar be backed by gold, ~~and~~ silver, or similar representation of value. We believe Idahoans need to protect their savings from the ravages of inflation, which is hidden taxation, and encourage citizens to participate in a systematic acquisition of precious metals or other assets which represent real value as opposed to ~~paper~~ fiat currencies.

B. We oppose the creation of a Central Bank Digital Currency, the regulation and/or excessive taxation of decentralized digital currency such as Bitcoin, and we affirm the right of individuals to engage in commerce and exchange with cash, precious metals, and decentralized digital currencies.

TITLE: OPPOSE RANK CHOICE VOTING

Platform Amendment #: 2024-6

Submitted by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Presented by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Proposal Text: It is proposed to make the following additions to Article 2 of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Article II: Citizen Involvement in Government (add new section: Section 4)

ARTICLE II. CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT

The Idaho Republican Party believes that government works best when its citizens become actively involved. The Party encourages all citizens to engage in healthy debate on all issues that will increase citizen control of government.

Section 1: We encourage all citizens to educate themselves in constitutional government and to be full participants in the political process.

Section 2: We seek to heighten the level of discourse by encouraging all office holders, candidates and citizens to be civil, dignified, honest and forthright in their discussions, actions, statements and political processes. This includes the actions of special interest groups who provide support for or against any Idaho candidate.

Section 3: We believe Primary elections in the Idaho Republican Party should be open to all people who have affiliated as Republicans at least one year prior to the primary election and who support a vast majority of the Idaho Republican Platform. To allow those who have no loyalty or allegiance to the Idaho Republican Party or its platform and Resolutions to select our candidates is simply not proper.

Section 4: The Idaho Republican Party opposes Rank Choice Voting.

TITLE: DEFINING HUMAN PERSONHOOD

Platform Amendment #: 2024-7

Submitted by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

Presented by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

Proposal Text:

Amend Article XIV, Section 3: Right to Life

A. We affirm that human personhood begins at the moment of conception and ought to be protected and cherished from that moment on. We affirm that the intentional taking of human life through the act of abortion is murder~~from the moment of fertilization~~. All children should be protected regardless of the circumstances of conception, including persons conceived in rape and incest. The federal judiciary played the tyrant in dozens of Supreme Court pro-abortion opinions since Roe v. Wade up to the Dobbs decision, and Idaho has the sovereign authority to defy the federal judiciary should they once again propose the fiction that abortion is a federal constitutional right. We support the criminalization of all murders by abortion within the state's jurisdiction. We also support strengthening the Idaho Constitution's declaration of the right to life for preborn children.

B. We reaffirm our support for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, and for the rights of the unborn child. We oppose abortion based on sex selection, convenience, or as a method of birth control.

C. We oppose partial birth abortion and we support legislation to abolish this practice.

D. We oppose all ~~abortion~~ actions which intentionally end an innocent human life, including abortion, the destruction of human embryos, euthanasia, and assisted suicide.

E. We oppose the expenditure of any Idaho taxpayer funds by any unit of government, including federal, state, county, and municipal government, to any provider of abortion and strongly support legislation to enact the same.

F. We strongly encourage adoption as an alternative to abortion and support legislation that expands opportunities and provides assistance to the adoptive process.

TITLE: OPPOSE EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Platform Amendment #: 2024-8

Submitted by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Presented by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Proposal Text: It is proposed to add the following text that is underlined to Article XIV, American Family, Section 4: Children

The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that children are a heritage of the Lord.

We believe parents, not the state, have a sacred duty and a legal right to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their temporal and spiritual needs, and to teach them to be law-abiding citizens.

We believe biological gender to be an essential characteristic of a child's identity and purpose. We call upon parents, responsible citizens, and officers of government to promote measures that respect and protect the biological gender of children. We strongly oppose any person, entity, or policy that attempts to confuse minors regarding their biological gender.

The Idaho Republican Party opposes the sexual exploitation of minors in ANY form.

TITLE: ARTICLE XVI. LAW AND ORDER WITH JUSTICE

Platform Amendment #: 2024-09

Submitted by: Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

Presented by: Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

ARTICLE XVI. LAW AND ORDER WITH JUSTICE

Add a section:

Section 6: State Sovereignty

We recognize Idaho is a sovereign state; therefore we have the right to defend against foreign invasions. We believe that Idaho has the right and obligation to remove from our State any and all people that are unlawfully present within our borders.

TITLE: ARTICLE XVII. NATIONAL DEFENSE—SECURE THE BORDER

Platform Amendment #: 2024-10

Submitted by: David Stoltz, Kootenai County Delegate

Presented by: David Stoltz, Kootenai County Delegate

Additions shown in italics

Section 4: Securing the Border (Substitute the following for Section 4 of Article XVII.)

We believe that securing the national border must be a priority for *the security and sovereignty* of our country. We support the construction of a border wall along the entire southern border of the United States, and the enforcement of laws regarding documentation and vetting of persons who wish to immigrate legally, and the removal and deportation of those who do not.

Persons from other countries who do not respect, support and follow the laws regarding their entry are committing crimes by their very act and all criminal aliens must be deported. Crime is not the basis of good citizenship. As such, we oppose supporting illegal aliens by way of free access to housing, healthcare, technology, voting rights, and an unearned path to citizenship as a reward for illegal behavior from the beginning of their presence in this country.

Over 50% of illegal immigrants are unvetted military-age males streaming across the southern border from places like Russia, China, Africa, Venezuela and the Middle East and are getting free transportation to every corner of America. America's vulnerability to civil unrest grows while society is crippled due to skyrocketing inflation, political persecution and lawfare. The open border is an emergency situation and is overwhelming of our Border Patrol, infrastructure, and communities and must be resolved immediately.

TITLE: SECURING THE BORDER

Platform Amendment #: 2024-11

Submitted by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Presented by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County Delegate

Proposal Text: It is proposed to make the following changes to Article 17, Section 4 of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

ARTICLE XVII. NATIONAL DEFENSE

Section 4: Securing the Border

We believe that securing the national border must be a top priority for our country. We support the construction of a border wall along the entire southern border of the United States.

We believe illegal aliens should be deported. We oppose supporting them with free housing, healthcare, education, technology, voting rights, or anything else. Anyone within the borders of the United States must be here legally.

TITLE: SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

Platform Amendment #: 2024-12

Submitted by: Lynn Bradescu, Ada County Alternate

Presented by: Lynn Bradescu, Ada County Alternate

PROPOSED TEXT: It is proposed that the following section be added as Article XVII, National Defense, Section 7: Support of Israel: We believe that the modern state of Israel is an exceptional country that shares our most essential values of Democracy, Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Religion. We believe Jerusalem is the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish state. We believe in Israel's right and obligation to defend itself against terror attacks of Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran and against alternative forms of warfare being waged upon it legally, economically, and culturally. We believe it is in the National Defense interest of the United States to provide financial and military support to the State of Israel in order to maintain its sovereignty rights and its ability to defend itself against terror attacks of any kind and nature. We believe American combat troops should not be used to support Israel unless the US Congress issues a Declaration of War.

TITLE: IMMIGRATION

Platform Amendment #: 2024-13

Submitted by: Michael Wilcox, Bonner County Delegate

Presented by: Michael Wilcox, Bonner County Delegate

REVISED CHANGES TO:

GOP PLATFORM RECOMMENDATION: IMMIGRATION

One of the duties and responsibilities of the Federal Government under Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution is to repel invasions. We believe that the Federal government is derelict in its duty to uphold Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution through its policies and actions whereby migrants are escorted over the United States border or are transported directly from other countries without legal process, documentation or vetting and delivered to individual states including Idaho. We support defending the state of Idaho from this unlawful immigration/invasion and we ban unlawful migrants from entering Idaho from other states in the US. We believe the state of Idaho has the right and responsibility to protect its citizens and borders against such invasion and to prevent, detain and incarcerate the offenders. We also promote and support the detainment and prosecution of any person or organization aiding and abetting such individuals described above.

We do not support amnesty for individuals who enter this country or state illegally.

TITLE: PLATFORM INTEGRITY

Platform Amendment #: 2024-14

Submitted by: Michael Wilcox, Bonner County Delegate

Presented by: Michael Wilcox, Bonner County Delegate

The 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution states that the right of the citizens to vote shall not be denied.

We believe that this includes the right to have your vote counted and not diluted or manipulated by non-citizens vote or voting machines that can corrupt the vote.

We believe there should be same day voting only and with paper ballots, with the exception of absentee ballots that must be received and verified by election day close of voting, for election security and integrity.

We believe it is important not to legitimize or support any practice that would diminish and/or disenfranchise the voting citizens of Idaho.

We believe in closed primary elections for integrity to avoid corruption in the voting process. Party crossover voting shall not be allowed and changing party affiliation shall be limited to once in a 12-month period.

TITLE: BONNEVILLE COUNTY PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

Platform Amendment #: 2024-15

Submitted by: William Athay, Bonneville County Delegate

Presented by: William Athay, Bonneville County Delegate

1. Proposed Platform Edit No. 1 - Preamble

Delete the following paragraph from the Preamble. This section is proposed to be deleted from the Preamble as it dictates too specific a matter for the preamble. In my view, the preamble should be written at a higher more universal level with issues still at debate by many in the party included later in the document.

“We believe human life begins at conception and is protected by the unalienable rights endowed by our Creator along with the fundamental right to life and shall not be infringed upon.”

2. Proposed Platform Edit No. 2 – Article I, Section 2(I)

Delete this section in its entirety. It is not a sound proposal in 2024 or the near future and its inclusion in the platform diminishes the reputation and good name of the Republican Party in Idaho.

“I. We support the repeal of the 16th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.”

3. Proposed Platform Edit No. 3 – Article I, Section 3(C)

Delete this section in its entirety. It is not a sound proposal in 2024 or the near future and its inclusion in the platform diminishes the reputation and good name of the Republican Party in Idaho.

“C. We support restoration of the constitution’s checks and balances that protects the rights and sovereignty of the states by repealing the 17th amendment.”

4. Proposed Platform Edit No. 4 – Article I, Section 4

Delete this section in its entirety. It is not a sound proposal in 2024 or the near future and its inclusion in the platform diminishes the reputation and good name of the Republican Party in Idaho.

“Section 4. Sound Currency

- A. We recognize the failure of the Federal Reserve System to maintain a sound U.S. dollar and the danger of mercantile banks controlling the issuance of our currency. We believe the Federal Reserve Bank should be abolished and the issuing power restored to the people with the stipulation that the U.S. dollar be backed by gold and silver. We believe Idahoans need to protect their savings from the ravages of inflation, which is hidden taxation, and encourage citizens to participate in a systematic acquisition of precious metals which represent real value as opposed to paper currencies.”

5. Proposed Platform Edit No. 5 – Article II, Section 3

Amend this section as noted. The best way to grow the party is to include voters who wish to affiliate with the party, not exclude them.

We believe Primary elections in the Idaho Republican Party should be open to all people who have affiliated as Republicans at least one year prior to the primary election and who support a vast majority of the Idaho Republican Platform. To allow those who have no loyalty or allegiance to the Idaho Republican Party or its platform and Resolutions to select our candidates is simply not proper.

6. Proposed Platform Edit No. 6 – Article III

Amend Article III as noted. School voucher proposals in their various forms are best not included in the platform at this time. Section 3 could also be revised to include support for parental choice, homeschools, etc. without going as far as funding support for private schools. Section 8 is reworded to make it more persuasive. Section 10 is amended for grammar and to preserve the priority of local control on sensitive health matters.

Section 3: We believe in improving the quality of education for every child by maximizing parental choice. This will be accomplished through money following students to their parent's school of choice. We support all educational environments desired by parents including public charter schools, public virtual charter schools, homeschools, schooling at home, microschools, learning pods, co-ops, private and parochial schools, and accountable public school systems.

Section 4: We believe all students are entitled to our support, and to fair and equitable funding and therefore strongly support the adoption of a change to Idaho's public school funding formula that includes school choice through an education savings account and more evenly distributes state funds while holding our rural schools harmless. Nothing in this section compels a family to receive in any way government support.

Section 8: We believe parents have the core right and responsibility to teach morals and social values and that right for parents should not be undermined at schools. We are strongly opposed to any social justice indoctrination that may occur at any level of Idaho's education system and support policy and financial measures to prohibit universities, colleges or public schools from incorporating social justice indoctrination theories (i.e. critical race theory, transformative social emotional learning, diversity, equity and inclusion, replacement theory, queer theory, etc.) into their policies, core curriculum and/or core course materials outside of studies directed specifically to such topics.

Section 10: We believe that in order for public education to be successful, schools and families should work together with mutual respect and cooperation. We believe parental rights are paramount and that parents have the God given right to direct their child's education. This includes the right to decide what their children are learning, the right to inspect any educational materials used in the education of their child, . T the right to determine their child's health, safety, and medical treatment including masks and vaccinations, and the right to visit their child's classroom with limited restrictions. These rights should be enumerated in Idaho Code.

7. Proposed Platform Edit No. 7 – Article IX

Amend Article IX as noted, or similar. As written it is logically flawed as it is too all encompassing.

The Republican Party believes in the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution: "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." We oppose any excessive federal, state or local regulation that would excessively diminish a property owner's right to develop his property.

8. Proposed Platform Edit No. 8 – Article XIV, Section 2(A)

Amend Article XIV, Section 2(A) as noted. Same sex marriage is the law of the land and is widely accepted. Continuing to include this in the Platform harms the reputation of the Republican Party in Idaho.

- A. We call upon Idaho government officials and legislators to protect the traditional family. and use all means possible to prevent expansion of the definition of marriage beyond that of a bond between one man and one woman. We recognize that the definition of marriage and its administration is not subject to federal authority and that Idaho is authorized to nullify any federal congressional act, federal mandate or court opinion that is contrary to traditional marriage.

9. Proposed Platform Edit No. 8 – Article XIV, Section 3

Amend Article XIV, Section 3 by replacing the text as noted. This language is more widely accepted by Republicans in Idaho than the current platform language.

A. We oppose abortion for personal or social convenience. The exceptions should include:

- a. Pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.
- b. A licensed physician determines that the life or health of the mother is in serious jeopardy.
- c. A licensed physician determines that the fetus has severe defects that will not allow a baby to survive beyond birth.

B. We affirm that the practice of in-vitro fertilization should not be illegal.

A. We affirm that abortion is murder from the moment of fertilization. All children should be protected regardless of the circumstances of conception, including persons conceived in rape and incest. The federal judiciary played the tyrant in dozens of Supreme Court pro-abortion opinions since *Roe v. Wade* up to the *Dobbs* decision, and Idaho has the sovereign authority to defy the federal judiciary should they once again propose the fiction that abortion is a federal constitutional right. We support the criminalization of all murders by abortion within the state's jurisdiction. We also support strengthening the Idaho Constitution's declaration of the right to life for preborn children.

B. We reaffirm our support for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, and for the rights of the unborn child. We oppose abortion based on sex selection, convenience, or as a method of birth control.

C. We oppose partial birth abortion and we support legislation to abolish this practice.

D. We oppose all abortion.

E. We oppose the expenditure of any Idaho taxpayer funds by any unit of government, including federal, state, county, and municipal government, to any provider of abortion and strongly support legislation to enact the same.

F. We strongly encourage adoption as an alternative to abortion and support legislation that expands opportunities and provides assistance to the adoptive process.

TITLE: PLATFORM VERBIAGE CLARIFICATION ADDITIONS

Platform Amendment #: 2024-16

Submitted by: Scott Tilmaint, Canyon County Delegate

Presented by: Scott Tilmaint, Canyon County Delegate

[Editing Note: The original submission emailed to committee members for this proposal contained five pages from the platform document with changes inserted. The extraneous material has been removed for clarity and printing costs. Remaining text is only sections with amendments proposed.]

Amend the following sections by inserting the new language un underlined italics.

ARTICLE III. EDUCATION

Section 6: We strongly support professional technical and continuing education programs that provide career readiness and college preparation, *but do not support using taxpayer funding for programs beyond high school.*

ARTICLE XII. ECONOMY

Section 3: Labor

- B. We support education and professional technical education to develop a well- trained workforce, *but do not support funding said education, with taxpayer money, beyond high school.*

ARTICLE XIII. HEALTH AND WELFARE

Section 3: General Principles for Health Care

- C. We support freedom of choice and personal responsibility, *of all people who have reached the age of consent,* in all medical decisions, including providers and treatments. Medicine should have a “level playing field” for all treatment and branches of medicine.
- E. All persons, *who have reached the age of consent,* receiving healthcare should have legal capacity to give informed consent and should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion.