

2026 NORTH DAKOTA DEMOCRATIC– NPL PLATFORM

Strong Communities. Fairness. Local Control. Opportunity for All.

North Dakota is built by people who work hard, keep their word, and care about their neighbors. We believe government should be practical, responsible, and focused on strengthening families, communities, and the next generation.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Strong public schools protect property values, grow local economies, and prepare the workforce that North Dakota businesses and service providers depend upon for growth and success. We reaffirm Article VIII, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution: The state is responsible for maintaining a system of public schools open to all children and free from sectarian control.

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

North Dakota is home to fertile soil, high-functioning grasslands, and clean, life-giving water. These resources sustain our farms, ranches, and rural economies. When soil is damaged or water polluted, the responsible party must be compelled to remediate the damage or we all suffer, especially the livelihoods of our farmers, ranchers, their families and communities. We will protect land, water, and working farms so that when the landscape is quiet again, our grandchildren can say we did our job well.

ENERGY, LAND, AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION

Energy built modern North Dakota and we respect the role oil, coal, wind, and emerging technologies have played in supporting families and communities. Energy development must continue — responsibly and fairly. Development should benefit North Dakotans first — not outside corporations.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, DATA CENTERS, AND NEW INDUSTRY

AI and data centers bring opportunity — but only if communities are protected. Innovation is welcome. Corporate giveaways are not.

BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Economic growth must create good-paying jobs and long-term stability. We support strong economic growth in rural, tribal, and urban communities.

WORKERS AND WAGES

When workers do well, communities do well. We believe North Dakota residents should have safe, rewarding work for fair, equitable wages.

HEALTHCARE

Healthy families build strong communities. Healthcare should be accessible and affordable for every North Dakotan.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Strong infrastructure supports economic growth and public safety. Infrastructure investment today builds prosperity tomorrow.

FAMILIES, HOUSING, AND CHILDCARE

Strong families strengthen North Dakota.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Freedom means equal protection and dignity for everyone. We believe in fairness under the law and equal treatment for all.

EQUITY, ACCESS, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR TRIBAL NATIONS

Native Americans have deep and rich history in North Dakota. We recognize and celebrate their contributions and culture.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTIONS

Immigrant and refugee populations are important to state workforce and economic development in North Dakota. We support reforms to immigration policy that 1) establish an effective worker policy, 2) provides a pathway to citizenship for those who earn it, and 3) insures due process to immigrants whose status is questioned.

FOREIGN POLICY

The United States has historically advanced freedom across the world and should do so again using a consistent foreign policy advocating human rights globally and leading by example here at home.

ELECTION INTEGRITY AND STATE AUTHORITY

North Dakota has long administered its own elections, and we believe states have the constitutional authority and responsibility to oversee election processes in a manner that protects voter access, integrity, and public confidence.

THE NORTH DAKOTA DEMOCRATIC-NPL COMMITMENT

North Dakota's future should be built on fairness, responsibility, and respect for one another.

- Government should be accountable
- Communities should have local control
- Property rights must be respected
- Corporations must follow the rules
- Families deserve opportunity
- Schools and infrastructure deserve investment
- Workers deserve fair pay
- Innovation must serve people

We are ready to build that future together.