



2014 Priority Legislative Action Items

1. Guarantee Social Security solvency and COLAs by eliminating the income cap. Prohibit privatization and support full funding of the Social Security Trust Fund. Retain and enhance full benefits.
2. Amend the US Constitution to clarify that corporations are not persons and money is not political speech, in order to even the playing field of influence on government for all real natural persons.
3. Establish a comprehensive, equitable, affordable, high quality, universal single-payer health care system funded by progressive taxes and open to patient choices of providers.
4. Declare that global climate change is a world emergency and a matter of national security. Institute strong measures in all economic areas to reduce releases of greenhouse gases and adapt to their impact.
5. Prevent “right to work” laws by establishing the union “right to negotiate” fair-share contributions from covered non-union employees.
6. Establish a defined “living wage” tied to inflation that allows full-time workers to live above the poverty level.
7. Allow student loan debt to be discharged through bankruptcy courts on the same basis as other unsecured consumer debt, and

strictly regulate the student loan industry to end abusive and predatory practices.

8. Invest in comprehensive, multimodal mass transportation systems emphasizing sustainability, economic value, and safety.
9. Repeal all portions of the Patriot Act I, Patriot Act II, and National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 that infringe on constitutional rights, including, but not limited to, surveillance without warrants, no-fly lists, indefinite detention without due process, intrusive airport pat-downs, and sneak and peek searches.
10. Eliminate mandatory minimum sentencing and give judges broader options for sentencing to include skills development and education.
11. Dedicate kicker funds to a rainy day fund until it reaches 20 percent of the previous year's general fund.
12. Require labeling of genetically engineered foods.
13. Lower college tuition and adequately fund and expand federal and state scholarship, grant, and low-interest loan programs.
14. Pass the Equal Rights Amendment at the state and federal levels.