

# OUR COMMITMENT TO OKLAHOMA

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### OUR COMMITMENT TO JOB CREATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Implement lawsuit and workers compensation reform to lower the cost of business in Oklahoma making our state more competitive for job creation.
- Reform the tax code to lower taxes on individuals and businesses.
- Reduce and repeal burdensome regulations, which hinder job growth.
- Promote initiatives to capitalize on Oklahoma's natural resources and create opportunities for small business, rural enterprise and corporate growth.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO REFORMING OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENT

- Create and implement a balanced budget with prioritized spending.
- Streamline government so that it functions more efficiently and effectively.
- Implement a plan to have all state agencies on zero based budgeting within five years.
- Ensure agency rules are approved by the legislature; bureaucrats who are not accountable to the people will not be allowed to circumvent the policy-making process in our state.
- Ensure the process for awarding state contracts to attorney's is more open and competitive.
- Strengthen the pension systems to reduce unfunded liabilities and improve our bond rating and financial stability.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

- Support the ongoing increase to the ROADS Fund.
- Commit to the eight year Transportation Plan to address our most critical bridge and road needs.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

- Keep violent and repeat offenders behind bars and ensure the officers who guard them have necessary resources.
- Protect our families from violence and children from abuse.

- Remain committed to protecting Oklahomans' second amendment rights.
- Support legal immigration while strengthening illegal immigration reform.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

- Empower school districts with the ability to remove low performing personnel.
- Remove excessive overhead in schools and districts, assuring additional funds benefit the classroom.
- Expand virtual/online offerings. Every Oklahoma student, regardless of location, should have access to a full array of curricular and AP classes.
- Assure parental choice in education through providing quality rankings for individual schools (A through F) and additional education options including Charter schools.
- Eliminate "social promotions."
- Provide improved flexibility to local school districts by eliminating the ending fund balance requirement.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE

- Encourage the Governor and Attorney General to join the bipartisan lawsuit challenging the Obamacare law on constitutional grounds.
- Enact lawsuit reform so doctors can continue to practice in Oklahoma without malpractice rates forcing them to leave or limit their patient care.
- Attack fraud and abuse within the Medicaid system.
- Encourage doctors to stay in Oklahoma and practice in under-served and rural areas to ensure access to quality health care for all.
- Encourage more affordable health care through greater use of Health Savings Accounts and building on the success of Insure Oklahoma.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO TRADITIONAL OKLAHOMA VALUES

- Support traditional Oklahoma values, strengthening our families and protecting the lives of the unborn.

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