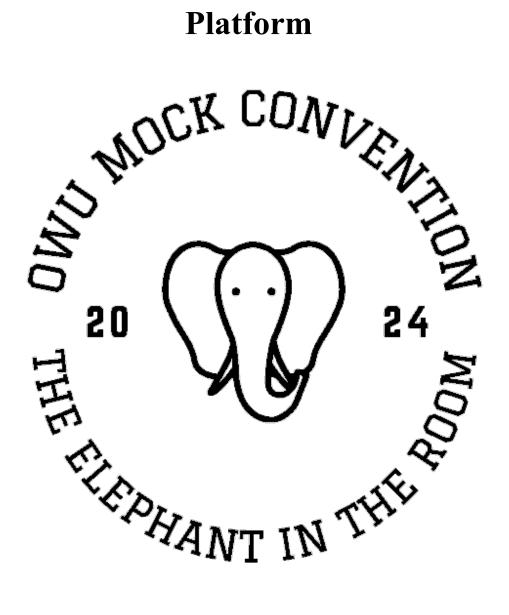
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1 Preamble

2 We the Republican party believe in a United States founded on the principle of personal freedom from 3 government overreach. Limited government is an idea dating back to the founding of the Constitution, 4 defended by America's most respected founders such as Benjamin Franklin. To be an American means to 5 defend your God given rights of freedom and liberty. To achieve this American Dream of ultimate 6 freedom, it is our duty to address the issues of illegal immigration as it stands today. This illegal 7 infiltration at our Southern border poses a legitimate threat to the ideals and culture that our great nation 8 was built upon. The Democratic Party has failed to secure our borders and have welcomed unprecedented 9 numbers of illegal immigrants with open arms. We as Republicans will impose law and order to halt this 10 invasion and support the lawful entrance of citizenship-seeking immigrants. Without Republican 11 intervention, the United States is bound for failure. We believe that the United States of America is the 12 greatest country on Earth. To be an American is to be a hard-working citizen and take advantage of the 13 equal opportunities granted at birth. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "The sleeping fox catches no poultry", we must recognize our duty to further the greatness of our nation through hard work and 14 15 maintaining strong morals. We the Republican Party will continue to reduce unnecessary federal 16 government interference, follow the core foundations of our nation, and resolve the ongoing crisis at the 17 Southern border.

18 Sincerely Yours,

19 *The Platform Committee*

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22 Prioritize America: Resist Intervention in the Ukraine Conflict

23 The war in Ukraine continues to be an example of how American might is needed to preserve the traditional values of democracy around the world. It is in every man, woman, and child's best 24 25 interest both here and abroad to end the authoritarian and dictatorial actions of tyrants like 26 Vladimir Putin. As such, it is in the USA's best interest to continue to send military aid to our 27 ally, preserving the alliances that we have made and communicating that America will not allow 28 international cruelty to carry on without consequence. While it is necessary to defend the values 29 and alliances that the United States has committed itself to, it is also imperative to end the conflict quickly, without endangering our families by sacrificing the men and women of this 30 31 noble country. Bringing the conflict to a quick and decisive end is in the world's best interest, 32 and as the last great world superpower, it is America's responsibility to protect those who need 33 our help. In aiding Ukraine, we establish this nation as one that will not yield to dictators, that 34 will not hide from aggression, and that will not lie to the world.

The war in Ukraine continues to be an example of overlong and overly dangerous military 35 36 involvement in a world that is spiraling out of control. It is not in America's best interest to 37 participate in a war that does not concern us. We condemn the actions of Putin and acknowledge 38 that the war occurring in Europe is no longer one over ideology and self-preservation but is now 39 a war over territories and opinions. The guilt of both Putin and Zelenskyy cannot be disguised to 40 the people of the United States, and as the war continues to drag on, we continue to advocate for 41 an early end to the conflict without American interference. American involvement can only lead 42 to danger and disaster for the American people. Under no circumstances will we allow American 43 money or men to die fighting in a war that is not about or for our nation. With the separation of

oceans and an increasingly dangerous European continent, America ought to be free to preserve
our sanctity without being tied down by a costly and dangerous war.

46 America's Strength, American Jobs: Rejecting Chinese Economic Manipulation

47 The current Chinese situation has put the United States on the defensive; however, we are not doing nearly enough to adequately protect or prepare for the future. China has swept into the 48 American people's homes and cities, buying real estate, stealing jobs, and increasingly attacked 49 50 America economically through physical and geographic might. The Republican Party will not 51 stand with China. The Republican firmly means that America First means protecting our homes 52 from the mega-corporations that are bought and sold by Xi Jinping and the Chinese Communist 53 Party. Economically, China has rapidly increased its production and power. Their access to 54 resources and manufacturing output have given them a dangerous economic steppingstone. Despite this seeming leapfrog, the reality remains that the Chinese economy is based on corrupt 55 56 trades, immoral actions, and government mandates that we as Republicans know only damages 57 the economy. The United States of America is here to lead the world economically. We will keep 58 jobs in America, preserving our station at the forefront of the globe. We will continue to provide 59 competitive wages and fair labor conditions, as we care about our workers. Such promises have never been present in China, and that lack of care will lead to their defeat. China remains a threat 60 61 militarily. Their meddling in the honest affairs of independent Taiwan is not permutable, nor is 62 their dangerous and combustible presence in the South China Sea. The Republican Party believes 63 in freedom for every man, woman, and child. However, we will not risk American lives for those 64 who are not American citizens. We will continue to deter the dangerous actions of China

militarily, continue to improve so that we can adequately fight anyone necessary, and far outstripany competition economically to prove once again that America is first.

67 Taking Action to Halt the Flow of Undocumented Immigrants

68 Immigration continues to pose one of the most distinct and serious threats to American safety. The continued allowance of undocumented immigrants and smuggled drugs to flow into this 69 70 nation will not stand. With the flow of Fentanyl seemingly unending, this danger must be 71 stopped at the border, so no more Americans die from this brutal drug. The Republican Party will 72 not stand for any politician who does not actively work to keep America safe. This is especially true for immigration, where the influx of people not only leads to dangers posed by drugs, but 73 74 also economic damage. With the presence of undocumented immigrants comes an increased 75 strain on government aid that adherently damages our nation's financial infrastructure. And the 76 presence of immigrants fighting for jobs means that hardworking Americans, who are paid to 77 work as American citizens, might lose jobs due to competition with lower-wage-accepting, 78 undocumented immigrants who do not appreciate our nation's customs or responsibilities. 79 Further, their presence further damages the sanctity and safety of our government, as their 80 presence coincides with dangerously unfair voting and corruption. Despite the general decrease in total amount of undocumented immigrants, we must nevertheless continue to work to curtail 81 82 this stampede. Our border cannot remain entirely open without damaging our nation.

83 American Leadership in Asia and the Indo-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific area is critical to the national security and economic development of the United
States. The development of China, North Korea's shifting dangers, and Taiwan's and other states'

democratic ambitions necessitate a robust and strategic American commitment. The Republican
Party is dedicated to reestablishing American leadership in this crucial area by forging economic
ties, fortifying alliances, and supporting democratic ideals.

Advocate for fair trade practices and address intellectual property theft to protect American jobs
and industries. Firstly, we champion a fair and balanced trade relationship with China.
Intellectual property theft must be addressed, not just for American jobs, but for the sake of order
in global intercontinental commerce. We'll also counter Chinese military expansion, ensuring
regional security and deterring aggression, particularly in the South China Sea. Our unwavering
support for Taiwan's self-defense and international participation remains paramount, guided by
the Taiwan Relations Act.

Second, we support applying the greatest amount of pressure possible to North Korea until it
completely and permanently denuclearizes. To protect against ballistic threats, we will continue
to implement sanctions and maintain diplomatic isolation. We can only seek true disarmament
through diplomacy from an angle of strength.

Thirdly, we want to fortify the alliance between the United States and South Korea by updating
our military coordination and uniting against North Korean provocation. Our cooperative efforts
will be guided by common principles such as human rights and religious freedom, and fair-trade
agreements will serve to further cement this alliance.

Japan and Australia will remain steadfast allies in economic success and security cooperation.
Strengthened trade relations, cooperative military drills, and intelligence sharing can prevent
Chinese aggression and protect the Indo-Pacific order. The US, South Korea, and Japan must

strengthen their trilateral alliance to create an impenetrable barrier. Unwavering assistance for
South Korea's defense against North Korean threats will enhance regional security and
underscore American commitment. India, a developing democratic state with strategic alignment
with the US, has great potential. Building a strong strategic cooperation with India will provide a
formidable counterbalance to China's ambitions, ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The Republican Party believes that an Asia-Pacific region that is affluent, stable, and free depends on American leadership. Through the pursuit of these goals and collaboration with partners and allies, we can guarantee a future in which the region prospers on the foundations of liberty, democracy, and a global framework founded on conventions.

116 Securing Our Southern Border and Combatting Cartel Operations

The Southern Border stands as a critical crossroads for our nation, a point where security and opportunity intersect. Yet, it remains a byway for illegal immigration and the flow of drugs, threatening our national security and public health. The American people and our children deserve to feel safe in their communities. This is a complex challenge that requires a vision for a secure border that fosters prosperity, protects our citizens, and upholds the rule of law. The GOP stands in our commitment in combatting drug trafficking, securing the Southern border, and prioritizing the protection of American families.

To combat drug trafficking, we must set our focus on dismantling cartels and their suppliers. We are steadfast in strengthening law enforcement cooperation with Mexico to disrupt and dismantle drug cartels at their source. In legislation, we will advocate for increased resources and training for Customs and Border Protection agents to interdict narcotics at the border and disrupt

smuggling routes. In the event of Republican presidency, the GOP will push the completion of a wall along strategic sections of the border, in conjunction with advanced surveillance technology and increased personnel to deter and apprehend illegal trespassing. The United States would remain open to working with Central American countries to address the economic and social conditions incentivizing people to migrate to the United States, to provide greater stability in the region.

134 The seriousness of the fentanyl crisis cannot be denied. The GOP calls for aggressive measures 135 to combat the fentanyl crisis, including holding dealers accountable for fentanyl-related deaths 136 and supporting first responders with overdose reversal medication. This accountability would 137 take place in the form of increased criminal penalties and enhanced sentences. We will also be 138 investing in local law enforcement to combat drug-related crime in our neighborhoods. Border 139 protection and drug prevention goes beyond policy, but as a safeguard for the future of our 140 communities and our families. This is our promise to the American people, and we intend to 141 keep that promise.

142 The Gaza Conflict and Strategies for Peace

The situation between Israel and Palestine is one of the most complicated and difficult geopolitical challenges of our day. We realize the complex historical, religious, and political issues at stake and recognize the necessity for a nuanced and eclectic response. We contend that a diplomatic two-state solution is the only way to achieve long-term security and stability for both Israelis and Palestinians. Mutual recognition, safe and defended boundaries, and respect for both peoples' national aims should underpin this.

149 From Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist groups to antisemitic attacks and speech, we 150 condemn all kinds of terrorism and bloodshed. To tackle these dangers and improve security 151 cooperation, we will collaborate with both Israelis and Palestinians. We appreciate the 152 importance of regional partners in achieving Middle East peace and stability. We will collaborate 153 with Arab governments and other important players to push diplomatic solutions and strengthen 154 regional cooperation. We will continue to provide humanitarian aid to both Israelis and 155 Palestinians, especially during times of war or catastrophe. We will help to relieve pain and 156 better the lives of all citizens in the region. We urge Israelis and Palestinians to resume direct 157 discussions as the only viable road to a long-term peace accord. The US is prepared to assist 158 these discussions and to support ideas that bring both groups closer to a resolution.

A brighter future for Israelis and Palestinians equally may be realized through continuous
diplomacy, economic growth, and a dedication to shared principles, as is intended to be
productive and innovative while acknowledging the sensitivity of the situation.

162 The TikTok Dilemma: Entertainment and Security

As its growing impact on American society is apparent, the Republican Party holds concerns
related to privacy, national security, and content dissemination with TikTok.

165 The GOP remains steadfast in prioritizing national security and will survey foreign-owned

166 platforms, including TikTok, to ensure that safety and the interests of the United States are not

167 compromised. Our party supports comprehensive legislation that ensures transparency, user

168 control over data, and safeguards against unauthorized data access or sharing. Recognizing the

169 prevalence of younger users on TikTok, we call for heightened measures to ensure age-

appropriate content. This includes robust age verification mechanisms and increases parentalcontrols to protect minors from potentially harmful or inappropriate material.

To foster American tech innovation and competitiveness, we support policies that encourage the
development and growth of domestic social media platforms. By promoting a thriving tech
ecosystem within the United States, we can reduce dependence on foreign-owned platforms.

175 Preserving the Sanctity of Life

176 The Republican Party strongly believes in the fundamental principle that no individual should be 177 deprived of life. They uphold the concept of the sanctity of human life and are steadfast in their 178 belief that an unborn child, from the moment of conception, has an inherent right to life that 179 should not be infringed upon under any circumstances. This right extends to all stages of 180 pregnancy and to all individuals, regardless of their circumstances or conditions. In line with this belief, the party is vehemently opposed to the use of public funds for the promotion or 181 182 performance of abortion. They contend that taxpayer dollars should not be used to support a 183 practice that directly contradicts their core beliefs about the sanctity of life. The party calls upon 184 the nation to criminalize all actions related to abortion, making it a punishable offense.

The Republican Party further asserts that it will not fund or subsidize any form of healthcare that includes abortion coverage. They stand firm in their opposition to any healthcare reform that requires taxpayers to pay for abortions, and they are committed to pursuing legislation that protects the rights of the unborn. The party asserts that any healthcare reform should respect the principles of limited government, individual liberty, and the sanctity of human life.

190 Protecting Individual Freedoms and Liberties

191 The Republican Party welcomes a range of LGBTQ+ rights opinions, reflecting the changing 192 social context and internal debates regarding individual liberty and fundamental principles. The 193 GOP reaffirms its commitment to the foundational principle of individual liberty, extending to all 194 citizens, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, translating to equal protection under 195 the law and barring discrimination in areas like housing, employment, and public services. 196 Recognizing the value of families, we defend parents' rights to raise their children according to 197 their beliefs. Regardless of family structure, we emphasize the need to promote healthy child 198 development by defending parents' basic rights to direct their children's academic development. 199 THE GOP protects parental autonomy in decisions about their children's interactions with 200 LGBTQIA+ concepts, guaranteeing these issues remain within the scope of family values. We 201 support religious and moral autonomy for all persons and institutions. We do, however, believe 202 that religious convictions should not be used to excuse discrimination or deprive any person of 203 equal rights. Indeed, we should strike a balance that respects all citizens' rights while upholding 204 the essential concept of religious liberty. The GOP maintains the integrity of sports competition 205 while recognizing the necessity of equal chances by promoting conservative values. The 206 Republican Party advocates for a firm position on preserving the core of sports, based on a 207 dedication to equality and merit. The key criteria in sports classification should be biological sex, 208 safeguarding the competitive integrity in women's sports. To guarantee a fair playing field, the 209 GOP advocates for the maintenance of strong criteria for gender-specific competition. The 210 Republican Party aspires to preserve and promote the basic principles that have served as the 211 foundation of our society since time immemorial. We seek to construct a future that maintains 212 the cherished principles that characterize our nation by preserving the integrity of athletics, 213 family, education, and freedom of religion.

214 Confronting the Scourge of Human Trafficking

215 Human trafficking moves in the dark corners of the global world, tearing apart millions of 216 families. We, the Republican Party, refuse to avert our gaze. We hear the silent screams of all the 217 stolen lives. This is something we simply cannot ignore; it's happening in our cities, our 218 neighborhoods, all under our own flag. This isn't a matter of politics. It's about parents being 219 separated from their children, children being sold into servitude, and futures being destroyed 220 before they ever get started. It is about defending the most vulnerable, those without a voice, 221 those who depend on us, their fellow Americans, to be their armor and light in the darkest hours. 222 The GOP promises to eliminate the nefarious networks that prey on the innocent. A promise to 223 bring the full power of the legal system down on them, with stiffer punishments for traffickers 224 and more safeguards for survivors. We intend to empower authorities by providing them with the 225 resources and instruction they need to track down predators and destroy exploitative networks. 226 We will strive for retribution that echoes, for punishments that express the fury of a country 227 unified against this atrocity. We'll build networks of safe havens where survivors can find peace, 228 rebuild their future, and reclaim their stolen dignity. Because justice is not enough. We need to 229 begin the process of healing. We, the Republican Party, stand tall in this battle. We will leave no 230 life unclaimed and no stone unturned. We will destroy the foundation that drives exploitation, 231 brick by brick, until the shackle of human trafficking is eviscerated. Stand with us and write a 232 new future. A future where every life is cherished, and every dream can soar again.

233 Questioning the Impact of DEI Programs

Enter Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, that undermine the very essence of
equality. Equality guarantees everyone a fair playing field, a level starting point. Equity,

however, demands equal outcomes, disregarding individual effort and talent. Imagine two
runners: one naturally fast, the other struggling. Equity forces them to finish at the same time,
robbing the faster of their accomplishment and discouraging the slower from striving. We
believe in a system where anyone, regardless of background, can sprint towards their dreams.

240 DEI programs often introduce a space of fear and censorship. Open discussions about sensitive 241 topics are discouraged, branded as *microaggressions*. This undermines free speech, the 242 cornerstone of a vibrant democracy. Think about a classroom where questioning a theory 243 Education thrives on debate, not law. We believe in open dialogues, not the enforced metrics of 244 social conformity. We want our citizens to think critically on topics, not pivot to political 245 correctness. DEI often relies on quotas, artificial ceilings and floors dictating how many people 246 from specific groups are hired, promoted, or admitted within an institution. This reduces 247 individuals to mere statistics, overlooking unique talents and achievements. We believe in talent 248 above tokenism.

It's time we reclaim our individual freedom of expression, not silencing dissent. Let's build an America where all citizens have an equal chance. Let's uphold the meritocratic land that our founding fathers envisioned. A land where hard work and talent pave the road for success, not skin color or country of origin. We can reclaim the American Dream for all; we just have to seize our time and make our voices heard.

254 Reforming Affirmative Action Practices

The recent Supreme Court decision on affirmative action presents us with an opportunity to reshape college admissions in a way that ensures equal opportunity without relying on race-

based preferences or country of origin. We advocate for the continued use of standardized tests
as a key metric in admissions. These tests offer a fair and objective measure of academic
readiness, regardless of a student's background.

We will work to reform financial aid programs to ensure access to higher education for students from all walks of life, regardless of their financial situation. This includes expanding Pell Grants, promoting work-study opportunities, and encouraging private scholarships. We demand transparency in admissions practices and hold universities accountable for any discriminatory actions. We will support legislation that prohibits all forms of discrimination, including racial and ethnic preferences, in college admissions.

We believe in individual merit as the cornerstone of a fair and just admissions system. Every student deserves to be judged based on their own achievements and potential, not on the color of their skin or their family background.

269 Prioritizing School Safety and Responsible Gun Ownership

The Republican Party acknowledges the critical need to address the horrific tragedy of mass
shootings, notably those at schools and universities, while also protecting law-abiding
individuals' constitutional rights. The GOP unequivocally values the safety and well-being of
school children and college students. Any effort that promotes gun-safety must prioritize
ensuring their physical and emotional security in educational environments.

Through early intervention programs, crisis hotlines, and expanded mental health training for educators and school personnel, the GOP will advocate for increased access to mental health resources and support systems for students and their families, recognizing the link between

mental health and acts of violence. While respecting local control and budgetary constraints, we
plan to explore options for improved school security measures, such as secure entrances, trained
security personnel, and technology solutions that enhance situational awareness, while
maintaining open and welcoming learning environments. We will support federal grants to
increase the number of trained School Resource Officers (SROs) in schools to ensure a rapid
response to threats while fostering positive relationships with students.

Legislation mandating mental health awareness training for teachers and school staff should also be addressed to equip them to identify and address early warning signs. The GOP will be an insurmountable force in upholding responsible gun ownership by requiring safe storage of firearms in households with minors to prevent accidental access and tragedies. The GOP will also support bipartisan efforts to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), closing gaps and preventing individuals with disqualifying factors from obtaining firearms.

The GOP affirms the fundamental right to bear arms, enshrined in the Second Amendment, and opposes any measures that infringe upon this right without due process and overly broad measures that infringe upon law-abiding citizens. The GOP is committed to working with all stakeholders to find evidence-based solutions that protect our children.

295 Repealing the First Step Act for Public Safety

The initiation of the First Step Act under the Biden administration has brought unquestionable
consequences for the American people that are not the fault of citizens or the design of the bill.
The legal framework constructed under the Trump administration was designed to ease the

299 corruption in the criminal justice system, however, under Biden and the Democrats, it has been 300 transformed into a "get out of jail free" card. Far too many convicts have been freed because of 301 its overreach, endangering the American public. Despite easily manipulated statistics suggesting 302 that there are fewer repeat offenders, the reality remains that any danger posed to the American 303 people is too high a price for the freedom of convicted criminals. It is the job of officials to 304 protect their constituents, it is the role of the government to regulate crimes, and it is the fault of 305 the Biden administration that these duties have been shirked. The First Step Act, one of many 306 failings, is merely another way for the common American family to be put at risk. It is something 307 that will not stand in a Republican government.

308 Bolstering Small Business and Entrepreneurship

309 Our commitment to small businesses is unwavering. The launchpad for American dreams and the 310 pulse of our communities, small businesses are the backbone of the economy. Yet, for too many 311 entrepreneurs, government red tape and an unfriendly tax environment stifle their potential. The 312 Republican Party is on the side of innovation, ready to unlock explosive growth and unleash the 313 true engines of our nation's prosperity. It's time we cut unnecessary regulations that bind 314 innovation and drown businesses in paperwork. We aim to streamline permitting processes, 315 reduce compliance costs, and empower local communities to have a say in how they do business. 316 Just imagine a future where entrepreneurs can focus on their passions, not navigating the 317 mechanism and the systems of bureaucracy.

Making America the most competitive destination for entrepreneurship, our pro-growth tax reform will level the economic arena for small businesses. By lowering the corporate tax rate and expanding access to capital through innovative tax credits and deduction policies, we can ensure

that funding flows to new ventures and growing enterprises. This means that small businesses
will no longer be held back by a tax system designed for corporate elites. We will foster a skilled
workforce by partnering with community colleges and trade schools to develop job-readiness
pipelines. And we will empower states to sew labor regulations to local needs, ensuring an
inclusive environment where all businesses can thrive. We believe in free markets, limited
government, and the power of the American Dream. We'll champion policies that unleash
creativity, fuel innovation, and unleash the economic might of Main Street.

328 It's time to craft a future where every entrepreneur has the opportunity to succeed, every329 community flourishes, and America's entrepreneurial spirit soars once again.

330 Safeguarding Social Security and Medicare

331 The safety structures that have long been a part of our government continue to decay, and we 332 will not allow them to fall. The GOP is committed to fixing the failings of Social Security, 333 Medicare, and Medicaid. By raising the retirement age, we will ensure the protection of our 334 valued elders while providing a path forward for coming generations, acknowledging their 335 longevity, and using the time to find ways to redeem the struggling program. However, taxes 336 must not be raised to account for the failings of the federal government under the Democrats. 337 The financial damage created by Democrats will not be forced onto everyday workers or the 338 generations that will follow we are gone. Medicare and Medicaid are also decaying, and we will 339 not allow these institutions that protect the most vulnerable to fail. While avoiding raising taxes, 340 we will restore these social structures to an operational and efficient standard by giving power back to the states. In doing so, we will ensure continued economic safety for those working 341

toward these benefits and the protections that these benefits provide for the most vulnerableamong us.

344 A Pathway to Independence and Innovation in Energy

The Republican Party recognizes the crucial role energy plays in our economy and national security. We believe in an all-of-the-above energy strategy that prioritizes domestic energy production, reduces dependence on foreign oil, and supports innovation in renewable energy technologies.

The GOP supports the responsible exploration and development of America's oil, natural gas,
and coal reserves. We believe these resources can be utilized in an environmentally responsible
way that protects our air, land, and water.

352 We also believe in the importance of renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, and 353 hydroelectric power. These sources of energy are not only clean and sustainable, but they also 354 have the potential to create millions of jobs, boost our economy, and reduce our dependence on 355 fossil fuels. We will work to remove regulatory barriers that hinder the development and 356 deployment of new energy technologies. We will also support research and development efforts 357 aimed at improving efficiency and reducing the cost of renewable energy technologies. The GOP 358 stands for energy independence and the jobs that come with it. We believe that by harnessing the 359 power of American innovation, we can lead the world in clean energy production, create jobs, 360 and ensure a brighter future for our children and grandchildren.

361 Tackling the Silent Thief of Prosperity

American families are in economic crises. The rise in prices at the grocery store and the gas
pump is constricting budgets and eroding our hard-earned dollars. This is not just an economic
issue; this is a challenge to America's quality of life.

365 Reckless spending, overbearing regulations, and the war on American energy independence 366 perpetuated by the Bidenomics has lit this torch. The Republican Party is ready to ensure 367 affordability and empower families of the United States. We aim to live within our means. The 368 Republican Party will seek to reduce the national debt and promote economic growth by 369 prioritizing investments. The GOP is working to ensure America's energy security and lowering energy costs. We will call for policies to increase domestic oil and gas production in order to 370 371 break our dependence on foreign oil. Now is the time to put money back in the pockets of 372 American families. We stand firm in our commitment to cutting taxes for American families and 373 businesses. We will also revisit unfair trade deals that harm workers and businesses and fight 374 back against unfair trade practices by China.

The Republican Party is the party of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and American
opportunity. We believe in the American people and their ability to overcome any challenge. We
can build a brighter future where families can thrive, and the American Dream is within reach.

378 Cultivating Hope and Nutrition for All

Fellow Americans, picture this: a child, with a heart of joy and eyes filled with fascination, who has a never-ending appetite for exploration. With sticky strawberry jelly and peanut butter, their little hands drawing out their dreams with a crayon. This isn't just a moment, this is a promise, where the future is brimming with possibility. But what if this promise begins to fade into the

shadow? What if the pit in the child's belly that fuels curiosity is replaced with hunger? What
about cabinets empty of not just food, but hope? This is an America we cannot accept, not for
our children, not for the future we envision for them. That's why the Republican Party stands tall,
not just with full pantries, but with full hearts, ready to fight for a food policy that nourishes not
just bodies, but dreams. We believe in the power of food to be more than sustenance – it's a
bridge between generations, a symbol of family, a foundation for a strong America.

389 The GOP will encourage agricultural innovation by investing in research and development to 390 enhance productivity and ensure the long-term viability of American agriculture. We will 391 advocate for American farmers, who are the vital support of our food system. Their sweat and 392 grit feed not just our loved ones, but our national pride. We'll eliminate needless red tape, give 393 them the autonomy to adopt approaches that suit their land, and guarantee equitable markets 394 where effort is recognized. We'll work with local communities, faith-based organizations, and 395 businesses to ensure fresh, nutritious food reaches every corner of our streets. We'll invest in 396 agricultural education and research, ensuring the next generation of farmers are equipped with 397 the tools and knowledge to steward our land and feed our nation. Now let's address the elephant 398 in the room: raw milk. Some may dismiss the idea of Republicans promoting an unpasteurized 399 product. But here's the truth: government regulations haven't reduced foodborne illness. Trust 400 between producer and consumer, combined with responsible production practices, is 401 significantly more effective. Farmers who care about their credibility and their customers' well-402 being will undoubtedly prioritize hygiene practices. Consumers, armed with knowledge and 403 options, can make well-informed choices about whether raw milk is right for them.

We believe that SNAP should be a temporary steppingstone, not a permanent way of life. We are
dedicated to making sure that SNAP benefits reach those who truly need them. We endorse
efforts to crack down on fraudulent activity and waste, safeguarding taxpayer dollars and
guaranteeing program integrity. The Republican Party believes that states are more in tune with
their constituents' needs and are better positioned to develop and implement efficient initiatives.
We support giving states more control over federal resources, allowing them to modify programs
to the specific needs of their communities.

411 The at-home producer movement is a burgeoning wave of American ingenuity and 412 entrepreneurial spirit. Republicans should ride that wave, promoting policies that empower 413 farmers, give consumers more choices. By reforming SNAP and empowering states, we can 414 create a stronger safety net that promotes individual responsibility, empowers families, and 415 fosters a culture of opportunity. Republicans and Americans of all stripes and plant the seeds of a 416 brighter tomorrow. Let's build a food policy that grows hope, nurtures dreams, and secures a 417 future where every child's plate overflows with promise. Because when children thrive, America 418 thrives. And that's a future worth fighting for.

419 The Trump Doctrine: Ending Politically Motivated Criminal Inquires

The attacks that have been conducted against President Donald Trump are examples of the Democratic Party's continued abuse of power. These attacks are unfair and unjustified, levied to limit the common voter's right to a fair election. The GOP firmly believes that the use of the courts to tie down the political opponents of the Democratic Party is a danger to the inherent sanctity and honesty of elections, and furthermore, that these attacks are entirely based on fraudulent lies. While President Donald Trump lost the 2020 election, the use of force in quelling

his campaign to again take the White House is a clear violation of the gentlemanly and honest 426 427 political rules that have kept our nation at the height of freedom and democracy. In investigating 428 him for actions that were not his responsibility, and in releasing and demanding material for 429 trials that are in no way relevant to the carrying out of justice, the Democratic Party is blatantly 430 abusing the trust the American people have placed in it. It is in the country's best interest to end 431 these barbaric attacks and restore justice to our government and our nation. This will involve the 432 cleaning out of corrupt lawmakers and politicians, cleaning the injustice from the federal 433 government, and reestablishing honesty and accountability to the highest forms of government. 434 While the Democratic Party continues to lie and use force to keep down political opponents, we 435 will not be kept down, we will rise, and we will establish justice as the Founders intended.

436 Demanding Accountability: The Case for Biden's Impeachment

437 The actions that President Biden have taken are unacceptable to this nation. Based on his history 438 of abusing of power, the GOP strongly believes that impeachment is the only reasonable path 439 forward. Corruption has run rampant, and the actions of Hunter Biden specifically have created 440 an untrustworthy government that has eroded the confidence that voters once had in the 441 operational abilities of our Democracy. Hunter Biden has been involved in corrupt actions across 442 the world for nearly a decade, sinking his hand into multi-million-dollar positions on the boards 443 of companies in notoriously corrupt nations like Ukraine and China. He did so while Joe Biden 444 was serving as Vice President and was tasked with eliminating corruption. This nepotism and 445 double standard cannot be allowed if we are to continue to claim to be a moral nation established 446 in principles of equality. It poses a specific danger to the public to have a president in office with 447 known ties to corruption; it throws a question over every action taken. Impeachment is the most

- 448 efficient and effective way to end these crimes and restore faith in our systems of government.
- 449 Given the dangerous ties Hunter Biden has had to China and the corrupt actions taken by both
- 450 Hunter and Joe Biden in Ukraine during Joe Biden's Vice Presidency, it is in the nation's best
- 451 interest to remove him from office via the time-honored impeachment process.