

JOINT STATEMENT: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MUST CAMPAIGN ON BIG, BOLD, ECONOMIC-POPULIST IDEAS

We want the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee to campaign on big, bold, economic-populist ideas that tangibly improve the lives of millions of Americans.

We urge all candidates for president to campaign on big, bold ideas – such as establishing a national goal of debt-free college at all public colleges and universities, expanding Social Security benefits instead of cutting them, creating millions of clean-energy jobs, reducing big-money influence in politics, breaking up the “too big to fail” Wall Street banks that crashed our economy, and ensuring that working families share in the economic growth they help create.

Bold economic populist ideas are popular with Democratic, Independent, and even Republican voters -- and are key to victory in 2016.

We have a responsibility to choose the best candidate for our state, our party, and our nation. We take our responsibility seriously.

Signed,

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- Former U.S. Senator Tom Harkin, D-IA
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- Sue Dinsdale, Iowa Citizens Action Network Executive Director
- R. Ben Stone, former ACLU of Iowa Executive Director
- Former Speaker of the Iowa House Patrick Murphy
- State Rep. Sharon Steckman, District 53
- State Rep. Phyllis Thede, District 93
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- State Rep. Dan Kelley, District 29
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- State Sen. Martha Fuller Clark, District 21
- State Sen. David Watters, District 4
- Former State Sen. Burt Cohen, District 24; former Majority Leader
- Former State Sen. William J. McCarthy, Manchester
- State Rep. Marcia Moody, Rockingham 17
- State Rep. Renny Cushing, Hillsborough 14
- State Rep. Cynthia L. Chase, Cheshire 8
- State Rep. Christy Bartlett, Merrimack 19
- State Rep. John Bordenet, Cheshire 5
- State Rep. John Coultier, Sullivan 10
- State Rep. Barbara French, Merrimack 6
- State Rep. Lee Walker Oxenham, Sullivan 1
- State Rep. Peter Bixby, Strafford 17
- State Rep. Timothy Horrigan, Strafford 6
- State Rep. Marjorie Porter, Hillsborough 1
- State Rep. Tim Smith, Hillsborough 17
- State Rep. Travis Bennett, Grafton 8
- State Rep. Larry Converse, Sullivan 4
- State Rep. George Sykes, Grafton 13
- State Rep. Ivy Vann, Hillsborough 24
- State Rep. Caroletta Alicea, Merrimack 8
- State Rep. Laura Pantelakos, Rockingham 25

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- State Rep. Dan Sullivan, Hillsborough 42
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- State Rep. Virginia Irwin, Sullivan 9
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- State Rep. Linda Kenison, Merrimack 15
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- State Rep. Richard McNamara, Hillsborough 38
- State Rep. Timothy N. Robertson, Cheshire 6
- State Rep. Alethea Froburg, Coos 3
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- State Rep. Chris Brown, Grafton 12
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- State Rep. Andrew Schmidt, Sullivan 1
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- Vince Greco, Progressive Activist
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- Bill Kingston, Progressive Activist
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