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Voter ID

When I was elected to the Iowa Senate I swore to uphold the Constitution and with that the integrity of every citizen's right to vote. Voter fraud is a problem in the United States and although Iowa has proven to be more secure than some, the problem still exists and should be resolved. Legal citizens of Iowa deserve efficient and secure elections with Voter ID laws that focus on common sense practices. This will ensure the integrity of our elections, while preserving the fundamental access of citizens to vote without barriers that would disenfranchise them. Fraudulent voting took place both in Ohio and Pennsylvania in 2012 with individuals bragging about the fact they voted illegally. Secretary of State Matt Schultz has taken the lead in investigating and prosecuting voter fraud and needs our support to continue making Iowa a national leader in election integrity.

Reducing Income Tax

Iowa has a distinct disadvantage when it comes to state income tax. Many Iowans choose to live in other states to avoid a punitive system that taxes everything from social security to investment income. All working Iowans deserve to keep more of their money as opposed to being forced to give it to a government that is too inefficient to understand their individual needs. I trust you with your money more than I trust the politicians in Washington or Des Moines with it. I will work diligently to decrease the tax burden of Iowans, across-the-board, because I understand that it is your money and you deserve the final say in how it should be spent.

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"I swear to support the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Iowa. So help me God."