



Party Platform Resolution:

Whereas more and more lowans are unable to afford the medicines they need to manage their health.

Whereas prescription drug corporations are making huge profits, getting massive tax breaks and spending record amount on lobbying to stop reforms.

Let it be resolved that it is time to change the system with transformative, bold reforms through legislative, legal and executive actions at the state and federal level to guarantee access to affordable prescription medicines for everyone regardless of location, insurance status, health condition, gender or race by ending Big Pharma monopolies, holding drug companies accountable for price-gouging, and changing incentives so that taxpayer money serves patients, not just corporate profits.

Rationale for the resolution:

Whether in a rural community or in the suburbs of one of Iowa's cities, more and more lowans are unable to afford the medicines they need to manage their health while prescription drug corporations are making huge profits, getting massive tax breaks under the Trump tax law and spending record amounts on lobbying to stop reforms.

Prescription drug companies' price gouging is increasing costs and premiums in the health care system, wasting taxpayers' resources on profits instead of public health, and putting health and lives at risk. The time for tweaks and half-measures is over.