2020 Legislative Priority Issues

ELECTIONS AND THE VOTING PROCESS
• Eliminate barriers to voter registration and increase access to the ballot.
• Support efforts to enhance election integrity and security.
• Support an independent and transparent redistricting process.

OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT
• Support open government through access to public records, open meetings, and public notice by both printed and electronic means.
• Oppose fees for viewing public records.

EDUCATION
• Support the policies and funding needed to provide quality public education, pre-K through high school.
• Oppose public funding of private school vouchers.
• Oppose public funding of for-profit charter schools or their management by for-profit companies.

HEALTH CARE REFORM
• Oppose Block Grant funding of TennCare if it does not adequately address TN health care needs.
• Support TennCare expansion for adults ages 19 to 64 with incomes up to 138% poverty.
• Facilitate timely enrollment of TennCare eligible populations.

ENVIRONMENT
• Support policies that protect and improve air and water quality in Tennessee and address toxic risks.
• Support development of infrastructure for sustainable energy.

JUDICIAL SELECTION
• Support merit-based selection and retention.
• Support a selection and evaluation process for appellate judges that includes a nonpartisan body of citizens and members of the bar.

RESPONSIBLE BUDGET
• Support adequate funding for safety net services, such as mental health services, child protection, and disability services.
• Support privatization only if a transparent process and continued oversight determine the results are clear savings and superior service.