

## **Legislative Priorities for 2017**

### **VOTING**

- *Support legislation establishing a citizen advisory committee for redistricting*
- Monitor all bills regarding voters and voter turnout
- Oppose changes to the open primary in addition to the caucus system (rollbacks to SB54)

### **CORRECTIONS**

- Support reforms which reduce incarceration and increase treatment, education and employment for offenders including funding

### **EDUCATION**

- Support increased basic program funding and increasing equity in education funding
- Support transparency, demonstrated success and measurable goals in public education funding programs
- Support specialized funding for preschool and focused early education programs
- Monitor governance; partisan school board elections and ultimate authority for higher education and public education

### **HEALTH**

- Support which provides legislation providing affordable health care for all Utahns.

### **OPEN GOVERNMENT**

- Watch for piecemeal attacks on the citizen's right to government information.
- Support Legislation that adds greater transparency to the legislative process
- Advocate for campaign finance reform

### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### **Energy**

- Support energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Support reduction in fossil fuel use and emissions

#### **Federal Lands**

- Oppose transferring federal lands to state control and funding for court challenges to the Utah Enabling Act
- Support enlarging wilderness and designating national monuments

#### **Environment**

- Oppose measures to weaken the public trust doctrine, agency boards and public participation

#### **Water**

- Oppose new major water diversions
- Oppose dedication of state taxes to water projects

**Air**

- Support state efforts to restore clean air

**SOCIAL POLICY**

- Support affirmative action and human rights.
- End of Life Options
- Support reproductive rights and sexual violence

**TAXATION**

- Oppose increasing sales tax on food
- Support increase and broadening of severance tax on non-renewable resources
- Support adequate transportation specific taxes and a reduction of transportation related earmarks to the general fund