

IOWA STATE SENATE REPUBLICANS LOOKING TO GROW IOWA'S ECONOMY THROUGH INCENTIVIZING JOB CREATION

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ALEXANDRIA, VA Republican State Senators in Iowa are looking to grow their economy by empowering business to create a goal of 80,000 jobs. While many state leaders are focused on federal government handouts to cobble their budgets together, Iowa Republican leaders have unveiled a bold initiative to stimulate the entrepreneurial spirit and lay the groundwork for economic stability. The Republican State Leadership Committee, the nation's largest caucus of Republican state leaders, called this a positive step forward in creating economic growth rather than simply expanding government.

There is no doubt the economy is in dire straits. It is refreshing to see Republican state leaders in Iowa putting forth commonsense solutions for long-term growth and prosperity rather than short-term fixes that only expand government, said RSLC President Scott Ward. By coupling tax relief for businesses with assisting entrepreneurs in starting a small business, this is a prime example of innovative ideas that empower individuals to create jobs and get the economy back on track.

Grow Iowa Not the Government Jobs Creation Initiative

PART ONE Immediate Economic Adrenaline

- Provides for a tax credit for every new job created at the level of 50 percent of the annual salary.
- This is a bold, limited time tax credit that can be used once per job for 5 percent more jobs or 50 new jobs, whichever is greater.

PART TWO Job & Employment Sustainability

- Create the position of small business ombudsman. Many surrounding states, like Nebraska, have a similar position and have utilized it with success and this would be paid for through existing money available through the Grow Iowa Values Fund.
- This ombudsman would serve as a watchdog and investigate any and all complaints made by job creators against state government.
- There are plenty of lobbyists here looking out for one interest or business or group but we need a person who will be looking to provide root counsel and suggestions to root out the onerous hurdles, regulations and roadblocks that are standing in the way of job creation.
- The ombudsman would create the Solutions to Minimize Unreasonable Government (S.M.U.G.) commission and they will review any and all rules and regulations that currently exist or that could exist in the future.

- S.M.U.G. must comprise nine (9) volunteer members who come from unique backgrounds whose sole motivation will be to improve our communities, put more lowans to work and provide suggestions that will be to the betterment of Iowa's future. They will meet monthly without compensation or reimbursement.

- The goal is to provide suggestions and counsel to elected officials and bureaucrats about what aspects of Iowa's code and administrative rules are serving as barriers and roadblocks to creating jobs and growing Iowa's economy.

PART THREE The Future

- State and federal government already have many programs in place to assist job creators once that entrepreneur has acquired funding or has a product ready for market. In other words, government seems to be ready to help most when it is needed the least.

- We must create an 11 member task force that will head out into our communities to cultivate ideas and look for entrepreneurial lowans who may not have the knowledge or tools to go about starting a business. In addition, many lowans may not understand what current programs exist, how they can be utilized or where to for help if they have a good idea.

- Notification, marketing and promotion of the idea nights would work in coordination with local chambers of commerce, banks, credit unions, auditors, accountants, trade associations and other small business and community associations.

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The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) is the only national organization whose mission is electing Republicans to the office of Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and State Legislator. The RSLC is the largest caucus of Republican state leaders in the country making a national impact one state at a time. The RSLC has over 70,000 donors from all 50 states supporting the RSLC's goals to pursue a pro-growth agenda, including reforming the tax code, healthcare and legal systems; promoting a better educational system; encouraging sound energy initiatives; and advocating public safety through tough, crime-fighting policies.

During the 2008 election the RSLC helped maintain the number of Republican Attorneys General and Lieutenant Governors across the U.S. In addition, the RSLC was able to deliver new Republican majorities in the Montana, Oklahoma and Tennessee state senates, as well as an unprecedented majority in the Tennessee House of Representatives. Since the November elections, Republicans have won in five special elections for state legislator. Wins include, among others, Barry Knight from the 81st House District of the Hampton Roads region of Virginia won in the backyard of DNC Chairman Governor Tim Kaine; Tom Kovach won the special election for the 6th District of the Delaware House, which includes part of Vice President-elect Joe Biden's hometown; and Joan Huffman came from behind to win in a run-off election for the Texas Senate.

