

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR BLUEPRINT LOUISIANA

We are in agreement with the fundamental ideas set forth by Blueprint Louisiana, an organization created with the goal of improving Louisiana.

We are committed to working for essential changes that will improve the state in which we live and work. We will work with Blueprint Louisiana to create the state that we deserve.

Through the activities of our organization in our communities, in our businesses and with the Legislature, we pledge to support the following goals summarized here and detailed at www.blueprintlouisiana.org:

Adopt the Nation's Best Ethics Laws. Louisiana should be a national model for ethics in government. The perception of public corruption continues to harm our image around the country. By requiring disclosure by all elected officials and lobbyists, providing ethics training, increasing enforcement and instituting transparency in the allocation of state funds, we can rise in the national rankings and overcome the weaknesses in our governmental ethics laws.

Prepare Students for a Lifetime of Success. All students deserve a strong foundation of early childhood education and the sustained support that leads to graduation and success in college and the workforce. The Legislature should increase access to high-quality pre-kindergarten programs for four-year-olds, while working in coordination with early childhood programs. By also better preparing high school students for college and the workforce, we will decrease the drop-out rate and allow our children to succeed.

Develop the Skilled Workforce We Need. Louisiana's workers should have access to high-quality, market-driven training to build job skills for today's economy. The Louisiana Community and Technical College System should be strengthened and charged with delivering workforce training. By developing Centers of Excellence and a Rapid Response capacity, we will provide the workforce to meet industry demand.

Provide First-Class Access to Health Care. All patients, insured and uninsured, in Louisiana deserve first-class access to health care services. It is time for Louisiana to move toward a single, competitive health care system that is more efficient, cost-effective and better meets the needs of all patients. Responsibility for the uninsured should be shared among public and private providers, which will allow LSU to focus on world-class medical education and research.

Build a Superior Transportation System. Louisiana roads should be safe and free of congestion to support Louisiana's economy and improve our quality of life. The poor condition of our transportation system is hurting our economy and our citizens. Dedicating existing transportation revenues to building and maintaining infrastructure, rather than the state General Fund or operational expenses where they are currently directed, will provide a sustainable funding source for our highways. Funding mega-projects through public-private partnerships will further help Louisiana address long-term infrastructure needs.

By signing this document, we indicate our public support for and our willingness to actively work toward the goals of Blueprint Louisiana.

Print Organization Name

Signature

Print Name & Title of Signer

Date