Repeat the Hall Income Tax on stocks and bonds, lowering the burden on low-income returns and raising wealthy individuals to move into Tennessee to invest in job growth.

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Scale back corporate taxes on all businesses, which are the per capita the highest of all border states.

Read “Corporate Welfare Infographic” at bit.ly/1E6Qp7Q

Place a limit on the growth of local property taxes unless approved by voters via referendum.

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Cut the Real Estate Transfer Tax to one-third, ending the unnecessary state purchasing of wetlands and forestland.


Review and eliminate all taxes and fees that cost more to enforce than is collected in revenue themselves.

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Allow parents across Tennessee to take a portion of the funding already spent on their child and send their child to the school of their choice.

Read “The Choice is Ours” at bit.ly/1GYtLw

Grade all public and charter schools based on academic performance and learning gains with easy-to-understand A, B, C, D, or F grades.


Ensure that school districts meet the national standard for the percentage of spending that goes into the classroom, curtailing out-control administrative costs.

Read “Following the Money” at bit.ly/1EMFCAG

Create alternative teacher certification paths, encouraging successful business and community leaders to enter the teaching profession.


Remove roadblocks to online and blended learning opportunities that provide additional options for children of various backgrounds.

Read “Legislators’ Guide to the Issues,” p. 29 at bit.ly/1jepdvw

Refuse the unsound and immoral push to expand Medicaid under Obamacare.

Read “Medicaid Expansion Infographic” at bit.ly/1XYXhNY

Allow Tennesseans to purchase health insurance from any state in the country.

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End presidential permission for states to expand Medicaid, thereby allowing all new occupational regulations directly impact the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans.

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Reduce the number of occupations requiring a license, currently at 111, which makes Tennessee one of the most heavily regulated states in the nation.

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Know the rules of the game to dispense criminal law for threats to public safety, not for reaching quotas or profiting from unjust fines, seizures, or garnishments.

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Amend the current policy that allows the Supreme Court to choose the Attorney General, thus removing the conflict of interest for selecting our state’s top lawyer.

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Provide state employees with a consumer-driven health insurance plan option with a health savings account in lieu of their current plan.

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Replace the cigarette tax with a more responsible vehicle miles traveled tax, with protections in place to prevent privacy infringements, to fund transportation infrastructure.

Read “There’s More Than One Way to Pave a Road” at bit.ly/1cGpxrh

End corporate handouts to select businesses, which allow government to pick winners and losers.

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End all special treatment of alternative energy that distorts market conditions and encourages taxpayer money at risk.


Eliminate financial incentives to the film industry that provide no real benefit to Tennesseans and instead send taxpayer money to Hollywood producers.

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Term methamphetamine production rather than impeding the sale of cold medications by law-abiding citizens, and prohibit local governments from restricting such sales.

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Prohibit unlicensed government regulatory boards from increasing occupational fees without approval by the legislature.


Eliminate the minimum wage and prohibit local “living wages” that make it more difficult for many Tennesseans to find gainful employment.

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Allow the private sector to assume responsibility for non-essential government services that could easily be handled outside of state government.

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Prohibit state and local governments from using tax dollars to fund failed experiments to provide high-speed Internet to the general public.

“Note: We Need to Show the Light on Electric Utilities” at bit.ly/1P0uQgQ

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Prohibit political contributions from state officials who make agricultural licensing decisions.

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