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BREAKING: Iowa Democratic Party Statement

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Iowa Democratic Party Statement on Proposed Changes to the Presidential Nominating Calendar

Des Moines - Below is a statement from Chair Ross Wilburn regarding the proposed changes to the Presidential nominating calendar.

“Small rural states like Iowa must have a voice in our Presidential nominating process. Democrats cannot forget about entire groups of voters in the heart of the midwest without doing significant damage to the party for a generation. I’m proud of the commitment Iowa Democrats have made to advancing diverse Presidential candidates over the years.

It’s disappointing to see a characterization of caucuses that does not reflect the historic reforms that we proposed. The new Iowa Caucuses will be a simplified vote-by-mail process that increases accessibility and grows our Party.

Iowa does not have the luxury of conducting a state-run primary, nor are Iowa Republicans likely to support legislation that would establish one. Our state law requires us to hold a caucus before the last Tuesday in February, and before any other contest.

When we submit our delegate selection plan to the Rules and Bylaws Committee early next year, we will adhere to the State of Iowa's legal requirements, and address compliance with DNC rules in subsequent meetings and hearings."

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