



# A BLUEPRINT FOR MISSISSIPPI

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# 2025



*Mississippi is a solidly conservative state.  
Here are ten conservative policy proposals that  
every real conservative lawmaker should support.*



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# SCHOOL CHOICE

MCPP is leading the campaign for school choice in Mississippi. In 2025, we would like to see the following key bills passed:

## 1. PARENTAL CHOICE BILL

Thanks to our new funding formula, every public school student in Mississippi has a personal budget. We are pushing a bill to allow each student to now take their personal budget to a public school of their choice.

Under our plan, school boards would have the final say over capacity, and there would be strong safeguards to allow schools to exclude students with disciplinary issues.

## 2. AMENDMENT TO HB 1341

Thanks to this law passed in 2024, military families—including those in the National Guard—are able to send their children to a traditional public school of their choice, if it has capacity.

We would like to amend this law to include non-military families as a possible alternative way to achieve public-to-public school choice.

## 3. PARENTAL CHOICE TAX CREDIT

Many families prefer not to send their child to a public school, either by paying for private school or homeschooling. We propose a refundable income tax credit of approximately \$6,700 for these families for expenses, like tuition and fees at eligible private schools, or for homeschooling costs. We propose capping the cost at \$150 million initially.

# LESS GOVERNMENT

## 4. TAX CUTS

Even after the 2022 Mississippi Tax Freedom Act cut the state income tax, Mississippi continues to have a budget surplus. Rather than squander this surplus on politicians' pet projects, we are pushing to have the money kept in taxpayers' pockets.

We are advocating for the full elimination of the Mississippi state income tax, with a series of triggers to ensure it is affordable.

## 5. DISMANTLE THE BUREAUCRACY

The best way to secure tax cuts is to have government spend less. Mississippi state government is too big and bloated.

If Elon Musk is able to dramatically reduce the size of the federal government, Mississippi ought to be able to reduce state government spending, too. We are working on plans to axe various layers of bureaucracy. Some of this will require legislation.

# ABOLISHING DEI

America was founded on the principle that all of us are created equal. The relentless advance of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) ideology undermines our country. We would like to see legislation to address this at source:

## 6. ANTI DEI BILL

Taxpayer-funded organizations should not be promoting extreme political ideology.

MCPPI is behind legislation that would prohibit public state entities, including state government agencies, from using public money to create, promote, or conduct diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

## 7. UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION REFORM

DEI ideology is firmly established within our public universities. In order to combat this toxic ideology, it is essential that we reform the university accreditation system that has done so much to entrench DEI dogma.

We are behind a bill that would transform the accreditation system for public universities in our state, allowing alternative systems of accreditation that have not been captured by leftist ideologues.

# MORE FREEDOM

## 8. CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAW REPEAL

Certificate of Need (CON) laws intentionally restrict the number of health care providers in our state, driving up costs and reducing access to healthcare.

We have been at the forefront of the fight against CON laws, both through litigation and legislation. We will be pushing for a bill to repeal CON laws in a number of areas.

## 9. DEBANKING BILL

No American should be barred from having a bank account because of their political opinions. In recent years, more and more Americans have been debanked. We are supportive of legislation to end this abuse.

## 10. RESTORE THE BALLOT INITIATIVE

For three years in a row, the state Senate has deliberately blocked efforts to restore the ballot initiative. MCPPI supports efforts to give voters the power to trigger ballot initiatives.



*"In politics, nothing moves unless pushed."*

– MORTON BLACKWELL



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