**Forward Independence Party Platform**

1. **Education**
   * We are committed to public education as a driver of freedom and economic advancement. We support enhancements that strengthen community ties and promote equality.
2. **Free Markets**
   * We support a fair, yet proportional, tax system and strive to relieve fiscal pressures on families and small businesses in order to foster an environment conducive to economic vitality.
3. **Tax and Investment**
   * Our fiscal policy emphasizes transparency and efficiency, ensuring government spending effectively promotes the welfare of the populace, not only corporations.
4. **Preserving and Improving Democracy**
   * We are dedicated to maintaining the integrity of our electoral processes, which are the basis of our democracy. We support democratic reforms such as ranked-choice voting (RCV), “Top Five” open primaries (or a similar reform), proportional representation, independent redistricting commissions, and the ending of corporate donations in politics.
5. **Agriculture and Rural Communities**
   * We champion policies that support Greater Minnesota; our agricultural sector, our outdoor recreation sector, and all rural communities as a key to our state's diverse economy.
6. **Public Safety**
   * We advocate for comprehensive, yet empathetic, safety measures, asserting that true freedom includes the security of one's community and property.
7. **Energy and Natural Resources**
   * We advocate for the responsible and sustainable utilization of any natural resources, crucial for both economic growth and environmental stewardship.
8. **Families and Children**
   * Acknowledging the essential role of families, we advocate for strong support systems that empower parents and promote the thriving of children.