



Nebraska Student Vote

Candidate Profiles

LEE TERRY – 2012

Age: 50

Hometown: Omaha

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years in Current Office: 14

Congressional Committees: Energy and Commerce

Education: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Creighton Law

Prior Public Office Held: Omaha City Council

Political Heroes: Ronald Reagan, Lee Terry Sr.

1. U.S. Presidents have said for several years that we need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. What steps would you take to make us less dependent on foreign oil and to achieve more energy efficiency in the U.S.?

We should make the most of alternative fuels, conservation, and the responsible use of North American energy resources. We should develop energy sources like natural gas, cellulosic ethanol, wind, solar, hydro, and clean coal. Finally, we need to streamline the permits process to make it more efficient

2. After September 11, 2001 our nation has made public safety from terrorism a high priority. Have we achieved a sustainable level of public safety or do you think more steps are needed to protect public safety into the future?

We need to do a better job of getting accurate, reliable information from overseas on our enemies. I still feel our country is secure, but more must be done to secure our borders. We must take a hard look at the Department of Homeland Security to ensure the right resources are being used in the most effective way possible.

3. Since our federal debt and annual deficits are a major concern, what are the top three priorities for you on these issues?

We must get our federal spending under control by addressing health care spending, government expansion, and entitlement spending in a realistic manner. We must enact a balanced budget amendment. Finally, we must do everything possible to strengthen our economy, and deal with our debt and deficit from a position of power.



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4. Many young people have only a general understanding of the dynamics of politics and elective government. As the greatest democracy in the world, America needs each new generation to step up. What two policies or programs might you pursue to help young people appreciate their freedoms and accept their civic responsibilities?

I would encourage our young people to volunteer in the community, especially with organizations which assist veterans. These are the men and women who have sacrificed for our country and they are truly inspiring. Get to know your neighbors. The rewards are tremendous.

