

2025-2-A

Standing in Full Support of Israel – Janie Harris, 32A

WHEREAS, Israel has been an unwavering friend and ally of the United States, sharing our values of democracy, freedom, and human rights;

WHEREAS, Israel was attacked on October 7, 2023, by Hamas, a recognized terrorist organization;

WHEREAS, The resulting casualties as of March 4, 2025, are over 1700 Israeli deaths, with 59 hostages still being held in Gaza;

WHEREAS, Hamas, in acts of defiance, posted videos of their torturous action on social media;

WHEREAS, Israel is facing numerous challenges and threats to its security and sovereignty, yet has remained resilient to secure peace and prosperity for its people;

RESOLVED, That the LAGOP Republican Party of Louisiana, at its Second Quarter meeting, May 17, 2025, in Lafayette, Louisiana, condemns the savage and horrific violence of the Hamas organization against Israelis, United States citizens and citizens of other countries in Israel on October 7, 2023; and

RESOLVED, That the LAGOP Republican Party of Louisiana joins with the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation of Republican Women to unequivocally stand firm, and in strongest terms fully supports, the United States' ally Israel in defending its people and its land against the inhumane and unprovoked attacks by the Hamas organization and in freeing from Hamas captor the remain hostages; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Republican members of Congress, urging them to uphold and act upon these principles in support of our ally, Israel.

2025 2-B

**A Resolution by Audrey Roberts RSCC 30B, Christopher Richardson 30, Tony
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WHEREAS, "climate change" fears have been exaggerated, as have the proposed responses to this issue, and

WHEREAS, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in its third report issued in 2001, stated that because the earth's climate is a "coupled non-linear fluid dynamic system" it is impossible to predict future global temperatures, and

WHEREAS, existing computer climate models on average have predicted three or more times the actual increase in temperature related to increased atmospheric CO₂ than has actually been observed with none of the temperature increase predictions of the last three decades have even come close to being accurate, and

WHEREAS, human contribution to the factors that influence the climate are trivial, and the scientific evidence that human activity is creating the risk of "catastrophic climate change" is, at best, questionable, and

WHEREAS, the amounts of CO₂ that can be captured and sequestered (CCS) from currently proposed Louisiana projects will not lower atmospheric CO₂ concentrations, making this a useless undertaking except to collect federal government subsidy money, and

WHEREAS, the lack of sound scientific basis for CCS indicates that its only basis for existence is political and

WHEREAS, CCS creates no marketable product or service, and thus those who present CCS as "economic development" are committing fraud, making false representations to elected officials and to the public, and

WHEREAS, the lack of scientific and/or economic basis for CCS, other than to capture government subsidy money, makes CCS nothing more than a "cover story" for a massive raid on the public treasury, and the resulting lack of public benefit makes an Eminent Domain action for a CCS project against a dissenting land owner essentially a "land grab", and

WHEREAS, CCS proponents are proposing to remove harmless CO₂ from the atmosphere and transform it into hazardous material in the form of supercritical CO₂ (scCO₂), scCO₂ will be transported in pipelines under extreme pressure of around 2200 psi. Increased pressure of around

4000 psi will be required to inject and keep scCP2 approximately 5000 to 10,000 feet below ground,
and

WHEREAS, CO₂ has been used for years for enhanced oil recovery (EOR), CO₂ is recovered and reused to extract more oil. This has been done in the Permian Basin in W. Texas in a few select sites. EOR has not been used extensively in Louisiana, and some oil and gas engineers suggest that comparing EOR to CCS is like comparing apples to oranges. CCS is proposing to dispose of billions of tons of scCO₂ (highly pressurized) beneath our communities and groundwater, and

WHEREAS, CO₂ hazardous waste disposal sites pose a serious threat to our groundwater. Many experts agree that highly pressurized, supercritical CO₂ will be extremely difficult to keep underground. CO₂ will eventually find its way back to the surface through faults and old oil and gas wells. When CO₂ meets water, it forms carbonic acid which is corrosive. Carbonic acid has been proven to cause leaching of heavy metals from the soils. High acidity would greatly diminish the quality of our groundwater. Leached heavy metals would render our groundwater useless, and

WHEREAS, CO₂ transport pipelines can rupture and leak harmful amounts of CO₂. Several major leaks, like those in Satartia, MS, and Sulphur, LA, are proof that CO₂ pipelines do leak. The long-term health effects of exposure to increased CO₂ levels are not well known, High concentrations of CO₂ may cause immediate death by asphyxiation and even heart attacks. Moderate levels of CO₂ are known to cause headaches, fatigue, reduced cognitive function, drowsiness, difficulty concentrating, and general sense of sluggishness and

WHEREAS, CCS technology is unproven, and it is extremely unlikely that it will ever be technically feasible or cost-effective. Billions of our tax dollars have already been wasted on advancing CCS, and

WHEREAS, CCS is not practical to implement due to its high energy requirements. It will result in a net increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere. Some experts suggest that bringing CCS up to the proposed scale will double the amount of our current energy usage. Due to the tremendous power requirements of CCS, our electric bills will increase predicted by experts by 30%, and

WHEREAS, CCS is a problematic technology. A new Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) study reviewed the capacity and performance of 13 flagship projects and found that most (10 of 13) had either failed or underperformed by 20% to 50% against their designed targets—one experienced a geological fault while another had to find a new storage location after only 18 months-at a high additional cost. IEEFA has consistently criticized CCS technology, calling it expensive, unreliable, and unproven, and

WHEREAS, we must abolish Eminent Domain for CCS and CO2 pipelines in Louisiana. Eminent Domain for private gain is unconstitutional and un-American, abolishing these unpatriotic laws would restore power to our parish governing authorities to regulate CCS disposal sites and dangerous CO2 pipelines in our rural areas. Getting rid of Eminent Domain for private gain would restore landowner rights and allow them to fairly negotiate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The RSCC of the LAGOP opposes all CCS Projects and the Eminent Domain for private gain within the state of Louisiana now and for the future. We resolve to protect our Louisiana residents as is the proper function of our Government, and

THEREFORE, each Parish should have the right to OPT OUT of CCS. Prohibit the exercise of Eminent Domain for a pipeline that carries Carbon Dioxide. Property values must be determined prior to the approval of CCS Class VI permit applications for extrinsic and intrinsic values, sentimental value, time of ownership must be considered. Stranded minerals due to the implementation of CCS must be valued and landowners compensated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, A copy of this resolution will be provided to the entire Louisiana Legislative Delegation, our Governor, Jeff Landry.

Done in Leesville, LA on April 15, 2025 Honoring the contributions of Barry Hugghins and Michael Nichols USDA-NRCS

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Endorsed by:

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Louisiana CO2 Alliance

2025-2-C

A Resolution to Incentivize Family Formation and Stability Through Targeted Tax Relief
David C. Kepper, Jr. 5A - Reported Favorably

Whereas,

- **Empirical Evidence Supports the Nuclear Family:** Research by sociologist Brad Wilcox indicates that children raised in intact, married households experience better outcomes across various metrics, including education, emotional well-being, and economic stability, [National Catholic Register](#);
- **Marriage Enhances Economic Prosperity:** Wilcox's findings reveal that married individuals, particularly men, tend to earn more, work longer hours, and accumulate greater wealth compared to their unmarried counterparts;
- **Family Structure Impacts Community Safety:** Studies show that communities with higher rates of intact families experience lower crime rates, suggesting that family stability contributes to safer neighborhoods, [Institute for Family Studies](#);
- **Current Tax Policies Disincentivize Marriage:** Existing tax structures often penalize married couples, especially those with children, creating financial barriers to family formation and stability;
- **Policy should aim to reinforce the foundational role of the nuclear family in society** by providing tangible economic incentives for marriage and child-rearing. By aligning tax structures with the proven benefits of stable, two-parent households, Louisiana can foster environments where families thrive, communities are safer, and children have greater opportunities for success;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Republican Party of Louisiana urges the state legislature and governor to enact legislation that:

1. **Eliminates State Income Tax** for married couples filing jointly, comprising a mother and father residing in the same household, with at least two dependent children and a combined adjusted gross income (AGI) of less than \$300,000 annually;
2. **Implements Incremental Tax Benefits:** For each additional child beyond the second, the household receives a proportional increase in tax benefits, incentivizing larger families; and
3. **Ensures Compliance and Integrity:** Eligibility is contingent upon verified marital status, shared household residency, and adherence to income thresholds, with appropriate measures to prevent fraud.

Done at Lafayette, Louisiana this 17th day of May, 2025.

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE LOUISIANA REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
*URGING CONGRESS & LOUISIANA'S DELEGATION TO PASS
THE FY 2025-2030 FARM BILL***

BY Luke Dupré (District 26-A--Acadia)

WHEREAS, the Farm Bill is a quinquennial package of legislation which reinforces the agricultural industry, ensuring the supply and quality of the food on our tables, and providing financial aid to the farmers and producers who sacrifice to provide the nation's food supply; this legislation is absolutely critical for the sustainability of American agriculture as an industry and to over 20 million citizens engaged in that industry; and

WHEREAS, the current Farm Bill was signed into law in 2018 and was set to expire in 2023, but was granted two one-year extensions, with the current farm bill set to expire in September 2025; and

WHEREAS, family farms in Louisiana have been exhausted economically, and mounting uncertainty exists among Louisiana farmers whose operations are contingent upon Farm Bill provisions, including: Price Loss Coverage (PLC), subsidies, and farm loan interest rates which have been outpaced by inflation; and

WHEREAS, between 2017 and 2022, the State of Louisiana lost 2,000 entire farms according to data from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Julia Letlow (R-LA-5) a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, was instrumental in securing several key farm-aid provisions in the American Relief Act (PL 118-158), and is continuing the work of ensuring the 2025 Farm Bill's passage; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee that the official position of the Louisiana Republican Party regarding the 2025 Farm Bill is that the 2025 Farm Bill should be passed this year (with revisions as deemed necessary by Congress) and that the 2018 Farm Bill should not be extended for an additional one year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Louisiana's Congressional Delegation, to the Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture, and to the United States Secretary of Agriculture.