



# Realizing the West Virginia Miracle

## 2023 Legislative Priorities

### AT A GLANCE

#### REDUCE

The Tax Burden on West Virginians

#### EXPAND

School Choice

#### ELIMINATE

Certificate of Need

### RESPONSIBLE TAX REFORM

We must ensure our state and local governments spend taxpayer dollars wisely with a pro-economic growth tax system that is simple, transparent, and impartial.

Tax reform is a worthwhile and necessary endeavor for West Virginia.

**Broaden the Base**

**Flatten the Rate**

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

A strong educational system is the foundation of a brighter future. The Cardinal Institute supports expanded eligibility and availability of existing options such as charter schools, the Hope Scholarship, microschoools, and open enrollment in the traditional public school system. Further, we encourage the development of new options such as tax-credit scholarships and the implementation of individual tax credits and deductions that will allow families to receive state income tax relief for approved educational expenses

**Expand School Choice**

### HEALTHCARE ACCESS FOR ALL

The Cardinal Institute aspires to create a future in West Virginia where our people can readily access the health care they need and desire at a lower cost through markets, not regulation.

Our efforts toward health care reform focus on individuals over government, paving the way for increases in coverage capabilities, quality of care, and the health of our state through free, open competition among providers.

The Cardinal Institute will continue to promote supply side reforms that increase choice for patients, lower costs, and improve the quality of health care across the state.

**Eliminate Certificate of Need**



*"Recent policy reforms have West Virginia on the verge of a substantially brighter future. But we can't stop at the threshold and hope for prosperity to come to us. Many critical reforms are still necessary to ensure the opportunity for success is available to every West Virginian. The Cardinal Institute stands behind these priorities for the next legislative session. These reforms are feasible, maximize impact, and uphold the principles that will usher in a new era of prosperity for West Virginia."*

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