



Executive Summary: *Restoring Trust & Integrity Plan*

In response to South Dakotans' concerns about the recent onslaught of political scandals in our state, Billie has advocated for good government measures to help restore integrity and trust in state government. South Dakota needs a leader in the Governor's office willing to fight for the type of open, honest, and accessible government South Dakotans deserve. Billie has a record of championing trust and transparency and will continue to fight to restore government trust and integrity. Here are a few of the ways Billie will do that as your next Governor:

1. **Trust and Accountability:** To restore trust in the state government, Sutton proposes measures to crack down on corruption and increase oversight on all branches of government. To end corruption, Sutton plans to prohibit self-dealing in state contracts, limit gifts and special favors to elected and government officials, end the good ol' boys club, prohibit patronage, and strengthen ethics oversight with citizen involvement and increased whistleblower reporting.
2. **Campaign Finance Reform:** In order to curb money's influence in our elections, Sutton aims to reinstate voter-approved campaign finance limits from IM 22 that were repealed by the legislature without replacement. He will also eliminate pay-to-play practices to limit conflicts of interest in Pierre.
3. **Transparency and Open Government:** Sutton also lays out his plans to truly open government to the public. He plans to retain and open more government documents to public view, like emails, appointment logs, and financial records. Sutton will make more records publicly searchable. He also recognizes the importance of offering greater public and press accessibility to officials throughout his administration. Sutton highlights the need for stronger and more transparent disclosures for lobbying, conflict of interest, and state contracts so South Dakotans can follow the money and carefully monitor the relationships that could result in special favors in lawmaking and state business.

"We have a long way to go as a state to ensure our government is open and transparent and taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely. The Center for Public Integrity, a Pulitzer Prize winning organization, recently investigated all state governments' integrity, and South Dakota received an "F" and ranked 47th overall. My *Trust & Integrity Plan* addresses many of the concerns highlighted in that investigation and addresses the concerns I have heard from people around the state. As Governor, I will ensure we address this shortcoming in our otherwise upstanding state." – Billie Sutton

Read the entire *Restoring Trust & Integrity Plan* at SuttonForSD.com