

Dear State Delegates,

I am writing in response to the numerous emails I've received as a delegate regarding Iowa's First in the Nation status and the role of the National Committeeman.

I have done my own research on this topic by calling National Committeemen in other states, and I want to share with you what I found out regarding First in the Nation status and the role of the National Committeeman at the state level.

First in the Nation (FITN)

Every National Committeeman I talked with said that Iowa's FITN status is not at risk. Here are the quotes and summaries of conversations on this topic:

- "The RNC will NOT oppose Trump."
- "We will go along with his [President Trump's] directive."
- "There is no other option...that has enough support to change it."
- "It is easier to maintain status quo than to change."
- The RNC cannot afford to "waste time bickering over First in the Nation."
- The RNC's focus will be on campaigning for 2024 and not on FITN: "We learned from Obama that a four-year campaign is needed."

- Iowa's size, infrastructure, and many years as FITN allows presidential candidates with less notoriety and small budgets to have a chance: "If First in the Nation moves to another state, the richest candidate will win."

Role of the National Committeeman

They all have the same general roles on the RNC, but their role varies at the state level. Some have no role on the state level, and others do what Dave Dicks is proposing to do (e.g. recruiting new candidates).

These are not my opinions. This information comes directly from other National Committeemen throughout the country whom I personally talked with.

Fear mongering is not the Republican way to win an election.

Sincerely,

John Schuster