

Senate Democrats Are Putting People First Every Day

Since January, Senate Democrats have partnered with President Biden and his Administration to put people first in everything we do. And, it has been a very busy and productive year.

Together, we have taken action that has saved lives, supported families and small businesses, and gotten our economy back on track. And we're not done yet.

Just 60 days into his Administration, President Biden had **all 15 of his Cabinet Secretaries confirmed with bipartisan support.** We built one of the most qualified and most diverse Cabinets in history to lead our country through the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.

Our **American Rescue Plan** is helping get people back to work and children back to school safely by getting vaccines into people's arms and helping to deal with the challenges caused by the pandemic. And it has provided a historic tax cut for families that has lifted children out of poverty.



We didn't stop there.

We passed the bipartisan **U.S. Innovation and Competition Act**, which strengthens America's leadership in research and a broad range of technologies while bringing critical manufacturing jobs home. The global pandemic showed us how important it is to have strong supply chains in America.

Instead of just talking about rebuilding our aging infrastructure – Democrats actually delivered.



We passed the bipartisan **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**, a blueprint to rebuild
America and help businesses—large and small—
create American jobs.

More than 6 million jobs have been created in 2021, and the unemployment rate is the lowest it's been since the start of the pandemic.

When President Biden took office, there were 18 million people on unemployment insurance. Today there are 2 million.

We believe that America is at its best when we are focused on creating opportunity and a fair shot for everyone to work hard and be successful. America is also at its best when we lead in solving our biggest challenges. And we are committed to tackling the biggest global challenge we face—**the climate crisis**.

In addition to our infrastructure investments in electric transportation and resiliency, we passed the bipartisan **Growing Climate Solutions Act** to provide support for our farmers and foresters so they can be a bigger part of solving the climate crisis.

Democrats passed legislation to combat discrimination and violence with the anti-Asian hate crimes bill and the Victims of Crimes fix.

We continue to be committed to keeping our national security strong. That's why we led the passage of the bipartisan **National Defense Reauthorization Act**.

We are investing in our men and women in uniform who keep our nation safe by providing all of our service members a well-earned pay raise and a historic new policy of 12 weeks paid leave for all parents.

Among many other things, we also made significant new investments in research and educational partnerships, especially at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

We also know how indebted we are to those who have served this nation. We are **keeping our promises to our veterans**, whether it's creating opportunities for goodpaying jobs, expanding tuition benefits, protecting student housing allowances, or ensuring our women veterans have the high-quality health care they deserve and have earned.

We are bringing experience, diversity, and a commitment to justice back to the federal judiciary— **confirming more federal judges in President Biden's first year than any recent president.**

We know we can't build a strong American future without supporting strong families.

We are committed to passing the **Build Back Better Act** in 2022 to **lower costs** of

the things that keep people up at night—whether it's prescription drugs, home care, housing, or child care.

And we are committed to fully paying for these savings for Americans by simply requiring the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share of taxes.

The Build Back Better Act is about the future for our children.

Tackling the climate crisis in a comprehensive and effective way to reduce dangerous pollution, slow down the ravages of destructive storms and other severe weather events, and create good-paying manufacturing jobs is a top priority for Democrats in 2022.

And most importantly, we are committed to protecting our democracy—the foundation of all we are and can be as Americans.

Our freedom to vote is sacred—and it is critical that we work together to protect it.

Since Day 1, Senate Democrats and President Biden have delivered by putting people first. As we move into 2022, we will continue to stand up to the wealthy special interests to get things done for the American people.