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# **Senate Democrats are Putting People Over Politics**

The American people deserve a government that puts their needs first. And that's just what Senate Democrats are delivering. Throughout the pandemic and beyond, Democrats have worked to lower costs for families, create better-paying jobs, and build safer communities.

# **Lowering Costs**

Big corporations are jacking up prices, and those higher costs are hurting working families. Senate Democrats are standing up to Big Pharma to bring down costs at the pharmacy counter. We are standing up to Big Oil to bring down the price at the pump, electricity bills and other energy costs. We've taken action to lower health care premiums, lower food costs and fix our supply chains, which will lead to lower prices on the things Americans need and put more money in their pockets.

# **Better Paying Jobs**

We have come a long way from the dark days of the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan reopened our economy and unleashed unprecedented job creation—more than 9.1 million jobs since January 2021. We passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the CHIPS and Science Act to rebuild America and invest in cutting-edge technologies of the future while creating good jobs here at home. Our job market remains historically strong, with the lowest unemployment rate in 50 years at 3.5%. And, our small businesses have achieved record growth despite the COVID-led supply chain breakdowns.

And now, The Inflation Reduction Act will add 9 million new clean energy jobs!

#### **Safer Communities**

Every American deserves to be safe and healthy and live in a safe community. When President Biden and Democratic majorities were sworn in January 2021, our first priority was keeping people safe from COVID. Since then, there has been close to a 90% drop in the COVID death rate.

Our Bipartisan Safer Communities Act was the most significant gun reform in 30 years. We also made the largest investment in community mental health and addiction treatment services ever. We kept America's commitment to our veterans poisoned by toxic burn pits.

And, Senate Democrats passed the most significant climate legislation in U.S. history, taking decisive action to protect the future for our children and grandchildren.

# Extreme MAGA Republicans Care About Only One Thing: Their Own Power

- They are criminalizing women's health care, including the right to access safe abortions and birth control, and working to roll back other privacy rights like marriage equality.
- They plan to end Social Security and Medicare in five years, ripping hard-earned money away from tens of millions of Americans.
- They continue to attack our democracy, undermine free elections, and make it harder for Americans to vote.

# While Republicans fight to keep their power by protecting the interests of billionaires and big corporations, Democrats fight for the American people every day.

Here's a sample of all the ways we're putting people first:

- The **Inflation Reduction Act of 2022** will lower prescription drug prices, tackle the climate crisis, ensure the wealthiest corporations and individuals pay their fair share in taxes, and reduce the deficit. The bill will create more than 9 million jobs.
- The **American Rescue Plan** got shots in arms, people back to work, and children back in school safely.
- The **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act** is a blueprint to rebuild America and create American jobs.
- The CHIPS and Science Act will lower costs, bring jobs home, and strengthen our national security
- The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is the most significant gun reform in 30 years.
  - **Mental health funding**: The law also expands high quality community mental health and addiction services nationwide.
- Created the first-ever Made in America Office and strengthened our Buy American laws.
- 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.
- Passed the **National Defense Reauthorization Act** providing all of our service members a well-earned pay raise and a historic new policy of 12 weeks paid leave for all parents.
- Secured new investments in **research and educational partnerships**, especially at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- Water Resources Development Act authorizes much-needed investments in vital Army Corps projects and revamps the Corps' ability to proactively confront the climate crisis.
- The **Access to Baby Formula Act** helps parents get their babies the formula they need and will hold baby formula manufacturers accountable.
- The Keep Kids Fed Act offers important funding and flexibility for communities to provide children healthy meals this summer and to support schools and daycares as they respond to supply chain challenges and high food costs for the coming school year.
- The **Ocean Shipping Reform Act** is cracking down on skyrocketing international ocean shipping costs and easing supply chain backlogs.

- The **Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act** expands access to resources for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for all people, including LGBTQ+ and tribal communities.
- The **Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act** restored access to justice for victims of sexual assault or harassment.
- Passed the Postal Service Reform Act to ensure that the Postal Service remains
  financially stable, continues six-day delivery, and provides transparency for postal
  operations.
- The Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act makes lynching a federal crime.
- The COVID-19 Hate Crimes law will allow us to better confront anti-Asian hate crimes.
- The **Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act** bans the sale of goods made by Uyghur slave labor and takes a stand against the genocide of the Uyghur people.
- President Biden signed legislation to commemorate **Juneteenth**, celebrating the end of slavery in the United States.
- Passed legislation to **streamline research of marijuana**.
- Supporting The People of Ukraine Against Putin's Illegal War And Holding Russia Accountable. Passed legislation to provide more than \$10 billion for the people of Ukraine, followed by an additional \$40 billion in emergency aid, suspend Permanent Normal Trade Relations with Russia, ban the importation of Russian energy exports, and the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act.
- The PACT Act addresses the health needs of veterans exposed to toxic hazards while serving our country overseas.
- **76 Federal judges confirmed** 18 circuit court judges, one Supreme Court justice, and 58 district court judges
- Nearly 90% drop in COVID death rate. Democrats have increased access to COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and treatments, and will continue taking action to fight COVID-19 and save lives.
- The **Strengthening American Cybersecurity Act** enhances our cybersecurity infrastructure to combat potential attacks by foreign governments.
- Voting to **ratify Finland and Sweden's applications to join NATO**, a vote that will strengthen the NATO alliance and American security around the world.
- Reduced the federal deficit by a projected total of \$2 trillion.