



Democrats Take Action to Lower Costs for Americans.

Republicans love to talk about inflation but refuse to stand up to big corporations that are price gouging Americans while making record profits.

There is no question our country continues to face global supply chain challenges and increased costs due to COVID-19. Since Day 1, Senate Democrats have partnered with President Biden to tackle these challenges head-on and take action to lower costs for American families. And there is more to do.

Senate Republicans? They love to talk about inflation. Some of them even call it a political [“gold mine.”](#)

Senate Republicans could help families. Instead, they vow to vote against everything President Biden and Democrats are doing to lower costs for [Americans](#).

While Senate Democrats have been putting people first, every Republican Senator voted NO on the American Rescue Plan and have opposed other actions to lower costs for families.

Senate Republicans voted NO on actions to lower the cost of food.

- Voted against the U.S. Department of Agriculture efforts through the American Rescue Plan to respond to COVID-19 disruptions in our food supply chain and make long-term investments to strengthen our food system.
- Opposed the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program to expand critical infrastructure and leverage private investments—thereby saving taxpayers’ money. This investment will help address supply chain issues and lower food costs.

Senate Republicans voted NO on actions to lower the cost of meat.

- Opposed the U.S. Department of Agriculture support for small and regional meat processing facilities that will create more competition and lower costs. Today, there are only four large multi-national meat processing businesses serving our farmers, ranchers, and consumers. COVID has exposed the weaknesses in this lack of competition, and Democrats are committed to fixing this problem.

Senate Republicans voted NO on supporting our restaurants.

- Voted against establishing the Restaurant Revitalization Fund to help local restaurants stay open, keep their workers employed, and alleviate rising operating costs.

Senate Republicans voted NO on actions to lower health care costs.

- Voted against larger ACA tax credits to lower health care costs. These credits, combined with other Administration actions, mean that nearly 4 in 5 Americans who bought health insurance through the Marketplace in 2021 paid \$10 or less per month in premiums.
- Voted against incentives for states to expand Medicaid, which could provide health insurance coverage and lower costs for nearly 4 million Americans, including 640,000 frontline or essential workers.
- Voted against continued 100% COBRA health insurance premium support for people who have lost their job.

Senate Republicans voted NO on lowering child care costs.

- Voted against lowering the cost of childcare or other caregiving through an expanded Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, a fully refundable credit up to \$4,000 for one child and \$8,000 for two or more children.

Senate Republicans voted NO on lowering housing costs for families.

- Voted against the Emergency Rental Assistance program made available to states, local governments, and tribal governments through to help households behind on or struggling to keep up with rent and utility payments. More than 665,000 households had received assistance as of November 2021.
- Voted against the Homeowner Assistance Fund made available to states and tribal governments to help millions of Americans who are behind on or struggling to keep up with their mortgage, utility, or other housing payments to avoid delinquency and foreclosure during the pandemic.

Senate Republicans voted NO on actions to lower energy costs for families.

- Voted against the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to help low-income families lower their energy bills, including the 1 in 5 Americans unable to cover their utility bills last year.

Senate Republicans voted NO on many actions to help Americans manage and lower their everyday costs during the COVID pandemic.

- Voted against the largest tax cut in a generation for American families with children aged 17 and younger through an expansion of the Child Tax Credit.
- Voted against a tax cut for workers under age 25 without children and those over age 65 through an expanded Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Voted against \$1,400 Economic Impact Payments in the American Rescue Plan to help 90 million Americans manage their household bills during this unprecedented economic crisis.
- Voted against emergency grants made available to colleges and universities to provide grants to students and ensure continued learning during the pandemic
- Opposed extending all pandemic unemployment insurance programs for people who lost their job during the pandemic.

Senate Democrats are laser-focused on lowering costs for Americans.

When will Republicans stand up to special interests who are price gouging Americans?