



One Year Later: President Biden and Senate Democrats Are Putting People First Every Day

One year ago, President Biden and Vice President Harris were sworn into office and immediately hit the ground running with our new Senate majority. Since that time, 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. More than 200 million Americans are fully vaccinated and 96% of schools are open. 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.

We **created the first-ever Made in America Office** and strengthened our Buy American laws.

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 President Biden's first year, and the unemployment rate had the biggest single-year drop in American history.

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

Economic growth is the strongest in two generations—and for the first time in 20 years, the U.S. economy has grown faster than China's.

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.

More Americans have affordable health care than ever before—with nearly 5 million Americans signing up for new health plans.

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 good-

paying 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 circuit and district judges (42) in President Biden's first year than any president since Kennedy.**

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

We remain committed to **lowering 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.**

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 going to keep fighting to protect our democracy—the foundation of all we are and can be as Americans.

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