FLASH REPORT

BROKEN PROMISES: *Trump Promised Relief. He Delivered Higher Bills.*

Trump and Republicans promised to make life affordable for American families. They failed.

American families have already spent over $4,200 more just to get by, while Trump has pocketed more than $2 billion for himself. As his chaos and corruption cost families billions, Republicans keep putting billionaires first. They voted to rip health care away from 15 million Americans, kicked 5 million people off food assistance, and have gone after child care funding, all to pay for tax cuts for billionaires and big corporations. They've had 14 chances to end Trump's war, which has cost taxpayers more than $43 billion, but they've voted for higher gas prices instead. And they've protected Trump's tariffs, hiking taxes on every American family and pushing small businesses to the brink.

Trump has fought harder for his vanity projects—his ballroom, his arch, his luxury bribe jet—than he has ever fought to bring down costs. Republicans have rubber-stamped it all.

Democrats are fighting back to protect families, cut costs, and end corruption. Our forward-looking vision stands in stark contrast to Republicans' policies that have led to skyrocketing costs and stretched family budgets. Senate Democrats have laid out a vision for cutting costs on housing, groceries, energy, child care, and health care**.**

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: Grocery prices would come down. WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- Republicans kicked **5 million people** off SNAP, including more than 1.5 million children.
- The program is now providing food assistance to the fewest number of people in 17 years.
- Republicans cut **$187 billion** from SNAP in their Big Ugly Bill, delivering the largest cuts in program history and forcing millions to go without access to healthy food—all to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.
- Trump canceled **94 million pounds** of food aid to food banks—meaning fewer staples like pork, chicken, cheese, milk, and eggs on the shelves—right as more families than ever are showing up hungry.
- Grocery prices have soared, but wages have not kept up: it now takes a full hour of minimum wage work to afford **1 pound** of ground beef, and more than an hour to afford a pound of coffee.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: Better health care at a lower price. WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- Trump and Republicans cut **$1 trillion** from the health care system—the largest cuts in American history—to pay for tax cuts for billionaires and big corporations.

    - Americans with ACA coverage saw their deductibles increase **more than $1,000** in just one year, and premiums have increased by double digits since Trump came into office.
    - The **largest increase** in premiums in a quarter century is expected next year.
- Republicans' health care cuts have already ripped insurance away from more than **5 million** Americans, with more than 10 million more expected to lose their health coverage in the coming years.
- More than **5 million** people have been kicked off Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) thanks to Republicans' cuts.
- More than **300** hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes have closed or cut services, leaving Americans—particularly in rural areas—with limited or no options for care nearby.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: Cut Americans' energy bills in half.
WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- Trump's war has sent fuel prices skyrocketing: gas is nearly $4.50 a gallon, the highest-ever for September, and diesel is the highest it's ever been at $6.50 a gallon.
- Americans have been forced to spend over **$66 billion** *more* on gas since Trump started this war.
- By gutting American-made clean energy, Trump has sent families' utility prices soaring: home electricity bills are up as much as **18%**, and home heating bills are up as much as **12%**.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: Lower child care costs for American families.
WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- **80% of voters** say that the ability to find or afford child care is "a major problem" or is in a "state of crisis," and the Trump administration has made it even harder for families to find affordable child care options.
- Under Trump, child care costs reached an average **$13,184** per year and now **exceed** average in-state college tuition, rent, and mortgage payments in nearly every state.
- Trump is planning to end Head Start as we know it, by:
    - Cutting nearly **40,000** Head Start jobs
    - Gutting funding for basic health care services—like regular dental screenings—for children and families
    - Driving up child care costs by **$600 annually.**
- The administration has proposed canceling caps on family child care payments which could increase child care costs in some states by **up to $15,000** per year.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: Lower housing costs and to cut the cost of a new home in half.
WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- Home prices are skyrocketing: the median home price was **$434,100** in July 2026—more than 5x household income—and mortgage rates **surged above 7%.**
- With home prices soaring, the number of families who have become homeowners had the weakest growth in a decade and homeownership rates are falling.
- Trump's tariff taxes and trade wars have driven up home construction costs by **$11,000**.
- More than **12 million** American households are spending *more than half* their income on housing.
- A record **1 in 5** working-age renters could not pay their rent at some point last year, and more than 5 million households are currently behind on rent.
- There were more than 1 million evictions filed in the last year, and cuts to funding for permanent housing and homelessness programs risk forcing **170,000 people** back onto the street.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: Other countries would pay Trump's tariffs, and American manufacturing would boom.
WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- Since Trump started his trade war, American families have already paid **$1,700 in tariff taxes**, and American businesses have paid $350 billion.
- More than **95%** of the cost of tariffs are borne by American business and consumers.
- Over **100,000** American manufacturing **jobs** have been lost under Trump.
- Trump's trade war has contributed to a **$65 billion reduction** in new manufacturing facilities.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: To end government corruption.
WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- Trump and his family have made more than **$4 billion** off the presidency—including more than **$2 billion** for just himself—since returning to the White House.
- Trump accepted a **$400 million** luxury jet—the largest foreign bribe to an American president in history. Upgrading the luxury jet has already cost American taxpayers nearly **$1 billion**.
- Trump has fought for vanity projects worth **$1.8 billion**.
- Gas prices are soaring, diesel prices are the highest they've ever been, and Trump's oil investments have **made millions**.
- Small businesses are getting crushed by Trump's tariffs, but well-connected big corporations are **bribing** Trump for special treatment.

- Trump has transformed the Presidential pardon into a currency for insiders, repeatedly using clemency to reward political donors, loyalists, and cronies.
    - Trump granted almost 1,600 pardons to Jan. 6 rioters. At least 97 rioters have been **accused** of new crimes.
    - Trump's pardon profiteering has wiped out almost **$2 billion** that was supposed to go back to victims and taxpayers.

TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS PROMISED: Real global leadership.
WHAT THEY DELIVERED:

- Trump promised to negotiate peace in Ukraine within 24 hours of taking office.
    - Twenty months after Trump took office, Russia's invasion of Ukraine rages on.
    - Rather than negotiating peace, Trump has repeatedly sought to undermine Ukraine and NATO while rolling out the red carpet for Putin.
- Trump promised to restore peace in the Middle East.
    - Trump started a new war with Iran in the Middle East that has taken the lives of at least 19 American service members, led to hundreds more Americans wounded, and cost taxpayers **over $100 billion** in damage to equipment and higher gas prices.
- Trump promised to impose sanctions and prevent China from purchasing critical infrastructure near military bases.
    - Trump is actually helping facilitate China's military build-up by giving the Chinese Communist Party access to highly advanced AI chips and manufacturing equipment.
    - He is giving away our best tool to maintain AI dominance and ceding leadership to China.