

Faithful Recovery

The American Jobs and American Families Plans



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Overview

Today we'll discuss:

- ☀️ The President's American Jobs and Families Plans
- ☀️ NETWORK Priorities
- ☀️ What you can do to help

*The time is now to Build Anew!
We need bold, comprehensive action!*

Current State of Play

President Biden and a bipartisan group of Senate moderates are negotiating a small “traditional” infrastructure bill — think roads and bridges.

- ☀️ No current agreement on scope of bill and funding
- ☀️ White House is signaling negotiations may end if agreement is not reached soon
- ☀️ NETWORK priority in current bipartisan bill is expansion of broadband

The “Build Back Better” Agenda

- ☀️ The American Jobs & American Families Plan
 - Both proposals are BOLD and transformative investments in communities and individuals
- ☀️ Leadership and most Democrats on board
 - Moderates need a push to go BIG
 - Republicans oppose both plans



Two Possible Paths Forward

1. Bipartisan discussions continue with agreement in June
2. Bipartisan discussions end in June, President and Democrats in Congress move to budget reconciliation

Biden Housing Proposal

- ☀️ \$40B Public Housing
- ☀️ \$20B Neighborhood Home Investment Act
- ☀️ \$126B Electrified Housing Units
- ☀️ Eliminate exclusionary zoning laws
- ☀️ \$27B Establish Clean Energy & Sustainable Accelerator
- ☀️ Guaranteeing energy efficiency through block grants, weatherizing, and tax credits.

NETWORK Additions

- ☀️ Creation of Universal Housing Vouchers
- ☀️ Increased funding for public housing to \$70 billion



Biden \$100B Broadband Proposal

- ☀️ 100% Coverage
- ☀️ Enlist support of local governments, non-profits, and cooperative broadband communities
- ☀️ Provide set-asides for tribal initiatives
- ☀️ Provide price transparency for internet providers
- ☀️ Reduce internet prices instead of subsidizing overpriced providers

NETWORK Additions

- ☀️ Guaranteed service everywhere
 - Prevent digital redlining
- ☀️ Make broadband subsidy permanent
- ☀️ Empower the Federal Communications Commission to regulate where and when broadband is deployed



Biden Jobs & Worker Development

- ☀️ \$100B Investment
- ☀️ Emphasis on programs for women & people of color
- ☀️ Funding to labor enforcement programs ensuring that our workers are safe and healthy
- ☀️ Focused job training for formerly incarcerated folks and system-involved youth

NETWORK Additions

- ☀️ Ensure that these investments have racially equitable outcomes
- ☀️ Guarantee government contracted companies:
 - Pay employees at least \$15 dollars an hour
 - Provide progressive benefits
 - Have the option to join a union/unionize



Pass the PRO Act

- ☀️ President Biden has called for Congress to pass the PRO Act and NETWORK agrees!
- ☀️ The PRO Act protects the basic right to join a union by:



Pass the PRO Act

1. Introducing meaningful, enforceable penalties for companies that violate workers' rights
2. Expanding collective bargaining rights and closing loopholes
3. Strengthening workers' access to fair union elections and requiring corporations to respect the results

Biden Paid Leave Proposal

- ☀️ Guarantees 12 weeks of paid leave by year 10 of program
- ☀️ Progressive Wage Replacement: Provides workers with up to \$4,000/month, replacing minimum of 2/3 of average weekly wages, or 80% for lowest wage workers.
- ☀️ Asks Congress to pass the Healthy Families Act

NETWORK Additions

- ☀️ Include job protections and anti-retaliation language
- ☀️ Inclusive definitions of family
- ☀️ Racially equitable implementation



Biden Nutrition Proposal

- ☀️ Makes individuals formerly incarcerated for drug-related felonies eligible for SNAP.
- ☀️ Expand summer EBT to all eligible children nationwide
- ☀️ NETWORK loves these inclusions!

Health Care

- ☀️ Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap for 2.2 million people living below the poverty line in the 12 states that have refused to expand Medicaid.



Health Care: Two Options

1. Direct the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to run a federalized Medicaid program for states that refuse to expand their Medicaid program under the ACA
2. Allow people to get fully subsidized coverage through the ACA's marketplaces

Health Care

- ☀️ Close the Gap in Medicaid funding to the U.S. territories
- ☀️ Medicaid for Incarcerated People:
Require state Medicaid programs to cover incarcerated individuals 30 days before their release to ensure better care transitions and improved health outcomes for five years



Health Care

- ☀ Healthcare for Immigrants:
Provide lawfully present immigrants access to Medicaid and CHIP
- ☀ Revenue for Proposals:
Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies

Taxes: Support for Low-Income Families

- ☀️ Make Permanent the Child Tax Credit expansion
- ☀️ Make permanent the provision making the full credit available to children whose parents have low or no earnings



Taxes: Support for Low-Income Families

- ☀️ Re-instate eligibility to the Child Tax Credit for immigrant children who have an ITIN, rather than a Social Security number
- ☀️ Make permanent the expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for adults not raising children.

Taxes: Paying Their Fair Share

- ☀️ Roll back lower tax rates on offshore profits
- ☀️ Raise the Corporate Rate to 28%
- ☀️ Close Special Loopholes that Allow Profit Corporations to not Pay Taxes
- ☀️ Eliminate loophole that lets the wealthy pay a lower tax rate on their investment profits than workers pay on their wages

Taxes: Paying Their Fair Share

- ☀️ Eliminate the loopholes that let the wealthy avoid paying taxes on profits from assets they inherit
- ☀️ Strengthen IRS enforcement to ensure the wealthiest people and corporations aren't cheating the tax code



Problem Areas for Moderates

- ☀ Revenue: Few members like to raise taxes
 - Biden revenue proposals tax the ultra-wealthy and big corporations
 - Unclear if any of the investments will be deficit financed

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- ☀️ Drug Pricing: Biden plan allows for Medicare to negotiate drug prices
 - Big Pharma working to defeat



Problem Areas for Moderates

☀️ Immigration: Expansion of Assistance and Citizenship

- Child Tax Credit for legal permanent residents who file with an ITIN
- Health care for legal permanent residents (lift the five-year bar)
- Citizenship for Essential Workers



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Take Action



Call Your Senators – THIS FRIDAY

Tell them to support President Biden's economic plan.

Here's what you might say:

"I'm calling from [location] to ask the Senator to support robust public investment in housing, paid family and medical leave, healthcare, and broadband technology in this year's federal budget process that is economically, racially, and environmentally just!"



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