Democrats Deliver Results for Americans

For Families and Individuals

For Our Education

For Our Health

For Our Environment

For Our Civil Rights, Public Safety and Equal Justice and Opportunity

For Workers and Small Business

For Homeland Security, Global Competitiveness and Leadership

- \$1.9T American Rescue Plan
 - \$1400 stimulus checks for adults, children, and adult dependents
 - 1 year Child Tax Credit expansion \$3600 0-5, \$3000 6-17, removed income requirements and made fully refundable
 - One year Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion
 - \$350 billion state and local aid
 - \$130 billion for schools for safe reopening
 - \$40 billion for higher ed., half of which must go to student aid
 - Extended \$300 supplemental UI through September 2021
 - Expanded eligibility for extended UI to cover new categories
 - Made \$10,200 in UI from 2020 tax free
 - \$1B for Head Start
 - \$24B Childcare Stabilization Fund
 - \$15B in low-income childcare grants
 - o One Year Child and Dependent Care credit expansion
 - \$46.5B in housing assistance, including:
 - \$21.5B rental assistance
 - \$10B homeowner relief
 - \$5B for Sec 8 vouchers
 - \$5B to fight homelessness
 - \$5B for utilities assistance
 - Extended Eviction moratorium through Aug 2021 (SC struck down)
 - 2 year ACA tax credit expansion and ending of subsidy cliff expanded coverage to millions and cut costs for millions more
 - o 100% COBRA subsidy through Sept 30th, 2021
 - o 6 month special enrollment period from Feb-Aug 2021

- Required insurers to cover PrEP, an HIV prevention drug, including all clinical visits relating to it
- Extended open enrollment from 45 to 76 days
- **o** New year round special enrollment period for low income enrollees
- o Restored Navigator program to assist with ACA sign up
- Removed separate billing requirement for ACA abortion coverage
- Eliminated regulation that allows states to privatize their exchanges
- Eliminated all Medicaid work requirements
- Permanently removed restriction on access to abortion pills by mail
- Signed the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act to fund increased ALS research and expedite access to experimental treatments
- Rescinded Mexico City Policy (global gag rule) which barred international nonprofits from receiving US funding if they provided abortion counseling or referrals
- Allowed states to extend coverage through Medicaid and CHIP to post-partum women for 1 year (up from 60 days)
- 42 Lifetime Federal judges confirmed most in 40 years
- 13 Circuit Court judges
- 29 District Court judges
- Named first openly LBGTQ woman to sit on an appeals court, first Muslim American federal judge, and record number of black women and public defenders
- \$1.2T <u>Infrastructure & Jobs Act</u>, including \$550B in new funding (https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/06/fact-sheet-the-bipartisan-infrastructure-deal/)
 - \$110B for roads and bridges
 - o \$66B for passenger and freight rail
 - \$39B for public transit, plus \$30.5B in public transit funds from ARP
 - $_{\circ}$ \$65B for grid expansion to build out grid for clean energy transmission
 - \$50B for climate resiliency
 - $_{\circ}~$ \$21 for environmental remediation, incl. superfund cleanup and capping orphan wells
 - \$7.5B for electric buses
 - \$7.5B for electric charging stations
 - o \$55B for water and wastewater, including lead pipe removal
 - \$65B for Affordable Broadband
 - o \$25B for airports, plus \$8B from ARP
 - $_{\circ}$ \$17B for ports and waterways
 - \$1B in reconnecting communities
- Rejoined the Paris Climate Accords 50% emission reduction goal (2005 levels) by 2030
- EO instructing all federal agencies to implement climate change prevention measures
- Ordered 100% carbon free electricity federal procurement by 2030
- 100% zero emission light vehicle procurement by 2027, all vehicles by 2035
- Net Zero federal building portfolio by 2045, 50% reduction by 2032

- Net Zero federal procurement no later than 2050
- Net zero emissions from federal operations by 2050, 65% reduction by 2030
- Finalized rule slashing the use of hydrofluorocarbons by 85% by 2036 will slow temp rise by 0.5° C on its own.
- Set new fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks, raising the requirement for 2026 from 43mpg to 55mpg.
- Protected Tongass National Forest, one of the world's largest carbon sinks, from development, mining, and logging
- Revoked Keystone XL permit
- Used the CRA to reverse the Trump administration Methane rule, restoring stronger Obama era standards.
- EPA proposed new methane rule stricter than Obama rule, would reduce 41 million tons of methane emissions by 2035
- Partnered with the EU to create the Global Methane Pledge, which over 100 countries have signed, to reduce methane emissions by 30% by 2030 from 2020 levels
- US-EU trade deal to reward clean steel and aluminum and penalize dirty production
- Ended US funding for new coal and fossil fuel projects overseas, and prioritized funding towards clean energy projects
- G7 partnership for "Build Back Better World" to fund \$100s of billions in climate friendly infrastructure in developing countries
- Restoring California's ability to set stricter climate requirements
- Signed EO on Climate Related Financial Risk that instructs rule making agencies to take climate change related risk into consideration when writing rules and regulations.
- \$100M for environmental justice initiatives
- \$1.1B for Everglades restoration
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- 30 GW Offshore Wind Plan, incl:
 - $_{\circ}$ Largest ever offshore wind lease sale in NY and NJ
 - o Offshore wind lease sale in California
 - **o** Expedited reviews of Offshore Wind Projects
 - **o** \$3B in DOE loans for offshore wind projects
 - \$230M in port infrastructure for Offshore wind
- Solar plan to reduce cost of solar by more than 50% by 2030 including \$128M in funding to lower costs and improve performance of solar technology
- Multi-agency partnership to expedite clean energy projects on federal land
- Instructed Dept of Energy to strengthen appliance efficiency rules
- Finalized rule to prevent cheating on efficiency standards
- Finalized rule to expedite appliance efficiency standards
- Repealed Federal Architecture EO that made sustainable federal buildings harder to build

- Reversed size cuts and restored protections to Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monuments
- Restoring NEPA regulations to take into account climate change and environmental impacts in federal permitting
- Extended public health emergency through at least April 15, 2022
 - \$50B in funding for FEMA for COVID Disaster Relief including vaccine funding
 - Set 100% FEMA reimbursement to states for COVID costs, retroactively to start of pandemic
 - \$47.8B for testing
 - \$1.75B for COVID genome sequencing
 - \$8.5B to CDC for vaccines
 - \$7.6B to state and local health depts
 - \$7.6B to community health centers
 - **o** \$6B to Indian Health Services
 - \$17B to the VA, including \$1B to forgive veteran medical debt
 - \$3B to address mental health and substance abuse
- Over 500 million vaccine shots administered in a year
- Established 90,000 free vaccination sites
- Raised federal reimbursement from \$23 to \$40 per shot for vaccine sites
- 6000 troops deployed for initial vaccination
- Cash incentives, free rides, and free childcare for initial vaccination drive
- 400 million vaccines donated internationally, 1.2 billion committed
- \$2B contribution to COVAX for global vaccinations
- Funded expansion of vaccine manufacturing in India and South Africa
- Implemented vaccine mandate for federal employees, contractors, and employees at healthcare providers that receive Medicare/Medicaid funding.
- Implemented vaccine/test mandate for large businesses (SC struck down)
- Invoked DPA for testing, vaccine, PPE manufacturing
- Federal mask mandate for federal buildings, federal employees, and public transportation
- Implemented test requirement for international travel
- Implemented joint FDA-NIH expedited process to approve at home tests more quickly
- Over 20,000 free federal testing sites
- 8 at home tests per month required to be reimbursed by insurance
- 1B at home tests available for free by mail
- 50M at home tests available free at community health centers
- 25M high quality reusable masks for low-income residents in early 2021
- 400M free N95 masks at pharmacies and health centers
- Military medical teams deployed to help overburdened hospitals
- \$400M for the PACT Act, expanding care for 5 million veterans exposed to burn pits
- Rejoined the WHO

- Reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act
- Ended the ban on trans soldiers in the military
- · Reversed Trump admin limits on Bostock ruling and fully enforced it
- Prohibited discrimination against LGBTQ patients in healthcare
- Prohibited discrimination against LGBTQ families in housing under the Fair Housing Act
- Prohibited discrimination against LGBTQ people in the financial system to access loans or credit
- Justice Department declared that Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in education.
- Revoked ban on Federal Diversity Training
- Instructed the VA to review its policies to remove barriers to care for trans veterans
- First Senate confirmed LGBTQ Cabinet Secretary
- First trans person confirmed by the Senate
- · Extended birthright citizenship to children of same sex couples born abroad
- State Department allows X gender marker on passport for non-binary Americans
- Banned new contracts with private prisons for criminal prisons
- Justice Department reestablished the use of consent degrees with police departments
- Pattern and Practice investigation into Phoenix, Louisville, and Minneapolis
- · Banned chokeholds and limited no-knock raids among federal law enforcement
- Initiative to ban modern day redlining
- Doubled DOJ Civil Rights Division staff
- Increase percentage of federal contract for small disadvantaged businesses from 5% to 15% (\$100B in additional contracts over 5 years)
- Sued TX and GA over voting laws. Sued TX over abortion law. Sued GA over prison abuse.
- Signed law making Juneteenth a federal holiday
- Signed EO to use the federal government to improve voting access through federal programs and departments.
- Signed COVID-19 Hate Crime Act, which made more resources available to support the reporting of hate crimes
- Signed EO for diversity in the federal workplace
- Increased federal employment opportunities for previously incarcerated persons
- Banned ghost guns
- New regulations on pistol-stabilizing braces
- First annual gun trafficking report in 20 years
- New zero tolerance policy for gun dealers who willfully violate the law
- Safer Communities Act
 - \$750M to implement & run crisis intervention programs
 - Closes "Boyfriend Loophole"
 - Grants to states for adding juvenile criminal records into the National Criminal Background Check System
 - Enforces federal registration for gun dealers (if primary source of income)
 - o Incentivizes states to pass "Red Flag" laws for gun possession

- Expands background checks on gun purchasers between 18 and 21
- Signed COPS act, ensuring confidentiality for peer counseling for police officers
- Signed Protecting America's First Responders Act, expediting benefits for officers disabled in the line of duty
- Signed bill making it a crime to harm US law enforcement overseas
- Student loan freeze through April 30th, 2022
- Changed criteria so an additional 1.14M borrowers qualified for the loan pause (retroactively forgave interest and penalties)
- Forgiven \$11.5B in student loans for disabled students, students who were defrauded, and PSLF
- Fixed PSLF so that it is much easier for previous payments to apply.
- Determined that the paused months will apply to PSLF
- Student loan debt forgiveness is tax free through 2025
- Forgiveness of \$5.8B of student debt (100% of Corinthian & up to \$10000 for other)
- Ended Border Wall emergency and cancelled all new border wall construction and contracts
- Repealed Trump's Muslim Ban
- Set FY 2022 refugee cap to 125,000, the highest in almost 30 years
- Prohibiting ICE from conducting workplace raids
- Family reunification taskforce to reunite separated families. Reunited over 100+ families and gave them status to stay in US
- Granted or extended TPS for Haitians, Venezuelans, Syrians, and Liberians
- · Lifted moratorium on green cards and immigrant visas
- Ended use of public charge rule to deny green cards
- Loosened the criteria to qualify for asylum
- Changed ICE enforcement priorities
- Reinitiated the CAM Refugee program for Northern Triangle minors to apply for asylum from their home countries
- \$1B+ in public aid and private investment for addressing the root causes of migration
- Ended family detention of immigrants and moved towards other monitoring
- HHS prohibited working with ICE on enforcement for sponsors of unaccompanied minors
- Got rid of harder citizenship test
- Allowed certain visas to be obtained without an in person consulate interview
- Rescinded "metering" policy that limited migrants at ports of entry
- Ended the War in Afghanistan
- First time in 20 years US not involved in a war
- Ended support for Saudi offensive operations in Yemen
- Airstrikes down 54% in 2021 from 2020.
- Issued policy restricting drone strikes outside of warzones
- Restored \$235M in aid to Palestinians
- AUKUS defense pact with Australia and UK
- New rules to counter extremism within the military

- Signed law funding capitol police and Afghan Refugees
- EO on competitiveness to write consumer friendly rules, such as right to repair
- EO on improving government experience, incl
- Social Security benefits will be able to be claimed online
- Passports can be renewed online
- Makes it easier for low-income families to apply for benefits
- Increase telehealth options
- WIC recipients can use benefits online
- \$7.25B in additional PPP funds
- Signed PPP extension law to extend the program for 2 months
- Changed criteria to make it easier for small and minority businesses to qualify for PPP loans
- \$29 Restaurant Recovery Fund to recover lost revenue
- \$1.25B Shuttered Venue fund
- \$10.4B for agriculture
- 30 year bailout of multiemployer pension funds that protects millions of pensions through 2051.
- Pro-labor majority appointed to NLRB
- Established task force to promote unionization
- Restored collective bargaining right for federal employees
- Negotiated deal for West Coast Ports to run 24/7 to ease supply chain
- Signed EO to secure and strengthen supply chains
- Investing \$1B in small food processors to combat meat prices
- Extended 15% SNAP benefit increase through Sept 30, 2021
- Made 12 million previously ineligible beneficiaries eligible for the increase
- Public health emergency helps keep benefits in place
- Largest permanent increase in SNAP benefit history, raising permanent benefits by $27\% \ (\$20B \ per \ year)$
- Made school lunches free through for all through the 2021-2022 school year
- Extended the Pandemic EBT program
- Largest ever summer food program in 2021 provided 34 million students with \$375 per student for meals over the summer.
- Restarted the FHA-HFA risk sharing program to finance affordable housing development
- Raised Fannie/Freddie's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit from \$1B to \$1.7B a year to invest in affordable housing
- \$383M CMF grant program for affordable housing production
- Prioritizing owner-occupants and non-profits as purchasers of FHA-insured and Distressed HUD properties, rather than large investors
- Paid a 10% retention incentive to permanent federal firefighters and a \$1000 bonus to seasonal firefighters
- Transitioned hundreds of federal firefighters from part time to full time and hired hundreds more
- \$28.6B in supplemental disaster relief approved for natural disasters

- \$8.7B in funding to increase lending to minority communities
- Released \$1.3B in Puerto Rico disaster aid previously held up by Trump admin and removed restrictions on \$8.2B housing disaster aid
- Forgave \$371M in community disaster loans in PR
- Released \$912M in previously withheld education aid to PR
- Permanently made all families in PR eligible for the CTC (previously only families with 3 or more children were)
- Provided permanent funding to quadruple the size of PRs local earned income tax credit
- Permanent \$3B per year boost to funding for PR's Medicaid program
- Raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour for federal contractor, eliminated the minimum wage exception for certain contractor positions, and ended the tipped contractor wage.
- Ordered the minimum wage for federal employees to be raised to \$15 an hour
- Medicaid drug rebate change to discourage excessive price increases and save Gov \$23.5B
- Incentives for states to expand Medicaid
- Finalized the rule that bans surprise medical bills for out of network medical services
- Instituted a moratorium on the federal death penalty
- Chips & Science Act
 - o Coordinated permitting for high-tech manufacturing
 - $_{\circ}~$ \$52.7B for American semiconductor research, development, manufacturing and workforce development
 - \$39B manufacturing incentives
 - \$2B for legacy chips used in autos & defense systems
 - \$13.2B for R&D & workforce development
 - \$500M for communications technology & semiconductor supply chain
 - 25% tax credit for semi-conductor manufacturing
 - Prohibits building certain facilities abroad
 - Supports union jobs & requires Davis-Bacon wage rates
 - $_{\circ}$ \$1.5B for open, interoperable wireless technologies for supply chains
 - o \$10B for regional innovation & technology hubs
 - \$1B for long term economic development & job creation in distressed areas
 - Authorizes increased investment in STEM education in diverse environments
- Inflation Reduction Act
 - o Cut \$90B from budget deficit over 10 years
 - o \$265B raised by Medicare negotiation for drug prices and other measures
 - \$222B raised by 15% minimum tax rate for corporations
 - \$203.2B raised by increase tax enforcement
 - \$265B raised by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices. Starts in 2026
 - \$369B invested in energy security & climate change
 - Solar tax credit extended for 10 years 30% tax credit
 - Electric vehicle tax credit up to \$7500

- Consumer rebates on heat pumps and energy efficient appliances
- \$300B toward deficit reduction
- **o** \$64B for Healthcare
 - 3-year continuation of ACA expansion in American Rescue Act
 - \$35 / mo. cap for insulin for Medicare patients
 - \$2000 / yr. cap on out-of-pocket drug costs for Medicare patients
- \$4B invested in drought resiliency
- \$80B invested in tax enforcement
- Student Loan Relief Plan
 - Provides relief to 43 million students
 - $_{\odot}$ Up to \$10,000 debt cancellation for families with income less than \$125.000 / \$250,000
 - **o** Up to \$20,000 if Pell Grant eligible
 - **o** Cut monthly payments in half for undergraduate loans

Build Back Better Act and the Inflation Reduction Act measures *killed* by the GOP+2 Senate

- \$189B to fight climate change Killed
- \$400B for universal Pre-K Killed
- Free community college education Killed
- \$200B for child tax credits Killed
- \$200B for 4 weeks of paid leave Killed
- Enhanced Child Tax Credit through 2022 Killed
- Extended Earned Income Tax Credit through 2022 Killed
- \$150 for home healthcare for 800,000 Medicaid patients on state waiting lists plus better wages for providers Killed
- \$150B for affordable housing <u>Killed</u>

- Tax surcharge of 5% on income over \$10M Killed
- Additional 3% surtax on income over \$25M Killed
- Closure of "Carried Interest" income tax loophole Killed

The following section is an update list of Biden-Harris administration plans, accomplishments and results.

- Unemployment at 3.8% (pre-COVID level)
- Added 13.2 million jobs during his administration, up 2 million this year
- Added 750,000 manufacturing jobs
- The national inflation rate reached a recent peak of 8.9% in June 2022. As of last summer, the rate was the lowest since March 2021. Still, prices remain 3.3% higher year over year

• SAVE Plan

- Implemented to replace the New Student Relief Plan that was overturned by the Supreme Court
- o 5.5 million (and counting) have enrolled (8 million as of 7/2024)
- $\circ~60\%$ of enrollees have \$0 payments. The rest average \$1224 in annual savings
- o The heavily GOP stacked 8th District Federal Court blocked this plan
- Led the free world and unified NATO in supporting Ukraine's fight to win Putin's war
- Inflation Reduction Act prevented millions of Americans from losing their ACA insurance
- Millions of Americans are saving \$800 per year in health insurance
- Fully vaccinated 79% of Americans against COVID-19
- Led the world in historic release of strategic reserves
- Over 16 million households receiving lower cost or free high-speed internet through the Affordable Connectivity Program
- Signed the Electoral Count Act, which takes long overdue steps to protect the integrity of our elections
- Lowered the cost of hearing aids by making them available over the counter
- Signed an Executive Order to encourage competition across industries
- Awarded the most ever federal contracting dollars to small businesses and disadvantaged small businesses

- Appointed a record number of women and people of color to serve in his Administration
- Awarded more than \$1 billion to initiate cleanup and clear the backlog of 49 previously unfunded Superfund sites, over \$250 million to clean up hundreds of contaminated brownfield sites and \$725 million for abandoned mine lands
- Signed an Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
- Invested historic funding for Tribal governments and Native communities
- Mailed over 740 million free COVID-19 tests directly to tens of millions of Americans
- finalized the first national standard to limit dangerous "forever chemicals" found in nearly half of the drinking water in the United States.
- Signed the Postal Service Reform Act to modernize & standardize USPS and continue 6-day delivery
- Child poverty has been cut in half during Biden Harris administration
- Most small business applications than in any 2-year period ever
- \$300 billion in private investments in the U.S. manufacturing
- Established 5 new National Monuments (1.5 million acres) and counting
- Announced \$623 Million (from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act) for 7500 EV charging stations across U.S.
- Interior Department <u>finalized a rule</u> that bars oil and gas development across more than 13 million acres of the National Petroleum Reserve on Alaska's North Slope.
- Moved to block construction of a proposed 211-mile mining road that would have cut through a portion of Alaska's pristine Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve
- Raised royalties that companies pay to the U.S. government for oil and gas extracted from public lands, from a stagnant 12.5% to 16.67%.
- Increased the minimum bid for leasing federal parcels from \$2 to \$10 per acre.
- Expanded the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by about 110,000 acres and the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument by about 13,000 acres.
- Phase 1 of the \$500 million <u>Tech Hubs Program</u>. This is an economic development program to develop centers of innovation across the country
- \$20 million AI Cyber Challenge to ensure the responsible advancement and security of emerging technologies
- Strengthened international partnerships with the rest of the world, including NATO countries and China
- Signed the Respect for Marriage Act that requires recognition of interracial and same-sex marriages

- Executive Order 14074 Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety
 - Significant implement progress has been made
 - o bans chokeholds
 - o restricts no-knock warrants
 - o mandates the use of body-worn cameras
 - o implements stronger use-of-force policies
 - o duty to intervene and duty to render medical aid
 - o provides de-escalation training
 - o requires submission of use-of-force data to the FBI's Use-of-Force Data Collection
 - o requires submission of officer misconduct records into a new national accountability database
 - o restricts the sale or transfer of military equipment to local law enforcement agencies,
 - o requires the use of federal tools, such as guidance on best practices, technical assistance, and grant making to support similar reforms within state, Tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) law enforcement agencies.

• Safe America Plan

- \circ Funds for 100,000 additional police officers. (\$2B+ President discretionary fund + \$10.877 from U.S. budget)
- Enhances community trust and public safety through accountable community policing (see EO 14074 above)
- \$20B investment in services that address causes of crime and incarceration reforms, so that police can focus on crime response
- Proposed background checks for all gun sales, ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines
- Proposals to financially incentivize higher officer retention, education, officer well-being and mental health.
- o Extend plan to smaller law enforcement agencies
- Increase personnel in U.S Attorney and U.S. Marshal offices to aid state and local law enforcement in reducing violent crime.
- \$2.67B proposal to form and equip federally augmented community task forces to fight homicide and gun violence and clear court backlogs.
- o Propose and extend strong penalties for fentanyl crimes and retail theft.
- Many other specific actions and proposals. See
 https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/01/fact-sheet-president-bidens-safer-america-plan-2/

• The PACT Act

• Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras

- Adds 20+ more presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic exposures
- o Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures
- Pays stipend to spouses and children of veterans who have died from exposure to toxins
- o More than 1,000,000 applications have been filed
- 15,000 people employed to process claims
- Executive Order 13985 Advances racial equity and support for underserved communities
- Executive Order 14020 Establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council, to advance gender and equality
 - Comprised of heads of every Department and major agency in Biden Harris administration
- New labor regulation that would make it harder for employers to skirt minimum wage and overtime obligations by labeling workers as "independent contractors."
- Announced the latest round of cancellation on Wednesday, erasing \$7.7 billion in federal student loans, raising total cancellations to \$167 billion in student debt for nearly 5 million Americans.
- Cancelled another round of student debt, totaling \$7.4 billion for 277,000 borrowers.
- Announced <u>student debt</u> forgivess of \$1.2 billion for another 35,000 public service workers
- Proposed a rule to close the "gun show loophole".
- Negotiated a comprehensive Immigration bill with the Senate, only to have it <u>killed</u>
 in the <u>GOP House</u> on orders of Trump to preserve his campaign wedge issue. Here
 are its components
 - o Funding Breakdown
 - Total size: \$118.3 billion. That includes:
 - About \$60 billion in military aid for Ukraine
 - \$14.1 billion in aid for Israel
 - \$4.83 billion in aid for the Indo-Pacific region
 - \$10 billion in humanitarian assistance for Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, among other places
 - \$2.3 billion in refugee assistance inside the U.S.
 - \$20.2 billion for improvements to U.S. border security
 - \$2.72 billion for domestic uranium enrichment
 - o Provisions

- Moves asylum hearing from DOJ to DHS Citizenship and Immigration Services for faster review
- New standard for asylum requiring clear proof of harm would eliminate most applications
- New early criteria to eliminate criminals and not-at-risk applicants
- A new process
 - Migrants receive an initial screening within 90 days of arrival
 - If the claim fails a "negative protection decision" they are immediately ordered for removal. They have 72 hours to appeal or request a hearing.
 - If the claim passes initial screening "positive protection decision" they will get a work authorization immediately, be released into the country and have another 90 days before a final decision is made on their case.
- See https://www.politico.com/news/2024/02/05/biden-bipartisan-immigration-deal-00139558 for important information on the following topics.
 - New detention and bed rules
 - New border emergency authority
 - Exceptions
 - Humanitarian Parole
 - Legal immigration
 - Afghan Adjustment Act
- Expanded by 489,700 to total nearly 1.2 million (of the roughly 21.6 million noncitizen immigrants living in the U.S.) who are either receiving or eligible for (Temporary Protected Status (TPS). These immigrants come from 16 countries
- Announced policy to protect spouses who are married for 10 or more years and children of U.S. citizens protection from deportation. Expands protection for more than 500,000 immigrants. This policy has been suspended by Federal Judge in Texas after being challenged by 16 GOP state attorneys general.
- Plan to Provide Relief to Borrowers Disproportionately Burdened by Student Loan Debt (https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/08/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-plans-that-would-provide-relief-to-borrowers-disproportionately-burdened-by-student-loan-debt/)
 - o Borrowers who owe more than they did at the start of repayment.
 - o Borrowers who are otherwise eligible for loan forgiveness, but have not yet applied
 - o Borrowers who first entered repayment many years ago

- o Borrowers who enrolled in low-financial-value programs Borrowers experiencing hardship paying back their loans
- Black, Hispanic and Community College students who are empirically shown to shoulder disproportionate student debt burden
- The Biden Harris administration unveiled a <u>new rule</u> Wednesday aimed at slashing bank overdraft fees to as low as \$3
- After the Biden Harris bilateral immigration bill was killed by the GOP House, the president issued an EO that prohibits immigrants encountered between ports of entry from seeking asylum, with some exceptions, while those encounters exceed 2500 per day until they decrease to 1500 for 7 days in a row.
 - The number of encounters diminished by 29% during the period of less than 30 DAYS after EO
- Announced a new labor regulation to protect workers from extreme heat
- Announced \$150 million in research grants as part of his 'moonshot' push to fight cancer
- Unveiled Plan For Supreme Court ethics rules, term Limits

If Democrats win majorities in the 2024 Congressional elections we can make even greater progress, including a cleaner, sustainable environment, healthcare for all, economic justice, quality education for all, economic justice, worker empowerment, greater safety from gun violence, compassionate and comprehensive immigration policy, freedom of health care choices.