

The Republican Commitment to

# An Economy That's Strong



## Fight Inflation and Lower the Cost of Living

Everyone knew the Democrats' multi-trillion dollar government spending bill would spur inflation. They even wasted taxpayer money bailing out projects that didn't need it—like luxury resorts and ski slopes—and giving out stimulus checks to prisoners, including the Boston Marathon bomber. Yet after more than a year of crushing inflation, Democrats still have no plan to solve it. Americans can't afford Democrats' policies, but we are certainly paying for them.

Total government spending has increased by over  
**\$9 trillion**  
since Feb 2021

Inflation has increased nearly  
**550%**  
since Biden entered office

Year-over-year food prices are edging up  
**more than 12%**  
the largest increase ever

## Republicans will fix the economy and revive the American Dream:

- 1. Put an end to "Build Back Better,"** and eliminate wasteful government spending that's driving inflation
- 2. Continue proven pro-growth tax policies that increase take-home pay, reduce the cost of living, boost local businesses, and encourage innovation**
- 3. Reconnect workers to jobs** and end incentives that enable individuals to earn more by staying home rather than going to work



## Reduce Gas Prices and Make America Energy Independent

America was the largest energy producer in the world – and gas was affordable. The Biden administration then halted new energy projects, shut down pipeline construction, and took every step to discourage American oil and gas production. Americans shouldn't have to choose between driving to work and putting food on the table.

For 5 months, gas prices nationally have been  
**higher** than the  
**previous record**  
set in 2008

Biden Admin  
**canceled leases**  
and discouraged oil and gas production

Biden promised to "end fossil fuel" and said rising  
**gas prices**  
are part of an  
"incredible transition"

## Republicans will fight to regain American energy dominance and lower prices at the pump:

- ☒ **End the Biden administration's anti-energy policies** that are costing American jobs and causing energy prices to skyrocket
- ☒ **Increase production of American-made energy** to reduce our reliance on adversarial foreign countries like China and Russia





**Prioritize a resilient and reliable electric grid to prevent rolling blackouts**



## Strengthen Our Supply Chain and End Our Dependence on China

The frightening supply shock of baby formula this year was the tip of the iceberg of a broken supply chain that has increased costs and left store shelves empty. Record inflation is driving astronomical increases in fertilizer costs and limiting our ability to grow the food we eat.

In June,  
**baby formula  
was out of stock**  
in over 70% of the country

Fertilizer prices have  
**increased 30%**  
in 2022, after increasing  
by 80% in 2021

Nearly 80% of small businesses  
said supply chain issues have  
persisted or  
**gotten worse**  
in the last three months

**Republicans have a plan to restock our shelves and get people the goods they need:**

- 1. Move our supply chains away from China and back to the U.S.**
- 2. Eliminate barriers to expanding critical industries at home and in friendly allied countries, increase U.S. manufacturing, and enhance our economic competitiveness**
- 3. Strengthen and modernize our strategic stockpile of supplies and medicines to prevent future pandemics**

## FIELD GUIDE

Every day we hear the economic challenges our constituents – both producers and consumers – are facing. Communicating this crisis is about more than numbers and data – it's about the sacrifices families are making to get food on table and gas in the tank. Hearing and sharing these accounts can be done in a variety of ways.



### 1 Start a Conversation

- Share constituent stories about what rising prices means to their families, businesses, and communities
- Identify and engage with community members in different settings - how are large families dealing with grocery prices? How are individuals on fixed incomes dealing with rising energy costs?
- House Republicans have heard from business owners about rising prices and what it means for their customers



### 2 Hit the Road

- Visit a local business and meet with employees to hear how labor shortages and supply chain issues are affecting their work
- Coordinate an off-site roundtable with various businesses for leaders to express their concerns at an open forum
- In Carnegie, PA, House Republicans met with local small business owners facing Democrats' job-killing policies. The meeting was followed by a tour of the steel services facility that hosted the group, and concluded with a media availability



### 3 Go to the Source

- Whether it's an oil producer or a gas station, go to a location where you'll be able to get the facts on the rising gas prices that Americans are facing
- Speak directly with constituents at these locations about the sacrifices they've had to make in light of skyrocketing prices
- At Shell's Appomattox offshore oil platform, House Republicans learned firsthand how the Appomattox platform produces approximately 140,000 barrels of oil each day and how Shell invests billions of dollars in the Gulf of Mexico each year to safely supply the United States with oil and natural gas