

# THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

A Roadmap for the Resistance



**The FY 2018 Congressional Progressive Caucus Alternative Budget, The People's Budget: A Roadmap for the Resistance** tackles systemic issues with comprehensive solutions, from the impact of climate change on rural communities and communities of color, to implementing critical criminal justice reforms, to repairing and replacing outdated infrastructure, to creating millions of sustainable, good paying jobs all over the country.

The **Congressional Progressive Caucus** is joined by organizations across the country who feel strongly that a budget is a moral document; instead of funding endless war and cutting access to vital services, we should make critical investments in repairing infrastructure, make billionaires and corporations pay their fair share of taxes, expand access to much-needed social service programs, ensure equal opportunities in education, reform our criminal justice system, and create good-paying, sustainable jobs that will not only lift families out of poverty but grow our middle class.

Among many important provisions to improve our nation, the People's Budget will:

**Invest \$2 trillion in America's infrastructure** to transition to a 21st Century economy and transform our energy, water and transportation systems

**Expand our commitment to efficient renewable energy and green jobs**, including job assistance and training for those transitioning from fossil fuel to clean energy jobs

Invest \$100 billion to **increase affordable access to reliable, high-speed internet**

**Protect and expand affordable healthcare for millions of Americans**, including support for states to transition to a single-payer healthcare system and provisions to lower prescription drug prices

**Create and promote a fair tax system that benefits working families** by ending tax loopholes, corporate giveaways and tax breaks for billionaires and Wall Street and ensuring that billionaires and Wall Street pay their fair share of taxes

**End corporate tax breaks for offshoring American jobs and profits**

**Tax Wall Street to fund Main Street**

**Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Care Credit**

**Ensure fair elections** by increasing funding for voter protection and legal assistance programs and strengthening key election integrity reforms

**Advance criminal justice reform and promote safety of American communities** by developing community oriented policing reforms, increasing funding to address hate crimes, and promoting policies and initiatives to significantly reduce gun violence

**Curb special interest and dark money influence in politics** by ensuring public financing of campaigns

**Expand affordable housing for low-income Americans** by increasing Community Development Block Grants and HOME funds to cities, allocating \$32 billion for Public Housing repairs, ensuring 100% of operating needs for Public Housing, adding 400,000 new Section 8 Vouchers and fully funding the End Homelessness Act

**Reduce military spending** by eliminating unneeded weapons and reducing rather than increasing the US nuclear arsenal, to fully fund badly needed social programs rather than the profit margins of giant military contractor