

Congressional Progressive Caucus

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**A PROGRESSIVE PATH FORWARD**

*The People's Budget*

President Trump and Congressional Republicans want Americans to believe that we must slash funding for vital cornerstones of our society, including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, to pay for their tax handout to corporations and the extremely wealthy. The Congressional Progressive Caucus knows that this is a false choice, and recognize a path forward for our country that will put workers and everyday families first.

The Fiscal Year 2019 Congressional Progressive Caucus's **People's Budget: A Progressive Path Forward**, builds bridges of opportunity, starting with the most vulnerable communities. *The People's Budget* creates millions of jobs and increases wages for those who continue to be on the sidelines of our economy. It invests in our neglected infrastructure, ends the systematic inequality in our tax system by making corporations pay their fair share, and stops the rising cost of prescription drugs. *The People's Budget* provides a progressive pathway to building a strong economy so working families can prosper.

*The People's Budget* invests \$2 trillion to eliminate our lead-contaminated water system, address our overburdened mass transit system, and rebuild our schools, crumbling roads, and bridges. This budget transforms our fossil-fuel energy system to ensure our children have an inhabitable planet, and provides funding for worker re-training and apprenticeship programs.

*The People's Budget* takes a family first approach to budgeting. It cuts funding for the cruel immigration policies under the Trump Administration and adopts comprehensive immigration reform to strengthen our economy. The budget invests \$1 trillion for universal childcare, increases access to SNAP benefits, and expands the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax credit.

Access to affordable health care remains one of our greatest challenges, especially in light of Republican attacks on the *Affordable Care Act*. *The People's Budget* supports immediate improvements to the ACA, provides \$12 billion in funding for states to transition to a single payer system, and addresses the rising cost of prescription drugs.

In order to give everyday families, the future they deserve, we must close the tax loopholes that the Trump tax scam left in place and rewrite the rules of a rigged economy that puts the interests of billionaires and big corporations over everyday families. *The People's Budget* protects Medicare's integrity and improves its long-term solvency, and ensures that Veterans Affairs will not be privatized and receives the necessary funding so that our veterans can access the best care and full benefits they deserve.

The Trump agenda drastically cuts programs supporting working families, the environment and our health care, while giving massive tax cuts to big corporations and bloating the military budget beyond belief. *The People's Budget* takes a very different path, reinvests in American families, and prioritizes funding for education, health care, jobs and clean air and water. The Congressional Progressive Caucus's **People's Budget: A Progressive Path Forward** puts political and economic power back in the hands of the people.

### **Invest In America**

- Invests \$2 trillion to transition to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure to transform our water, transportation, and energy systems
- Prioritizes "Made in America" policies across government agencies and contractors
- Expands our commitment to efficient renewable energy and green jobs
- Invests \$100 billion to increase access to reliable, high-speed internet

### **Affordable Health Care**

- Allows states to transition to single-payer health care systems
- Improves the Affordable Care Act
- Protects Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP
- Lowers costs of prescription drugs
- Expands access to mental health care and treatments for opioid and heroin addiction
- Repeals excise tax on high-priced health care plans for workers and replaces with public option

### **Fair Tax System for Working Families**

- Closes wasteful corporate tax loopholes that cost billions of dollars
- Taxes Wall Street to fund Main Street
- Ensures profits from investments are finally taxed at the same rate as income taxes
- Raises revenue from the wealthiest few who can afford to pay more
- Expands the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Care Credit

### **Comprehensive and Just Immigration Reform**

- Implements comprehensive immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship and clearing the family- and employment-based immigration backlogs
- Scales back exorbitant funding for immigration detention and enforcement, creating due process, fairness, and accountability in the system and eliminating the profit motive in immigration detention
- Ends Family detention, prohibits family separation at our borders and provides funding for Family Case Management Programs.
- Prohibits funding for construction of any border wall and any immigration policies which seek to ban people from entering the U.S. because of their religion or targeting individuals for exercising their First Amendment rights
- Supports continued funding to sanctuary cities
- Supports U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) mission to timely process immigration benefits in keeping with our history as a nation of immigrants

### **Justice and Fair Elections**

- Ensures the justice system is fair and effective for all Americans by increasing funding for voter protection and legal assistance programs
- Rebuilds trust in the justice system by developing community oriented policing reforms
- Protects American election systems from any interference and increases protections for voting rights by strengthening key election reforms
- Funds public financing of campaigns to curb special interest influence in politics
- Supports policies and initiatives to significantly reduce gun violence

### **Educational Opportunities for Every Student**

- Delivers on the promise of lifting working families up by investing \$1 trillion in effective early learning opportunities and for a child care for all program
- Makes college free of debt a reality for all students
- Greater investments in K-12 education
- Increases computer science opportunities for all students
- Allows refinancing of student loans
- Fully funds IDEA and provides Pre-K for all

### **Pathways Out of Poverty and Empowering the Middle Class**

- Supports a minimum wage increase and collective bargaining rights

- Provides a plan to reduce poverty by half in ten years
- Increases discretionary funding to invest in women, communities of color and their families
- Provides an increase in Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers
- Strengthens the Small Business Administration's ability to provide support to America's small business owners
- Addresses the pay equity gap

### **Access to Housing**

- Fully funds programs to make housing affordable and accessible for all Americans
- Invests \$12.8 billion to end family homelessness

### **Protecting our Environment**

- Closes tax loopholes and ends subsidies provided to oil, gas and coal companies
- Identifies a price on corporate carbon pollution
- Invests in clean, renewable, and efficient energy and green manufacturing, while prioritizing a just transition for workers

### **Protecting Our Veterans**

- Eliminates veterans' homelessness
- Increases access to mental health care for all veteran and service members
- Invests in job training opportunities for transitioning service members and veterans

### **Sustainable Defense: Promoting Peace And Security**

- Modernizes our defense system to create sustainable baseline defense spending
- Ends emergency funding for Overseas Contingency Operations
- Increases funding for diplomacy and strategic humanitarian aid
- Adds robust funding for refugee resettlement programs

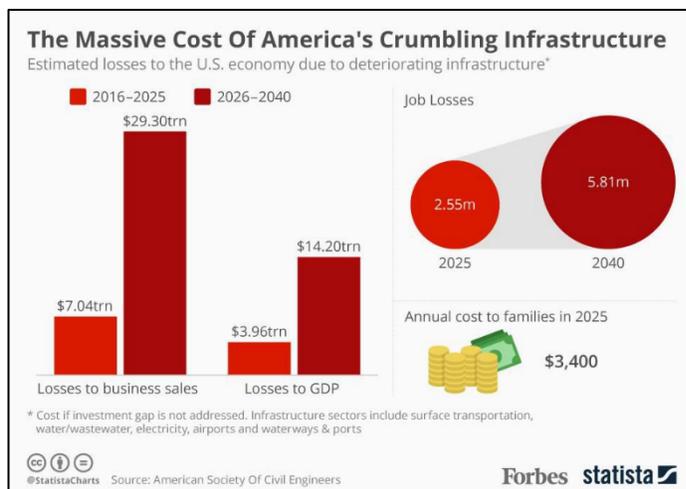
## INVEST IN AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

Federal investments made throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to build our roads, bridges, and public works made concrete improvements to the everyday lives of Americans, in addition to creating good quality jobs for workers at home. However, our failure to sustain these investments has led to an infrastructure system in desperate need of maintenance and improvement. In its latest report card assessing the conditions of the nation's roads, airports, and other infrastructure elements, the American Society of Civil Engineers assigned the United States a D+ grade.

To combat the deterioration of our nation's aging infrastructure, *The People's Budget* provides **\$2 trillion** to transform our fossil-fuel energy system, overburdened mass transit, deteriorating schools, lead-contaminated water systems, and crumbling roads and bridges. Through local hiring and livable wages, our infrastructure plan creates millions of dignified jobs for women and men of all backgrounds in both urban and rural America. Unlike President Trump's Infrastructure proposal, which places the burden on local communities that will have to depend on private companies looking to turn a profit, *The People's Budget* provides strategic funding directly to communities in need. This 21<sup>st</sup> Century investment will improve the lives of working Americans, as well as protect the health of future generations and the environment.

**Transitioning to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure**—*The People's Budget* provides \$2 trillion in funding to effectively close the infrastructures gap. In a global economy, the United States cannot compete with other countries while depending on outdated and overburdened infrastructure. And no community should have to endure the effects of corroded water pipes or crumbling bridges. *The People's Budget* adopts a \$10.25 per barrel fee paid by oil companies, phased in over five years, to support the transition to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation network.

**Commitment to Clean Drinking Water Pipes**—Our budget makes a significant down payment of \$350 billion to replace aging drinking water pipes in our most vulnerable communities across the country. Water infrastructure improvements are largely funded via user fees, the burden of which falls disproportionately on working class families. The CPC Budget prioritizes investments in communities most in need, and ensures that all communities can begin making a feasible plan to update their water and wastewater systems.



### **Expanding Broadband to Support Rural Businesses and Communities**

—The CPC Budget provides a significant investment in broadband technology to target both deployment and adoption needs. To ensure our schools, libraries, and other centers of civic life are adequately “future-proofed,” we support the FCC’s successful “E-Rate” program, which supports broadband internet in rural, small town, and underserved urban schools.

**Rebuilding Public Schools**—For too long, we have neglected the physical infrastructure of school facilities. Our children are our most valuable asset and we must prioritize funding for safe schools conducive to learning. It is harder for students to learn when the air conditioning is broken or the roof is leaking. *The People's Budget* invests \$75 billion to repair and modernize our schools.

**Supporting Public Transportation and Commuter Benefits**—*The People’s Budget* provides robust investments in our public transportation network, including passenger rail, buses, biking, and walking paths. Only 25 percent of transit rail station infrastructure in our country are rated “good” or “excellent,” and rail service disruptions cost the economy \$500 million a year.

Public transit is a lifeline for many families, getting them to work and school daily. *The People’s Budget* invests in a modern, affordable transit system and commuter benefit programs to strengthen economic and environmental well-being in communities across the country.

**Smart Grid**—The CPC Budget invests \$500 billion to update our energy grid to better support renewable power resources and increase energy efficiency. This will help ensure a faster and smoother transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050 and create millions of green, sustainable jobs.

**Prioritizing Infrastructure Investments in Communities of Color**—President Trump’s infrastructure plan proposes privatizing our shared resources to the highest bidder. *The People’s Budget* combines strong job and wage growth while ensuring that communities of color, whom have been systematically disenfranchised from economic opportunity, are prioritized when it comes to workplace training and job placement. This means that job training and local hiring will reflect the racial and gender diversity of the community’s workforce and those seeking employment. Federal procurement will prioritize minority- and women-owned businesses, cooperatives and employee-owned firms, and community-owned and municipal enterprises. Recognizing the job-creating power of small businesses, we also aim to increase funds awarded through programs such as Historically Underutilized Business Zones.

## **AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE**

The Congressional Progressive Caucus firmly believes that every American has a right to quality health care. Despite being the most expensive in the world, our current system allows insurers to ration care, leaving millions without access to the fundamental health care they need. We believe now is time to pivot from the gains made under the *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* to a universal system that provides comprehensive coverage to all. *The People’s Budget* improves the ACA so that individuals can immediately access affordable quality coverage today and it paves the road to transition to a truly universal system in the near future. We reject Republicans attempt to roll-back the progress that has been made, and adamantly oppose their efforts to cut Medicaid, and Medicare, which we know is the future of our health system.

**State Single Payer**—Our budget makes available grants of up to \$12 billion for research and planning related to establishing a state based single payer program. Allows necessary waivers, protects existing federal funding and includes coverage requirements for states to transition to a universal health care system.

**Marketplace Stabilization including a Public Option**—*The People’s Budget* supports passage of the *Undo Sabotage and Expand Affordability of Health Insurance Act of 2018* to make ACA coverage more affordable and accessible, including more generous premium subsidies, ending the family glitch and stabilizing insurance marketplaces across the country. The budget offers a public insurance option within the health insurance marketplaces. This ensures choice, competition, and stability in coverage. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the

premium costs for Americans under the public option will be 7 to 8 percent lower than costs in private exchange plans. The savings from the public option are \$78 billion.

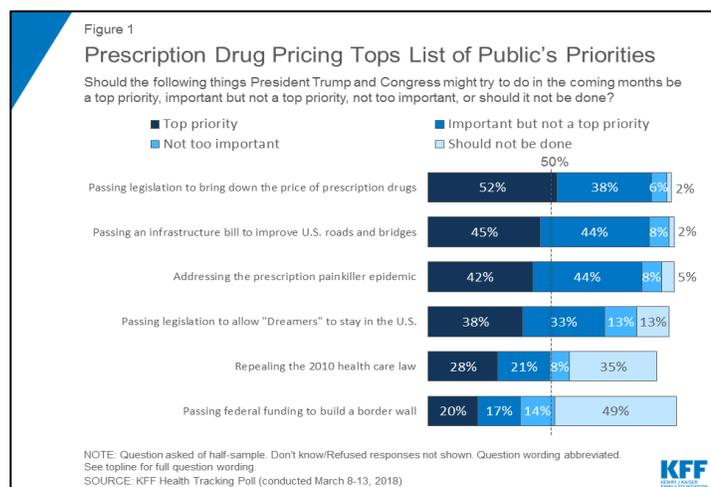
**Protects Medicaid and Medicare**—We fully fund Medicaid, and reject block-granting the program which would drastically cut funding and reduce care. The CPC Budget upholds Medicaid statute by blocking work requirements, lifetime limits or other 1115 waivers that do not meet legal requirements by limiting care or imposing additional cost or barriers to care for beneficiaries. This budget strongly rejects Republicans’ cuts to Medicare, including additional cost shifting to already struggling beneficiaries.

**Reducing the Cost of Prescription Drugs**—The Progressive Caucus Budget permits the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to negotiate cheaper drug prices with pharmaceutical companies, just as the VA already does. This will significantly lower the price of prescription drugs for seniors and save Medicare \$489 billion. *The People’s Budget* raises \$25 billion by combating monopolies held by drug companies and the use of patent settlements to block generic drug competition for a growing number of branded drugs, also known as “pay-for-delay.” Our budget also adopts the *Creating and Restoring Equal Access to Equivalent Samples* (CREATES) Act, which saves almost \$4 billion by targeting abusive delay tactics used to block access to affordable generic drugs.

**Direct-To-Consumer Prescription Drug Advertisements**—The CPC budget ends tax write-offs for pharmaceutical companies for direct-to-consumer (DTC) advertising of prescription drugs. In 2016, drug companies spent over \$6 billion targeting consumers with drug ads.

**Opioid Addiction and Mental Health**—*The People’s Budget* increases current mental health funding to support the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), as it continues to implement the 2016 *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act*. Our budget expands HHS and DOJ drug overdose prevention strategies, including affordable rehabilitation, and improving access to the overdose-reversal drug naloxone. We also support access to preventive mental health services by increasing access to psychiatric care and funding to increase the behavioral health workforce.

**Women’s Health**—We must take critical steps to strengthen women’s social and economic standing, including allowing women to make decisions about their own health care. *The CPC Budget rejects funding riders, including the restrictive Hyde Amendment that discriminates against low income women.* The budget increases Title X funding so that at-risk women and children have comprehensive access to health services. An investment in women and children is an investment in America’s future.



**Repeal Excise Tax on High-Price Health Plans**—Our budget permanently repeals the excise tax on high quality health plans. Proponents of the provision hoped that this tax would slow the

rate of growth of health costs, while raising revenue. However, in an effort to avoid the tax, employers who traditionally offer excellent benefits have started offering less generous plans. This is an ineffective tool to bend the health care cost curve and it harms working families. Since the tax is attached to premiums instead of coverage, it has the potential to hit plans it wasn't intended to impact. The repeal of the excise tax will reduce revenues by approximately \$132 billion according to the FY2018 CPC Budget.

**Extending the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**—*The People's Budget* makes CHIP a mandatory program, ending the threat to this vital program during spending fights. The CPC Budget also protects state child health programs by fully retaining the maintenance of effort requirements and eliminating any States ability to arbitrarily implement enrollment caps or freezes. This secures federal funding for more than 10 million children and pregnant women into the future.

**Cigarette Tax**—Our budget raises the federal excise tax on cigarettes by 50 cents per pack to invest \$33 billion into Americans' health care needs and to discourage smoking. Research shows that every 10 percent increase in the real price of cigarettes reduces overall cigarette consumption by approximately three to five percent.

**Junk Food and Fast Food Marketing**—Our budget ends the \$19.5 billion in tax breaks for advertising and marketing junk food and fast food to children. One out of every three children is overweight or obese, disproportionately affecting communities of color and low-income children.

**Closing the Medicare Tax Loopholes**—The Progressive Caucus budget adopts former Rep. Charles Rangel's (D-NY) *Narrowing Exceptions for Withholding Taxes (NEWT) Act*, which clarifies that individuals are unable to avoid employment taxes by routing their earnings through a limited liability corporation or a limited partnership. Former Speaker Newt Gingrich used this loophole to avoid paying Medicare taxes. It also adopts the former President Obama's proposal to close the gaps between the Self-Employment Contributions Act (SECA) tax and the net investment income tax (NIIT) to ensure that all high-income individuals fully contribute to Medicare, either through the NIIT or through payroll or SECA taxes.

**Provider Payment Improvements**—The CPC Budget builds on solutions in the *Affordable Care Act* by accelerating the use of bundled payments as an alternative to fee-for-service. Paying for quality of care instead of quantity leads to better outcomes and \$102 billion in cost savings.

### **A FAIR TAX SYSTEM THAT PUTS WORKING FAMILIES FIRST**

For too long, our tax system has been rigged to favor large corporations and the wealthiest few over middle-class families, those working to enter the middle class, and small businesses. The Republican tax scam doubled down on tax cuts for the rich and more incentives for multinational corporations to outsource American jobs.

*The People's Budget* calls for sufficient revenue to fill the \$2 trillion budget hole created by the Republican tax scam while fully paying for new investments in our country's future. Simply reversing the damage of the Republican tax scam is not enough. The CPC Budget fixes the inequities pervasive in our tax code. It ends tax incentives to outsource American jobs. It prioritizes hard work, not just the passive investments of the wealthy few. *The People's Budget* funds investments in infrastructure, education, health care, and other priorities critical to an economy that works for everyday families. Where the Republican tax scam showered its benefits on big corporations and the super-wealthy, **the CPC Budget puts working families first.**

Investments in our economic future can be paid for through a combination of progressive reforms to close tax loopholes that disproportionately benefit those at the top and ensure the wealthy few and corporations pay their fair share to support infrastructure, education, health care, national security, and other vital services. Below are some specific proposals which encourage the wealthy to pay their fair share.

**Stop Outsourcing American Jobs**—President Trump claimed he was going to crack down on companies that outsource American jobs abroad, but his new tax law does the opposite. The Republican tax scam established a lower tax rate for investments multinational corporations make overseas that is half the rate for domestic investments, which the CBO has found would increase incentives to invest abroad. This America-last tax break may in many cases allow multinationals to avoid the tax on foreign profits entirely, which will mean more jobs and profits shipped offshore.

We must end special tax breaks for offshore investments to ensure multinationals pay the same rate on profits earned abroad as they do here at home, as laid out in Rep. Doggett’s *No Tax Breaks for Outsourcing Act*. It will level the playing field for small and mostly domestic businesses, and also save taxpayers billions of dollars.

**Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**—A fair tax code should not only ask the rich to pay their fair share but also support working families. Rep. Khanna’s *Grow American Incomes Now (GAIN) Act* would double the EITC and increase the credit for childless workers.

**Increase the Child Tax Credit (CTC)**—Families with small children deserve additional support as they meet their basic expenses. Rep. DeLauro’s *Child Tax Credit Improvement Act* would boost the CTC to \$3,600 for children under six years of age.

**Parity for investment and labor income**—It’s not right that hedge fund managers are taxed at a lower rate than salaried (hourly) workers. Today’s tax code gives preferential treatment to income from investments, long-term capital gains, and qualified dividends. The CPC Budget supports tax policies that create parity between investment and labor income. It would also close the loophole that allows wealthy heirs to inherit assets tax-free that have never been subject to capital gains tax (step-up in basis).



**Stop subsidizing corporate bonuses**—Our current tax code allows corporations to deduct the cost of bonuses awarded to most employees making more than \$1 million a year. The top one percent of earners will receive 83 percent of the tax breaks

from Trump’s tax scam by the end of the decade. Working families should not help subsidize lavish corporate bonuses. *The People’s Budget* endorses closing this tax loophole by putting an end to unlimited tax write-offs for corporate bonuses, as laid out in Rep. Doggett’s *Stop Subsidizing Multimillion Dollar Corporate Bonuses Act*.

**Stop subsidizing stock options**—The CPC Budget supports closing the “Facebook loophole” so that companies can no longer deduct stock options cashed in by an employee at the inflated

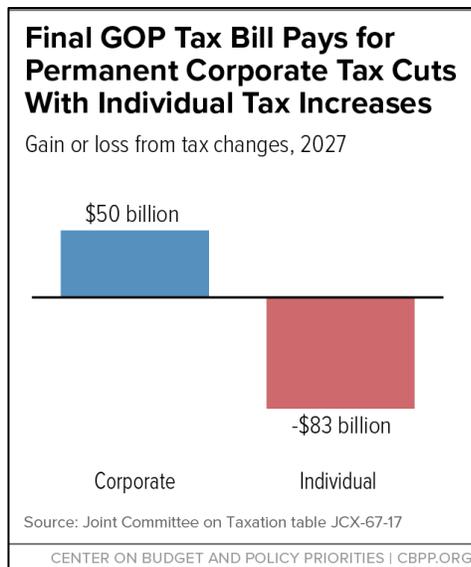
current market value rather than the original cost to the corporation. Repealing this loophole would end an unfair subsidy for stock options that benefit wealthy executives more than their employees.

**Financial transaction tax**—More than 30 countries around the world have some form of financial transaction tax, as did the U.S. until 1966. Rep. Ellison’s *Inclusive Prosperity Act* and Rep. DeFazio’s *Putting Main Street FIRST Act* would tax certain stock and bond transactions. Such taxes reduce reckless speculation that adds uncertainty to markets, while driving up prices of key commodities. According to the FY2018 CPC Budget the Financial Transaction Tax would raise \$1.8 trillion in revenue to invest back into our communities.

**Financial institution excise tax**—The CPC Budget supports a financial institution excise tax where the largest financial institutions would pay their fair share—a quarterly 0.035% tax on assets exceeding \$500 billion. The tax would raise revenue from some of America’s largest Wall Street institutions that contributed to the 2007-2008 financial crisis, including Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo, and AIG.

**Support small businesses, not millionaires with pass-through entities**—The Republican tax scam failed to put small businesses first. Under the guise of supporting small business, the new law created a tax break designed to primarily benefit those at the top – in particular real-estate moguls like President Trump – at a cost of \$415 billion.

Over 40 percent of the benefits for pass-through entities will go to millionaires. By 2024, over 60 percent of the benefit will flow to the top one percent while the bottom two-thirds will be left with just four percent of the benefit. Small businesses will face added complexity while millionaires with high-priced accountants will reap the windfall. *The People’s Budget* supports rolling back this pass-through tax break to pay for real investments in American entrepreneurship.



**Make the Wealthy Pay their Fair Share**—Rep. Schakowsky’s *Fairness in Taxation Act* would establish new tax brackets for millionaires and billionaires: 45% for \$1 million-\$10 million, 46% for \$10 million-\$20 million, 47% for \$20 million-\$100 million, 48% for \$100 million-\$1 billion, and 49% for over \$1 billion. Additional revenue can be raised by curbing new tax benefits under the Republican tax scam and limiting the value of deductions for high-income taxpayers.

**Raise taxes on multimillionaires’ estates**—The estate tax raises vital revenue without costing middle-class Americans a dime. However, the Republicans’ tax scam gave a tax cut to the heirs of billionaires and multimillionaires by doubling the thresholds at which the

estate tax is paid to \$11.2 million (single) and \$22.4 million for a couple. *The People’s Budget* supports Rep. Schakowsky’s *Responsible Estate Tax Act* to roll back the tax cut for wealthy estates. Instead, it sets three estate tax brackets and creates a surtax for estates over \$1 billion. It expands the exclusion of farmland from the estate tax to ensure that family farmers do not face additional tax burdens.

## COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND A JUST BORDER POLICY

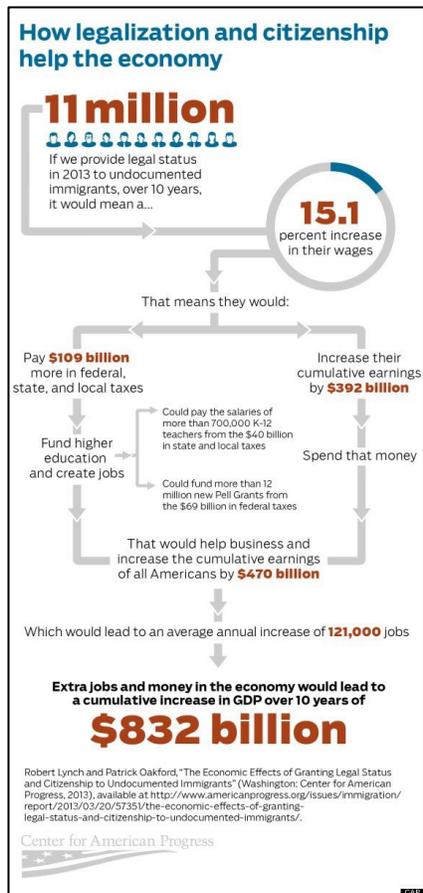
For years, we have spent exorbitant amounts of money on border security and enforcement without thoughtful consideration of our current economic and security needs, including impacts on border communities and the environment. *The People's Budget* provides funding for enhanced oversight, accountability and transparency in all aspects of immigration enforcement, including border security, privacy protections, an end to racial and other profiling, and fundamental reform of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities. It ends funding for family detention centers and blanket family separation policies that act as misguided efforts to deter Central American families and children fleeing violence from coming to the United States and restores robust funding to real alternatives to detention, including the Family Case Management Program. The CPC budget also: prohibits detention quotas; eliminates the use of private, for-profit detention centers; implements sensible and timely custody review procedures; ends mandatory detention; supports government-funded counsel; and implements legally enforceable civil immigration detention standards with robust oversight, accountability, and transparency measures.

Our country needs an immigration system that honors our values of inclusion, diversity and equality. Today's outdated immigration laws have failed workers, families, businesses, women and our nation's immigrants. Employers are unable to hire the workers they need. Immigrant workers are exploited. Immigrant women's work is not valued, and our "exclusionary" immigration policies preclude many women from immigrating to the United States independently. Families trying to reunite legally are separated for many years. Workers attempting to obtain green cards are held up in decades-long backlogs, putting the status of their dependent children in jeopardy as they age out of their parents' green card applications. And millions of individuals are forced to live in the shadows. Our budget adopts comprehensive immigration reform, which will generate substantial economic benefits.

*The People's Budget* helps immigrants integrate into American society and participate in the economy by becoming entrepreneurs, small business owners, innovators and future job creators. A recent report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) found that comprehensive immigration reform would reduce the federal budget deficit by \$197 billion over the next decade and \$700 billion over the next 20 years. **Comprehensive immigration reform will build a stronger society and economy. The time for reform is now.**

The CPC Budget opposes any immigration policies that seek to ban people from entering our country because of their religion, or that target people based on the exercising of their First Amendment rights. Therefore, *The People's Budget* explicitly prohibits CBP from implementing President Trump's executive order banning entry into the United States from six Muslim-majority nations, suspending the U.S. refugee program, and targeting individuals due to their activism.

The CPC Budget states that no funding shall be used to expand President Trump’s border wall and no taxpayer dollars shall be used to conduct immigration raids at or near sensitive locations, including schools, religious institutions, courthouses, domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, hospitals and health clinics, community centers, and workplaces with active disputes between workers and management. Furthermore, the CPC Budget supports a decrease in funding for detention beds, ICE agents, and Border Patrol agents, as current capacity is being used to ramp up community, home and workplace immigration enforcement—separating families, leaving U.S. citizen children without caretakers or providers, and deliberately suppressing political dissent. In order to ensure accountability, transparency, and the safety of both ICE and CBP agents and individuals with whom the agents interact, the CPC Budget further supports funding for body cameras for ICE and CPB agents. The CPC supports additional measures to protect the civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy of the individuals ICE and CBP encounter.



Additionally, the CPC Budget recognizes the dangerous and irresponsible habit that ICE has fallen into of continually overspending its appropriation—set by Congress—in an attempt to force Congress into increasing the agency’s budget year after year. The CPC is gravely concerned about this forced use of taxpayer dollars and seeks to reestablish a more balanced relationship between Congress and the agency.

The CPC Budget supports funding for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to ensure timely adjudication of immigration benefits, including naturalization, work authorization, U visas for survivors and witnesses of crime, and asylum. CPC supports robust privacy protections for applicants, ensuring that the agency does not share data with ICE and CBP solely for immigration enforcement purposes, in accordance with longstanding practice. This work is in keeping with our irrefutable history as a nation of immigrants.

*The People’s Budget* supports government-funded counsel for children in immigration proceedings. For too long, children—some as young as four years old—have appeared in court alone. As a nation that upholds the rights of children, we cannot allow this to continue.

CPC stands with sanctuary jurisdictions and does not support eliminating federal funding for jurisdictions considered sanctuary cities or counties. Through inclusion of Comprehensive Immigration Reform, the CPC Budget affirms that the rights of all immigrants, including DACA and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients, must be protected.

## JUSTICE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

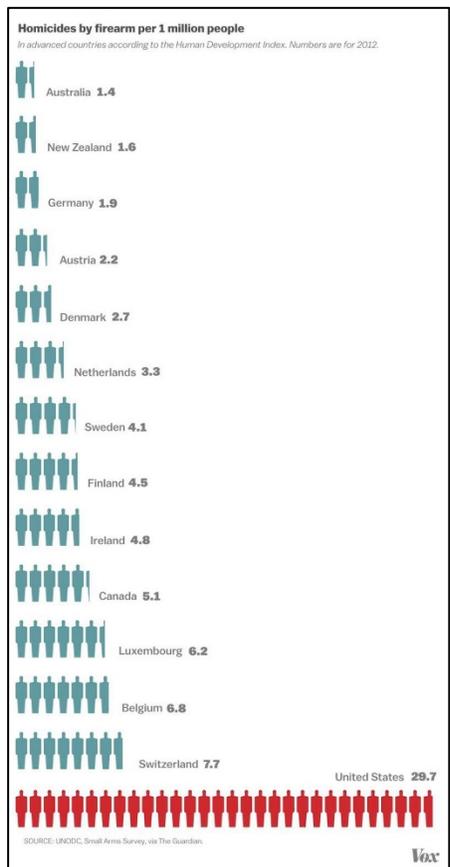
Our criminal justice system is broken. For too long, the justice system has perpetuated systemic racism, and prevented communities of color from thriving. *The People’s Budget* makes needed investment in programs to reform our justice system to bring fairness and justice to every American regardless of their background. We endorse significant changes to the criminal justice system to end excessively harsh policies that have resulted in the unjust mass incarceration and

over criminalization that has stood in the way of a fair and equal society. *The People's Budget* also invests in the Department of Justice programs to investigate and prosecute corporate monopolies to stop anti-competitive behavior.

**Criminal Justice Reform** — The CPC Budget supports meaningful criminal justice reforms which reduce unnecessary incarceration and the excessive use of force, while strengthening public safety. *The People's Budget* also calls for rebuilding trust in the justice system by increasing funding for community oriented policing reforms.

Our budget endorses federal investments consistent with the goals of Rep. Bobby Scott's (D-VA), *Safe, Accountable, Fair, and Effective (SAFE) Justice Act of 2015*. This bill takes a broad-based approach to improving the federal sentencing and corrections system, from frontend sentencing reform to back-end reintegration policies. It is also the first bill that addresses the federal supervision system—ensuring that probation does a better job stopping the revolving door at federal prisons. The legislation would reduce recidivism, increase the use of evidence-based alternatives to incarceration, curtail over-criminalization, reduce crime, and save money.

*The People's Budget* also supports new funding for the *Second Chance Act* re-entry programs consistent with the goals of the *Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2015*. Our budget makes important investments aimed at improving the re-entry process for offenders in prisons, jails and juvenile facilities. Robust funding for housing, job training, medical care, education, and other re-entry programs will help drastically reduce the rate of recidivism and put ex-offenders on a path toward success in their communities again. The CPC Budget also provides increased funding for the Department of Justice's Civil Legal Aid program to ensure states and localities are able to provide low-income individuals with rightful representation.



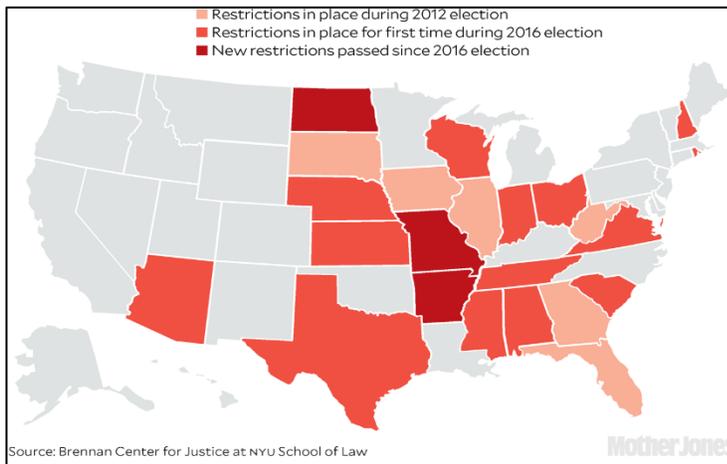
**Ending Gun Violence**—*The People's Budget* adopts policies and initiatives to significantly reduce gun violence and put an end to horrific mass shootings. We fully fund grants to local communities to help improve local recordkeeping and reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Additionally, the budget would support funding for 200 new special agents and investigators for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). The CPC Budget supports re-instating the assault weapons ban and preventing civilian access to high capacity magazines.

**Ending Racial and Religious Violence**—The CPC is deeply concerned with racial and religious profiling in communities throughout the U.S. which has led to increased violence against Muslim, Jewish, African American, and Latino populations. *The People's Budget* devotes significant resources to Department of Justice programs which empower communities to end racial profiling by law enforcement and to crack down on the rise of hate crimes which we have seen across the country. Education is critical to prevent violence and discrimination of religious and racial minorities.

**Voting Rights**—At a time when voting rights across the country have come under unprecedented assault and faith in

our election process has been undermined by President Trump, the CPC Budget calls for increased funding for the Department of Justice’s Voter Protection Program and voter protection agencies. This includes funding for the Help America Votes Act to ensure Americans have access to the polls and do not have to wait in excessively long lines in order to exercise their right to vote. *The People’s Budget* would also ensure states and localities have the funding they need to have modern voting technology to protect voting machines from electronic hacking and ensure that every vote is counted accurately.

**Public Financing of Campaigns**—In the aftermath of the Citizens United decision, the wealthy and well-connected have flooded our politics with big-money campaign contributions. Corporations are not people and elections should never be bought. *The People’s Budget* adopts



Rep. Sarbanes’ *Government by the People Act* and provides \$10 million for the public financing of campaigns and invests in the Federal Election Commission. It is more important than ever to make sure every American’s voice is heard and provide candidates with alternatives to financing their campaigns. Public financing and rigorous enforcement of election finance laws keeps politicians accountable to the voters that elect them instead of to special interest money.

**Taking on Monopolies and Anti-Competitive Behavior**—In recent years, the wave of mergers in nearly every sector of the US economy has imposed significant costs on our economy and slowed economic growth. This consolidation of economic power into fewer and fewer hands has led to stagnating wages, increased costs to consumers, less private sector investment, and less innovation. *The People’s Budget* would revitalize the work of the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division and Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Competition by increasing their budgets by 20 percent, which would allow for the hiring of 200 additional attorneys and support staff. Increased enforcement of Section 2 of the *Sherman Antitrust Act* and additional scrutiny of mergers will help stop powerful corporations from rigging our economy and corrupting our political system.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY STUDENT**

While President Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos continue to prioritize their own personal profits over investing in our teachers and students, the *People’s Budget* recognizes that supporting students’ ability to learn is one of the most important investments we can make. The Progressive Caucus Budget invests in our students by providing robust early learning opportunities, effective 21<sup>st</sup> century public schools and college free of debt. All kids, regardless of their zip code, deserve access to quality schools. As we’ve seen with teacher-led protests around the country, teachers and educational professionals need support to ensure they can enable student success. *The People’s Budget* also prioritizes access to higher education opportunities and puts forward a proposal to ensure students are not leaving college riddled with unmanageable debt.

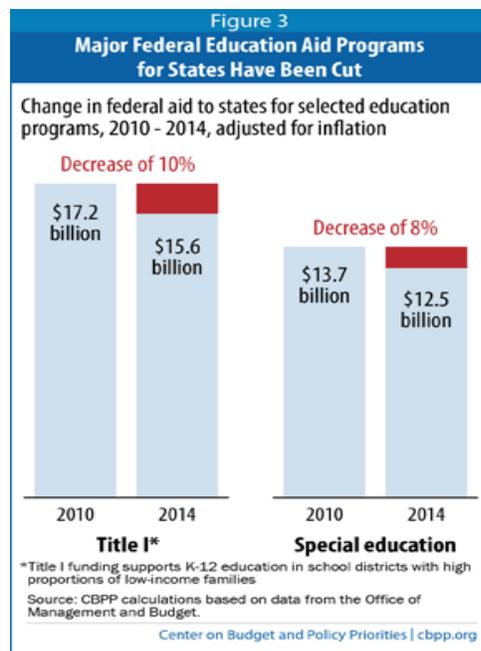
**Child Care and Early Education for All**—The CPC budget supports the *Child Care for Working Families Act* and invests \$1 trillion to ensure that families are able to afford high quality child care and early education for their children. Our budget ensures that families will not have to pay more than 7 percent of their income for child care, whether that care is at home or at a child care center. *The People’s Budget* prioritizes middle and working-class families through targeted benefits. Importantly, our budget addresses the unacceptably low wages child care workers receive by creating a payment structure to ensure these workers earn a living wage.

**Universal Pre-K**—Our Budget provides universal access to quality pre-k programs, which will expand social mobility by helping low-income and at-risk students read and write at the same rates as their peers. Additionally, our budget seeks to full invest in Preschool Development Grants to ensure that our young children are receiving the educational opportunities they deserve.

**IDEA Full Funding**—The CPC Budget fulfills the original promise of *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* by ensuring that children with disabilities have access to a free, high-quality public education.

**Robust Title I Funding**—Our budget upholds our nation’s commitment to public education by fully funding Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Title I is the most powerful mechanism available for driving improvements in educational outcomes for poor children.

**Support for Our Educators**—*The People’s Budget* recognizes that our teachers are integral parts of our communities and they must be supported that way. A teacher’s positive impact on our students – and tomorrow’s leaders – is key for positive development and their future success. Our budget provides professional development, resources, and support for all school personnel. These investments will promote best-practices and allow educators to effectively serve diverse learners, as well as foster and sustain an environment that allows all students to learn successfully.



**Computer Science for All**—The Progressive Caucus Budget expands access to computer science in public education by financing teacher training and ongoing professional development. This funding will build capacity and generate inclusive, high-quality instructional materials to engage every child pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to ensure that our students are equipped with the computational thinking skills required in a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. Additionally, *The People’s Budget* fully supports Congresswoman Lee’s *Computer Science for All* bill, which would authorize new competitive grants to school districts and states for STEM programs that have a particular focus on increasing access to girls and students of color.

**Student Loan Refinancing**—Our budget allows students to refinance their loans at lower rates and allows private borrowers to shift to more affordable government loans. Allowing student borrowers to reduce their debt will free up income for purchases and will have a job-creating ripple effect throughout the entire economy.

## Makes Debt Free College a Reality and Reduces Student Loan Interest Rates

—*The People's Budget* ensures that every student can graduate from an institution of higher learning without burdensome debt by enacting Rep. Jayapal's *College for All Act* and Rep. Pocan's *Partnerships Debt Free College Act*. Further, the budget supports robust funding for federal student aid programs to ensure that students with the greatest need are able to access higher education. By treating higher education as a public good worth investing in, we can once again make higher education accessible to all.

**Table 1. Low-Income Families Must Spend the Vast Majority of Their Income on Unmet Need**

	Net Cost of College, After Grant Aid, As a Percentage of Family Income	
	Public 4-Year	Private 4-Year
Bottom Quintile	74%	82%
2nd Quintile	41%	57%
3rd Quintile	29%	41%
4th Quintile	22%	31%
Top Quintile	14%	21%

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2011-12 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:12). Percentages are for dependent students attending college full-time for a full-year.

## **PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY AND EMPOWERING THE MIDDLE CLASS**

Americans are working longer hours and taking home paychecks that haven't kept up with the rising costs of healthcare, housing, and education. Congressional Republicans and President Trump continue to double down on cuts to our basic living standards in their goal of further lining the pockets of billionaires and corporations. We know that without vital programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, nutrition assistance, and tax credits for working families, our nation's poverty rate would be nearly twice as high as it is today. This is why *The People's Budget* rejects any cuts to these programs and provides increased funding to expand them to meet the needs of millions of Americans.

A staggering 40 million Americans are living in poverty, including one in five children. These statistics are even more striking in our vulnerable communities, including communities of color, seniors, and women. The Republican's tax scam has made things harder for working families. The Progressive Caucus invests in concrete policies to confront economic insecurity head-on, create pathways out of poverty and into the middle class, and provide opportunities for all. ***The People's Budget* expands and strengthens proven anti-poverty programs and initiatives and restores cuts to our nation's vital programs.**

### ***Higher Minimum Wage, Collective Bargaining and Paid Leave***

**Raising Wages by Empowering Workers**—The CPC Budget calls for congressional action to improve America's labor and workplace laws, so workers can bargain together for better pay, benefits, and a meaningful voice in the workplace. By raising the minimum wage, protecting collective bargaining, ending right-to-work nationwide, and updating overtime regulations to raise the income threshold to \$69,000, we can help protect and empower workers. A union continues to be the strongest tool to raise the wages and improve benefits of working people, and in light of continued attacks on unions from corporations behind the Janus decision, we should safeguard and strengthen that tool by passing the *Workplace Democracy Act*. *The People's Budget* also supports gradually eliminating the outdated and unfair subminimum wage for tipped workers. This is an opportunity to guarantee fair pay for the nearly six million tipped workers across the country, and to address the economic insecurity that workers face when so much of their income depends on tips left by customers.

Additionally, workers should also be able to care for loved ones and themselves when family crises arise. *The People’s Budget* endorses Rep. Rosa DeLauro’s (D-CT) *Healthy Families Act* to provide workers with up to 7 days of paid sick leave, which would help prevent the nearly \$160 billion in lost productivity suffered by American businesses every year due to the spread of sickness in the workplace. Our budget also endorses executive action that would give preference to federal contractors that do more than just the legal minimum by providing living wages, paid leave, and covering health care for their workers. It would also require contractors to respect their employees’ right to collectively bargain.

**Worker Protection Agencies**—The CPC Budget proposes a funding increase for worker protection agencies. According to the Economic Policy Institute, survey evidence suggests that wage theft alone costs workers billions of dollars a year. The funding increase in our budget will support agencies that enforce workplace safety, protect workers’ retirement savings and stop wage-theft violators. Workers must be protected from intentional misclassification by corporations who continue to go to great lengths to avoid providing fair pay and benefits and taking responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of their employees.

**4 Percent Federal Pay Increase**—*The People’s Budget* opposes President Trump’s hiring freeze on our dedicated federal employees because it ultimately weakens our government’s ability to serve our nation. Instead, we increase agencies budgets within discretionary funding to provide a 4 percent pay increase to dedicated civil servants who work on behalf of the American people every single day. Years of austerity through furloughs and pay freezes have made the federal government a less attractive place to work and federal wage growth continues to lag behind the private sector. Our budget ensures that the federal government will be able to compete for the best and the brightest candidates.

**Paid Leave**—The Progressive Caucus budget encourages the adoption of paid leave in states. It provides states with funding and technical assistance necessary to establish successful paid leave programs to create a healthy workforce. It also includes Rep. Carolyn Maloney’s (D-NY) *Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act* to provide six weeks of paid parental leave for federal employees within the budget’s discretionary funding increases. As the nation’s largest employer, the federal government should be a leader in family friendly policies.

**Fair trade**—Bad trade deals have had a devastating impact on American workers and have resulted in jobs being shipped overseas. The United States should take all steps necessary to

ensure trade deals are made with workers’ interest at heart.



**The CPC Budget supports a strong Trade Adjustment Assistance program**

Trade Adjustment Assistance provides support for workers who have lost their jobs due to the impact of trade. According to the Department of Labor, since 1975, over 2 million workers have relied on TAA to train for new employment.

## ***Strengthens basic living standards***

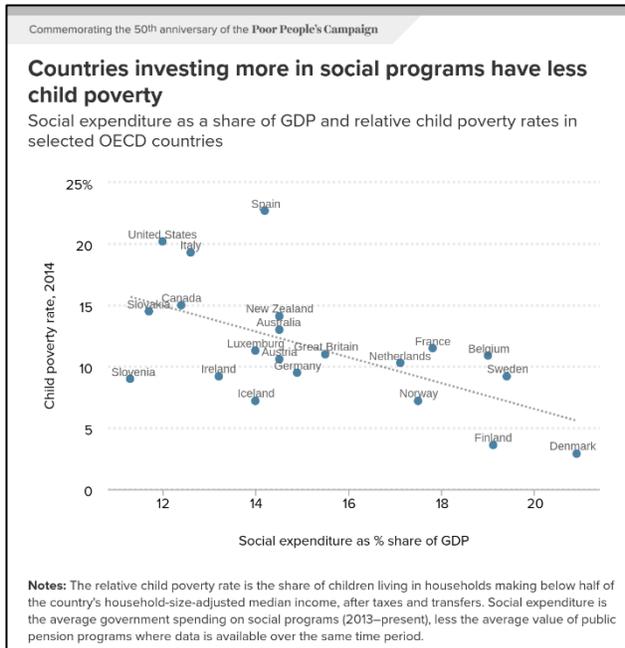
**Restore SNAP**—*The People’s Budget* restores cuts made to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and permanently adopts the enhanced levels established in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*. We know that the vast majority of SNAP recipients are households with children, seniors and individuals with disabilities, but recent cuts lowered average benefits by \$125 per person in 2017. *The People’s Budget* also opposes the three-month time limit for unemployed childless adults who cannot find work through no fault of their own. The People’s Budget also opposes Republican efforts to add onerous work requirements and time limits to receive these life-saving benefits. Instead, the *People’s Budget* supports the *Map the Meal Gap*, which would help strengthen SNAP and reduce hunger for families everywhere. Providing families with basic food security through SNAP is one of the most effective anti-poverty tools and helps stimulate our economy.

**Increase Child Nutrition Funding**—The CPC Budget rejects any cuts in the form of block grants to school meal programs which would put children’s nutrition at risk. It provides an additional \$11.5 billion for child nutrition programs to expand the program and improve summer meals. This funding also allows for expansion of preschool nutrition programs, increases in meal reimbursements to fulfill the new meal pattern, an additional meal or snack for children in long-term care, expanded program eligibility, and investments in school meals and kitchens.

**Emergency Unemployment Compensation**—*The People’s Budget* allows those who have lost a job through no fault of their own to claim up to 99 weeks of unemployment benefits in high-unemployment states for up to two years.

## ***Invests in Women and Communities of Color***

**Support for Women and Communities of Color**—Women and communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by Republican policies that contribute to the growing wealth gap. Our Budget provides desperately needed funds to programs such as *Head Start*, *Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)* program, *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)*, and the *Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)*, among many others. *The People’s Budget* recognizes that equal work deserves equal pay and supports efforts to reduce the gender pay gap between men and women.



Our budget rejects discriminatory funding restrictions on reproductive health care that disproportionately harms low-income women and women of color. *The People's Budget* also supports Rep. Keith Ellison's *(D-MN) Hygiene Assistance for Families of Infants and Toddlers Act of 2017*, which would create a demonstration program for distributing diapers. This legislation would create a pilot program allowing states to distribute diapers to eligible families.

The CPC Budget also supports Congresswoman Barbara Lee's *(D-CA) Pathways Out of Poverty Act*, and targeting resources to the most vulnerable populations by using the "10-20-30 Formula." This language requires that at least 10 percent of the federal funds in certain accounts be directed to geographic areas that have had a

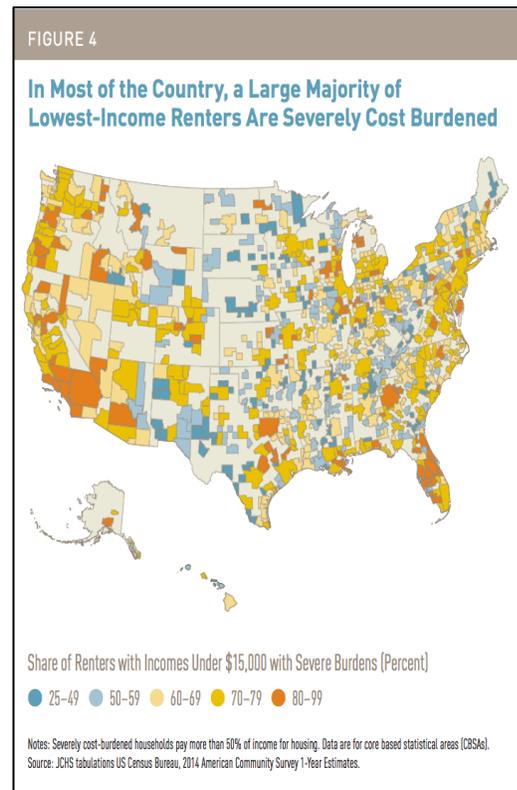
poverty rate of 20 percent for the last 30 years. This non-partisan proposal will ensure that federal resources are actually reaching communities most in need to improve the economic and social conditions in these distressed communities that have long struggled with persistent poverty.

## ACCESS TO HOUSING AND ELIMINATING HOMELESSNESS

*The People's Budget* makes key investments that ensure struggling Americans have access to affordable homes. Right now, extremely low-income families face an affordable housing shortage of 7.4 million apartments or homes, and this crisis continues to get worse. Currently, only one in four families in need of housing assistance receives this essential benefit because of chronic underfunding. In order for families to reach the middle class, stable, affordable homes must be within reach. The CPC Budget funds programs to end family homelessness and address the affordable housing crisis.

**Restore and Increase Housing Vouchers**—Our budget restores and expands the funding of housing vouchers to help meet the needs of millions of low income families who have been on voucher waiting lists for years. We fund 400,000 new Housing Choice Vouchers over the next 10 years, with an aim to prevent homelessness among veterans and families with children as recommended by the Strategic Plan for the US Interagency Council on Homelessness.

**End Family Homelessness**—On any given night, 560,000 people are homeless, almost half of whom are families. In any given year, there are more than 1.3 million homeless children, up from 680,000 before the financial crisis. This catastrophe cannot continue. *The People’s*



*Budget* recognizes the severity of this situation, and adopts Rep. Waters’ *Ending Homelessness Act*. It provides \$12.8 billion for several different federal programs and initiatives designed to bring homelessness in this country to zero through the creation of over 400,000 housing units.

We also fund 25,000 new permanent supportive housing units and provide 8,000 families with rapid rehousing assistance to support the efforts of cities, counties and tribes moving to eliminate homelessness in their communities. Our budget fully funds McKinney Homeless programs and provides funds for supportive services to newly re-housed homeless people, where needed.

The CPC Budget supports implementing a holistic strategy that would provide funding for outreach and case management to ensure that homeless people are effectively connected to the services that they need, as well as technical assistance to help states and local jurisdictions better align their health care and housing

strategies.

**Invest in New Affordable Housing**—We expand investment to the national Housing Trust Fund, the first new federal housing resource in a generation and one that is targeted to meet the affordable housing needs of the low-income seniors, people with disabilities, families with children, and other populations.

**Sustain and Rebuild Public Housing**—The CPC Budget will reverse the net loss of public and subsidized housing by fully restoring public housing operating funds to 100 percent of actual needs as determined by HUD. The budget will also provide direct capital grants to address the estimated nearly \$40 billion backlog of public housing repair needs over the next five years.

**Fund Housing for Seniors and People with Disabilities**—The CPC Budget restores full funding for Section 202 housing for low income seniors and Section 811 housing for people with disabilities.

**Protect Families that Receive Federal Housing Assistance** — The CPC Budget rejects the Trump administration’s proposal to cut housing benefits by imposing rent increases and work requirements on millions of low income families who receive federal housing assistance. Not only does this proposal make it harder for families to achieve economic mobility and live with dignity, it would likely lead to more evictions, and in worst cases, homelessness. Instead,

the CPC expands funding for voluntary programs, like HUD’s Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and Jobs Plus, that provide services and financial incentives to help families increase their earnings.

**Low Income Heating Assistance Program**—Our budget commits to robust funding for the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which is critical to ensuring families can safely stay in their homes during harsh winters.

**Increased Funding for Community Development Block Grants and HOME Program**—*The People’s Budget* increases funding to the HOME and Community Development Block Grant programs, which allows communities to expand the number of affordable housing units for struggling families and address their community development needs.

**Ensuring Communities Meet Their Fair Housing Obligations**—The CPC Budget provides increased funding to ensure effective fair housing enforcement. Additionally, the *People’s Budget* would provide the necessary resources to assist jurisdictions comply with the Fair Housing Act, including their duty to affirmatively further fair housing.

**Support Tenant Participation in HUD Housing**—*The People’s Budget* allocates sufficient funding for HUD to help tenants participate in owners’ decisions to renew Section 8 contracts, to improve substandard housing, and to help public housing residents participate in decisions regarding converting public housing to Section 8 through the Rental Assistance Demonstration program. *The People’s Budget* will also provide funding for the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program to promote tenant engagement in traditional public housing.

## **PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

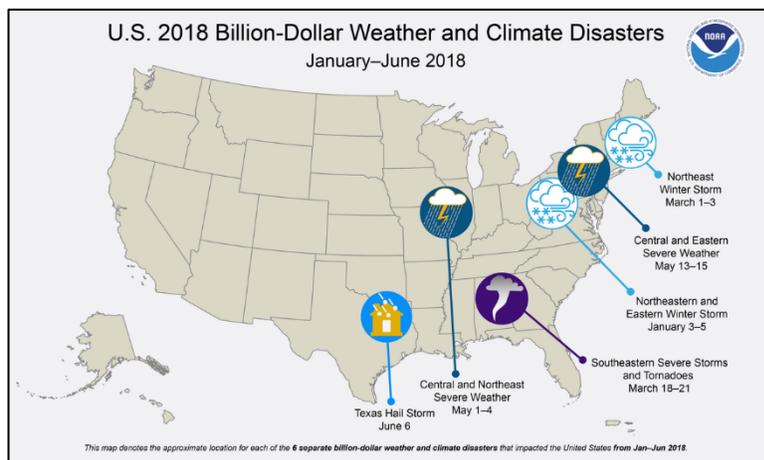
While President Trump and Republicans in Congress continue to deny the reality of climate change, *The People’s Budget* takes necessary steps to protect current and future generations from the growing impact of more dangerous storms, droughts, fires, and floods, rising sea levels in our communities. It is critical that the United States continue to implement and enforce the Clean Power Plan and work toward the goals outlined in the Paris Climate Accords. We also believe that now is the time for bold action to fight climate change and invest in a clean-energy economy that supports green jobs with livable wages, while also contributing to the resiliency of our communities. We must ensure that these policies are focused on environmental justice and the communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change.

The American people can’t afford to continue providing massive tax breaks and subsidies to fossil fuel companies while they emit more climate-warming pollution. *The People’s Budget* requires polluters to pay for their impact on our health and the global climate by eliminating tax breaks that subsidize fossil fuel energy over cleaner energy. Our budget provides a national energy policy focused on renewables and energy efficiency. It also provides funding for communities to adapt to climate change and protects those most at risk from environmental degradation.

**Bold Investment in Green Jobs**—\$500 billion of *The People’s Budget’s* historic \$2 trillion investment in infrastructure improvements will go towards transforming and greening our energy infrastructure, which will create 2.4 million high-wage jobs. This public investment will help improve energy-efficiency standards in federal buildings and double our nation’s output of clean,

carbon-free energy. *The People's Budget* will also create jobs through investments in a new 21st Century smart grid that can manage safer, decentralized energy creation and spur private sector investments in clean energy production. It ensures that, as we transition toward a renewable energy economy, we are not leaving our workers behind, but creating good jobs that can allow them to provide for their families and retire with dignity.

**Helping Communities Adapt** —*The People's Budget* increases funding for EPA climate adaptation programs and FEMA climate resiliency initiatives. It also incorporates job training and economic development funding outlined in former President Obama's POWER plus plan to assist displaced fossil fuel workers and communities impacted by changing energy policies.



**Disaster Relief and Climate Change Mitigation**—The CPC Budget provides **\$80 billion** for disaster aid relief and climate change mitigation efforts to help communities recently devastated by hurricanes. This funding will ensure families in Texas, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, Florida and U.S. territories have the assistance they need to fully recover from catastrophic storms. It will also provide additional emergency funding for climate change research,

mitigation and adaptation to protect those most at risk from future environmental disasters.

**Impose a Price on Carbon Pollution**—*The People's Budget* implements a \$25 per ton price on carbon dioxide emitted by polluters (increasing at 5.6 percent a year) and rebates 25 percent of all revenues to invest in and protect frontline communities from any rising energy costs via refundable credits. Revenue from this carbon price will be used to fund renewable energy and energy efficiency development and deployment. The Energy Information Administration found that a similar proposal would result in carbon emissions reductions of 26 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. This will go a long way toward setting the United States on a path to minimize the dangers of climate change, particularly when combined with air pollution control measures, increased energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment.

**Eliminate Corporate Welfare for Oil, Gas, and Coal Companies**—The CPC Budget repeals approximately \$135 billion in fossil fuel subsidies over 10 years. The fossil fuel industry enjoys dozens of permanent subsidies thanks to decades of successful lobbying. Just one of these loopholes, the “percentage depletion allowance,” will cost taxpayers \$17 billion over the next decade. Researchers at the International Monetary Fund found that in 2015 fossil fuel subsidies (including both tax breaks and the cost of health and environmental externalities) cost \$5.3 trillion – or \$10 million a minute.

**Reinstate Superfund Taxes**—Our budget reinstates the Superfund excise taxes that expired in 1995. The Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program, once largely funded by dedicated taxes, is now funded primarily by general revenue. Having a stable source of funding, rather than relying on year-to-year appropriations, will provide \$22 billion more for cleanup of hazardous and contaminated land, often located in disadvantaged communities.

**Crop Insurance Subsidies**—The CPC Budget reduces the federal government’s subsidy from 60 percent to 40 percent premiums, on average. Insurance policies purchased through the program are sold and serviced by private insurance companies, which are reimbursed by the federal government. The Congressional Budget Office predicted that crop insurance will cost taxpayers \$88 billion over the course of a decade.

## **ENSURING LGBT EQUALITY**

Over the past 30 years, great strides have been made toward equality and acceptance of the LGBT community, but full equality for LGBT individuals will not be reached until key civil rights priorities are realized. The CPC Budget is committed to ensuring equality for LGBT Americans through a number of key policy proposals.

**Legal Protections for All Americans**—As a part of our commitment to the LGBT community, it is pivotal that everybody is considered equal in the eyes of the law, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. *The People’s Budget* supports the *Equality Act*, a comprehensive bill that provides equal rights for LGBT individuals in many areas affecting their daily lives by prohibiting discrimination in including employment, access to housing and credit, education, public accommodations, federally funded programs, and jury service. This legislation is essential to securing legal protections for all LGBT people.

**Housing**—According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, approximately 40% of youth served by agencies identify as LGBT. *The People’s Budget* commits robust funding for both Community Development Block Grants and the HOME Program to assist this vulnerable population. Additionally, *The People’s Budget* invests \$12.8 billion in mandatory spending to end family homelessness by 2020.

**Transgender Violence**—The Congressional Progressive Caucus stands strongly against the epidemic of violence that the transgender community faces every day, especially transgender women of color. The investments included in *The People’s Budget*, including funding for LGBT domestic violence programs authorized under the *Violence Against Women Act* (VAWA), will ensure that the transgender community will have access to affordable housing, health care, education, and employment to help transgender individuals fully live their authentic lives without fear.

**Immigration**—According to the Williams Institute, there are nearly 1 million LGBT adult immigrants in the United States, many of whom are undocumented. *The People’s Budget* includes comprehensive immigration reform, which will help lift the daunting barriers faced by LGBT immigrants when they apply for visas, asylum, or other status.

## **SMALL BUSINESS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

There are 28 million small businesses run by hard working Americans across the country. Unfortunately, many struggle to get access to the funding that provides opportunities for growth and expansion.

**Helping Small Businesses Succeed**—*The People’s Budget* includes full funding for loan programs to help small businesses operate efficiently and expand, as well as direct microloans to

help the smallest enterprises launch and succeed. Our budget provides funding for small business outreach in every cabinet-level agency and provides compliance assistance for small businesses to help them compete. Family-owned small businesses are the heart of communities across the country, and *The People's Budget* is committed to ensuring Main Street businesses are able to access capital, hire more employees, and continue contributing to their local economies.

## **STRENGTHENING OUR COMMITMENT TO VETERANS**

*The People's Budget* recognizes the tremendous sacrifices veterans have made on behalf of our country and upholds our commitment to ensuring veterans receive the pay and benefits they have earned. Guaranteeing veterans are able to access health care and job training services in a timely manner is imperative to transitioning back into civilian life. The CPC Budget also continues investments the previous Administration made to end veteran homelessness, a vital component to meeting our country's promise to our veterans.

**Advanced Funding for VA Health Programs**—*The People's Budget* increases overall funding to meet levels recommended by the Independent Budget authored by AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans), and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). *The People's Budget* provides stability to veterans through advanced funding for discretionary VA programs to make sure veterans receive their benefits and health care even when Congress cannot reach agreement on funding.

**Eliminating Veterans Homelessness**—We provide significant investments to continue working towards ending veterans' homelessness by expanding the HUD-VASH program and Supportive Services for Veterans Families. The CPC Budget supports the VA's use of public-private partnerships to provide pro bono legal services to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness.



**Increases Access to Mental Health Care for All Veterans and Service Members**—America's veterans deserve nothing less than timely, high quality health care. *The People's Budget* fully funds efforts to ensure accessible delivery of appropriate, qualified health care by increasing the VA health care workforce, expanding veteran mental health care services, and intensifying VA suicide prevention services

outreach. The budget provides increased funding for initiatives such as the *Clay Hunt Veteran's Suicide Prevent Act*, reducing limits on inpatient access to psychiatric care and ensuring a greater number of our veterans can receive addiction treatment.

**Eliminating the Claims Backlog**—*The People's Budget* fully funds efforts to eliminate the disability claims backlog by implementing reforms, additional staffing, and IT system updates. With over 460,000 appeals for veterans' disability benefits pending it is critical the VA make

necessary changes to provide veterans timely and accurate decisions.

**Invests in Job Training and Transition Programs for Service Members Returning to Civilian Life**—Our budget includes robust funding for the National Veterans Entrepreneurship Training (VET) program to provide support for Veteran-owned small businesses. As the veterans' unemployment rate continues to decline *The People's Budget* invests in the Departments of Labor and Veteran's Affairs employment and retraining programs to give service members the ability to translate their military experience into civilian careers. This will also connect veterans to meaningful career opportunities by providing access to job training, recruitment, and other services.

**Cost of Living Increase for Veteran Retirees**—*The People's Budget* uses the Experimental Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) to calculate Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for federal retirement programs other than Social Security, which includes veterans' pensions and compensations and military retirement. CPI-E is the most sensible and accurate measure of the real costs that seniors face in retirement. Current underpricing of costs amounts to cutting benefits for those on fixed incomes.

**Rebuilding Veteran's Health Facilities**—Across the country more than 1,800 Veterans Affairs facilities serve veterans who have put their lives on the line to defend our country. However, as we have too often seen in recent years, many of the facilities designed to serve them are in a state of disrepair – it is estimated that the average age of Veterans Health Administration buildings is 52 years old. In comparison, the average age of a not-for-profit hospital is 10.5 years. *The People's Budget* invests \$30 billion to help fix those facilities most in need.

### **SUSTAINABLE DEFENSE: PROMOTING GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY**

Pentagon spending has doubled over the last decade while investments in working families continue to get put on the chopping block. As President Trump advocates for more than \$700 billion in defense spending to expand the endless and unauthorized wars against Islamic State and al-Qaeda affiliates in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and the broader Middle East, the *People's Budget* stands in stark contrast to these misguided efforts. We invest in diplomacy instead of weapons, to achieve a just and lasting peace across the globe.

*The People's Budget* prohibits any expansion of U.S. combat troops in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, and many other countries. We focus Pentagon spending on modern security threats instead of Cold War-era weapons systems. *The People's Budget* increases funding for diplomacy, sustainable development, and humanitarian assistance to address the ongoing crises in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Myanmar, South Sudan, Nigeria and many other countries around the world. The Congressional Progressive Caucus Budget does not support Pentagon cuts mandated by sequestration and seeks to achieve more responsible savings that will not harm service members and veterans.

**End Emergency War Funding Beginning in FY2019**—*The People's Budget* eliminates the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) altogether and saves \$797 billion compared to current law. We must end the policy of funding endless wars. The use of emergency funding via the OCO account is a budget gimmick that masks the true impact of war spending and should be

discontinued immediately.

**Reduce Base Pentagon Spending**—The CPC Budget reduces baseline military spending in a responsible manner to make certain we can make necessary investments in our communities while ensuring that our troops have the resources needed to address 21st Century threats. It also repeals the damaging across-the-board cuts and caps proposed by the *Budget Control Act*, while providing significant savings through the enactment of reforms, endorsed in bipartisan fiscal reform proposals. *The People’s Budget* redirects funding to priorities such as caring for our veterans, Congressional Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP), smart diplomacy, and environmental cleanup and climate change mitigation programs within the DOD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan.

**Adjusting to Pentagon Downsizing and Investing in Non-Defense Manufacturing**—Our budget increases investments in DOD’s Office of Economic Adjustment to assist state and local governments to respond to major defense program shifts by helping communities adjust to defense contract losses. We also fully fund initiatives like the Department of Transportation’s Federal Ship Financing Program and significantly increases sustainable federal agency procurement of innovative technology within communities impacted by Pentagon cuts will help provide a stable transition for defense manufacturing workers and ensure that the U.S. manufacturing base remains vibrant.

**Modernizing our Defense Posture**—The CPC Budget achieves a smaller force structure through gradual attrition. A modern defense strategy must focus our armed forces on their strengths of crisis response, smart security, and deterrence. Our military needs to adapt to current threats and challenges, particularly cyberwarfare, nuclear proliferation, and unpredictable non-state actors. No savings are obtained by reducing military personnel wages or benefits, including TRICARE and pensions. The *People’s Budget* reins in excessive CEO pay for defense contractors, reduces the proportion of private contractor personnel by transitioning their work to civilian personnel, and curbs needless “outsourcing” that creates excessive cost overruns. Additional reforms include reducing the arsenal of nuclear delivery systems and warheads, blocking the dangerous elements in President Trump’s Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) including any new or so-called “low-yield” nuclear weapons or any moves toward the resumption of explosive nuclear testing, and reducing procurement and research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) spending by making smarter procurement choices.

**Audit the Pentagon**—*The People’s Budget* reigns in the ongoing waste, fraud and abuse at the Pentagon as outlined by the *Audit the Pentagon Act*. The Pentagon loses tens of billions of dollars annually as highlighted by several GAO reports and a 2015 study from the advisory Defense Business Board (DBB), which identified \$125 billion worth of administrative waste that was initially covered up by the Department of Defense. *The People’s Budget* supports the Pentagon’s current efforts to complete a full audit by November 2018 as recently announced by the Inspector General. Auditing the Pentagon and encouraging the Department to implement remaining GAO recommendations would lead to billions in cost savings by bringing a culture of financial accountability to the Pentagon. It is past time to end the wasteful practices that divert resources from our service members and ultimately, weaken our national security.

**Diplomacy and Development**—*The People's Budget* rejects the harmful cuts to the State Department and other critical humanitarian programs proposed by President Trump. Instead, our budget increases investment in diplomacy and development to stabilize key regions of the world by supporting the United Nations, smart security, providing vital governance, development and humanitarian assistance, and increasing the tools to combat the devastating effects of famine in Yemen, South Sudan, and Nigeria, drug and human trafficking and nuclear proliferation. Our budget rebalances goals and risks to achieve a more effective mix of defense, diplomacy, and development aid. By adopting this new global security posture, investing in domestic priorities and creating a cost-effective military aligned with 21<sup>st</sup> century threats, the U.S. can establish a more sensible national security budget, while simultaneously enhancing global security.

### **EXPANDING SOCIAL SECURITY**

With the nation facing a looming retirement income crisis, expanding Social Security will help ensure that every American can retire with security and dignity. It will also help working families maintain their standards of living should tragedy strike in the form of disability or death. *The People's Budget* supports increasing Social Security's modest benefits separate and apart from budget discussions, because Social Security does not add a penny to the deficit and, by law, is not to be counted as part of the federal budget.

**Ensuring that Social Security's Modest Benefits Do Not Erode in Value**—The CPC endorses using a Social Security inflation measure that more accurately reflects the costs – including rising health care costs – experienced by seniors and people with disabilities. The current inadequate measure compounds over time, causing Social Security's benefits to erode more and more, the longer a beneficiary receives them.

**Annual Caregiver Credit**—Those who must take time away from their job to care for children or aging family members, most commonly women, receive no Social Security credit for that extremely valuable work. The CPC endorses the computation of the Social Security benefits that give an annual caregiver credit for each year of caregiving to ensure that caregivers receive some financial security when they engage in such important work.

**Restoring Social Security to Long Range Actuarial Balance**—The CPC's proposed benefit and revenue changes will improve the adequacy of Social Security's benefits while also restoring Social Security to long-range actuarial balance. This plan will extend the long-term solvency of Social Security. Unlike the budgets proposed by President Trump and Congressional Republicans, the *People's Budget* recognizes that the earned benefits of Social Security and Medicare must be reserved exclusively for the purpose of paying those benefits and associated administrative costs, and opposes modifying Social Security or Medicare as a means of achieving a deal addressing the national debt. *The People's Budget* opposes measures that seek savings in Social Security and Medicare to pay for unrelated programs, and recognize that any savings from changes to Social Security and Medicare should be used to improve these programs for beneficiaries.

## *The People's Budget:*

### A Progressive Path Forward

#### Functional budget increases relative to current law: FY2019– FY2028

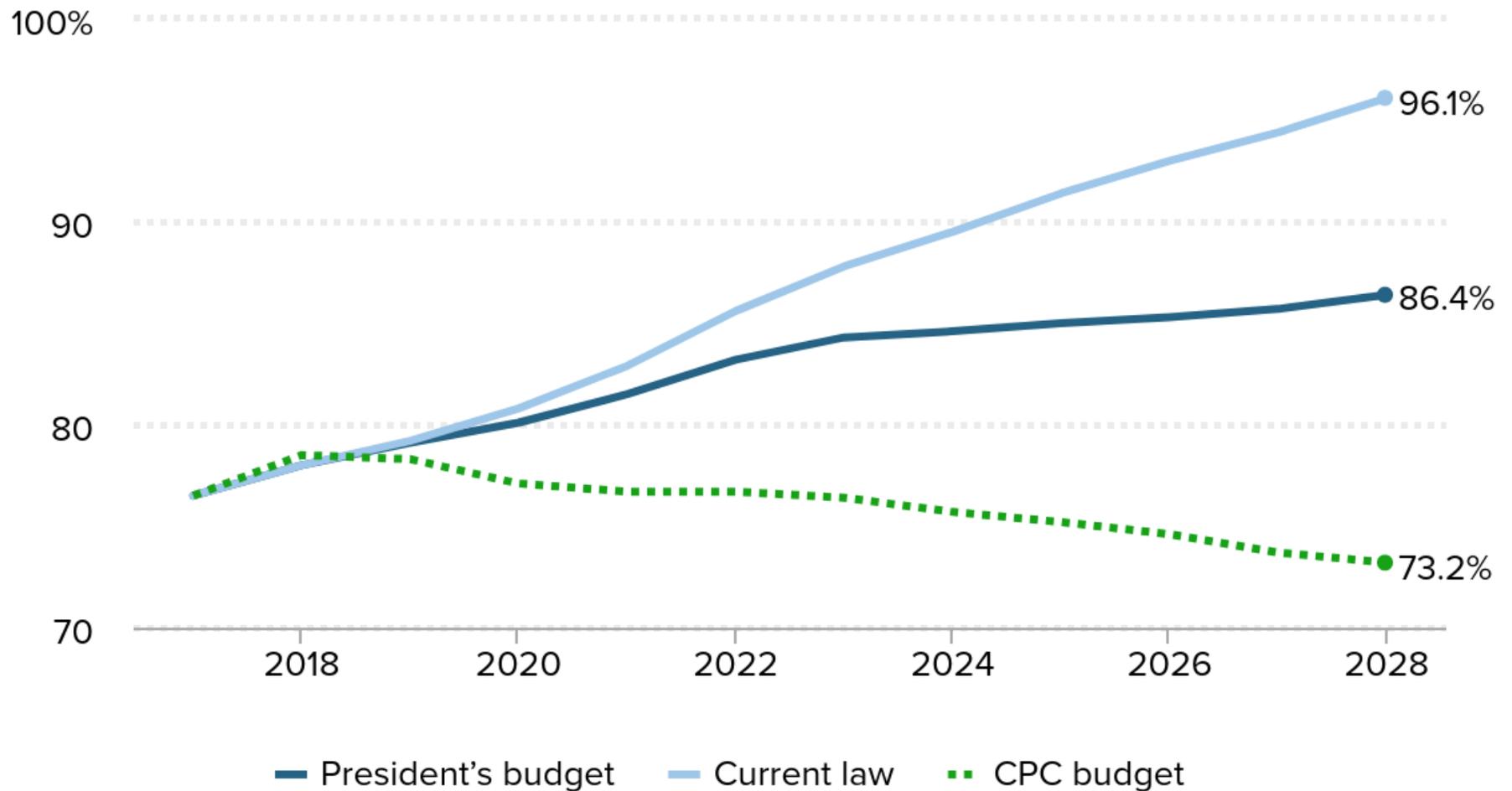
<p><b>Function: 050 National Defense</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Office of Economic Adjustment</li> <li>▪ Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs</li> <li>▪ Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function:150 International Affairs</b></p> <p>Increase of \$115 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refugee Programs</li> <li>▪ SMART Security</li> <li>▪ U.S. Institute of Peace</li> <li>▪ McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program</li> <li>▪ Bilateral Global HIV\AIDS Programs (PEPFAR)</li> <li>▪ Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (The Global Fund)</li> <li>▪ USAID and Humanitarian Assistance</li> <li>▪ Microfinance</li> <li>▪ Child Survival and Health Programs</li> <li>▪ Peace Corps</li> <li>▪ Reconstruction assistance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 250: General Science, Space and Technology</b></p> <p>Increase of \$83 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Science Foundation</li> <li>▪ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)</li> <li>▪ Science, Aeronautics and Technology</li> <li>▪ Advanced Manufacturing Research</li> <li>▪ Clean Energy Technologies Research</li> <li>▪ STEM Education Research</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 270: Energy</b></p> <p>Increase of \$583 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Renewable energy technology and deployment</li> <li>▪ Energy Innovation Fund</li> <li>▪ Geothermal Technology</li> <li>▪ Weatherization and Intergovernmental Activities</li> <li>▪ Advanced Research Projects-Energy</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 300: Natural Resources and Environment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Indian Affairs</li> <li>▪ Reestablishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps</li> <li>▪ Natural Resources Conservation Service</li> <li>▪ Wetlands Reserve Program</li> <li>▪ Conservation Stewardship Program</li> <li>▪ Land and Water Conservation Fund</li> </ul>

<p>Increase of \$211 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multinational Species Conservation</li> <li>▪ Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund</li> <li>▪ Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act</li> <li>▪ Supporting Climate Resilience in Indian Country</li> <li>▪ Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 350: Agriculture</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Connect Grant Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 370: Commerce and Housing Credit</b></p> <p>Increase of \$81 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Network for Manufacturing Innovation</li> <li>▪ Homeless Assistance Grants</li> <li>▪ Choice Neighborhoods Initiative</li> <li>▪ SBA 7(a) and 504 business loan programs</li> <li>▪ National Veterans Entrepreneurship Training (VET) Program</li> <li>▪ Securities and Exchange Commission</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 400: Transportation</b></p> <p>Increase of \$889 billion included in Infrastructure Stimulus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Highways and bridges</li> <li>▪ Mass transit</li> <li>▪ Aviation</li> <li>▪ Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 450: Community and Regional Development</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</li> <li>▪ Community Development Fund</li> <li>▪ Community Development Financial Institutions</li> <li>▪ HOME Investment Partnerships</li> <li>▪ Power Plus</li> <li>▪ Rural broadband deployment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 500: Education, Training, and Social Services</b></p> <p>Increase of \$1.1 trillion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wage and Hour Division</li> <li>▪ ESEA</li> <li>▪ IDEA</li> <li>▪ Drop-out prevention</li> <li>▪ Head Start</li> <li>▪ Youth Summer Jobs</li> <li>▪ Pell Grants, including interest rate protection</li> <li>▪ Apprenticeship Training Fund</li> <li>▪ Senior Community Service Employment Program</li> <li>▪ Green Jobs Innovation Fund</li> <li>▪ Adult Employment and Training Activities</li> <li>▪ TRIO</li> <li>▪ National Endowment for the Arts Home and Community-based Supportive Services</li> <li>▪ Social Services Block Grants (SSBG)</li> <li>▪ On-the-Job Training</li> <li>▪ Early Learning Challenge Fund</li> <li>▪ Dislocated Workers Program</li> <li>▪ Public Telecommunications Facilities Program</li> <li>▪ Library Services and Technology</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Endowment for the Humanities</li> <li>▪ Workforce Investment Act (WIA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 550: Health</b></p> <p>Increase of \$300 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Institutes of Health (NIH)</li> <li>▪ National Institute of Aging</li> <li>▪ Domestic HIV/AIDS</li> <li>▪ Maternal Health</li> <li>▪ Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP)</li> <li>▪ Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)</li> <li>▪ Mentoring of Children of Prisoners</li> <li>▪ Community Health Centers</li> <li>▪ National Health Service Corps</li> <li>▪ Center for Disease Control and Prevention</li> <li>▪ Title VII programs</li> <li>▪ Title X programs</li> <li>▪ National Diabetes Prevention Budget for All</li> <li>▪ Nursing Workforce Development Programs</li> <li>▪ National Institutes of Health (NIH)</li> <li>▪ Division of Viral Hepatitis</li> <li>▪ Community Health Centers</li> <li>▪ National Health Service Corps</li> <li>▪ Teaching Health Center GME</li> <li>▪ Minority AIDS Initiative</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 600: Income Security</b></p> <p>Increase of \$2 trillion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extend and Safeguard Unemployment Insurance</li> <li>▪ Child Nutrition</li> <li>▪ Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)</li> <li>▪ Food and Nutrition Service (including WIC)</li> <li>▪ Section 8 Housing Vouchers (Housing Choice)</li> <li>▪ Project Based Rental Assistance</li> <li>▪ Choice Neighborhoods</li> <li>▪ Public Housing Capital Fund</li> <li>▪ Federal-State Unemployment Insurance System</li> <li>▪ Home Investment Partnership Program</li> <li>▪ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</li> <li>▪ Homeless Assistance Grants</li> <li>▪ Public Housing Operating Fund</li> <li>▪ Affordable Housing Trust Fund</li> <li>▪ Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</li> <li>▪ Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) Program</li> <li>▪ Section 202 (Housing for the Elderly)</li> <li>▪ Section 811 (Housing for Persons with Disabilities)</li> <li>▪ Foster and Adoption Assistance for States</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 700: Veterans Benefits and Services</b></p> <p>Increase of \$197 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Veterans &amp; Military Families</li> <li>▪ Wounded Warriors K-9 Corps</li> <li>▪ VA Medical and Prosthetic Research</li> <li>▪ Veterans Employment and Training</li> <li>▪ Veterans Housing Benefit Program</li> <li>▪ Homeless Veterans Program</li> <li>▪ Veterans Graduate Medical Education</li> <li>▪ Veterans Mental Health Programs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 750:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance</li> </ul>

<p><b>Administration of Justice</b></p> <p>Increase of \$80 billion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Juvenile Justice</li> <li>▪ DOJ Administrative Review and Appeals</li> <li>▪ Violent crime reduction programs</li> <li>▪ Juvenile Justice Programs</li> <li>▪ Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs</li> <li>▪ Education, Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities</li> <li>▪ Byrne Justice Assistance Grants</li> <li>▪ Legal Services Corporation</li> <li>▪ Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program</li> <li>▪ End funding for family detention centers and eliminate bed mandates</li> </ul>
<p><b>Function 800: General Government</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Office of Technology Assessment</li> </ul>

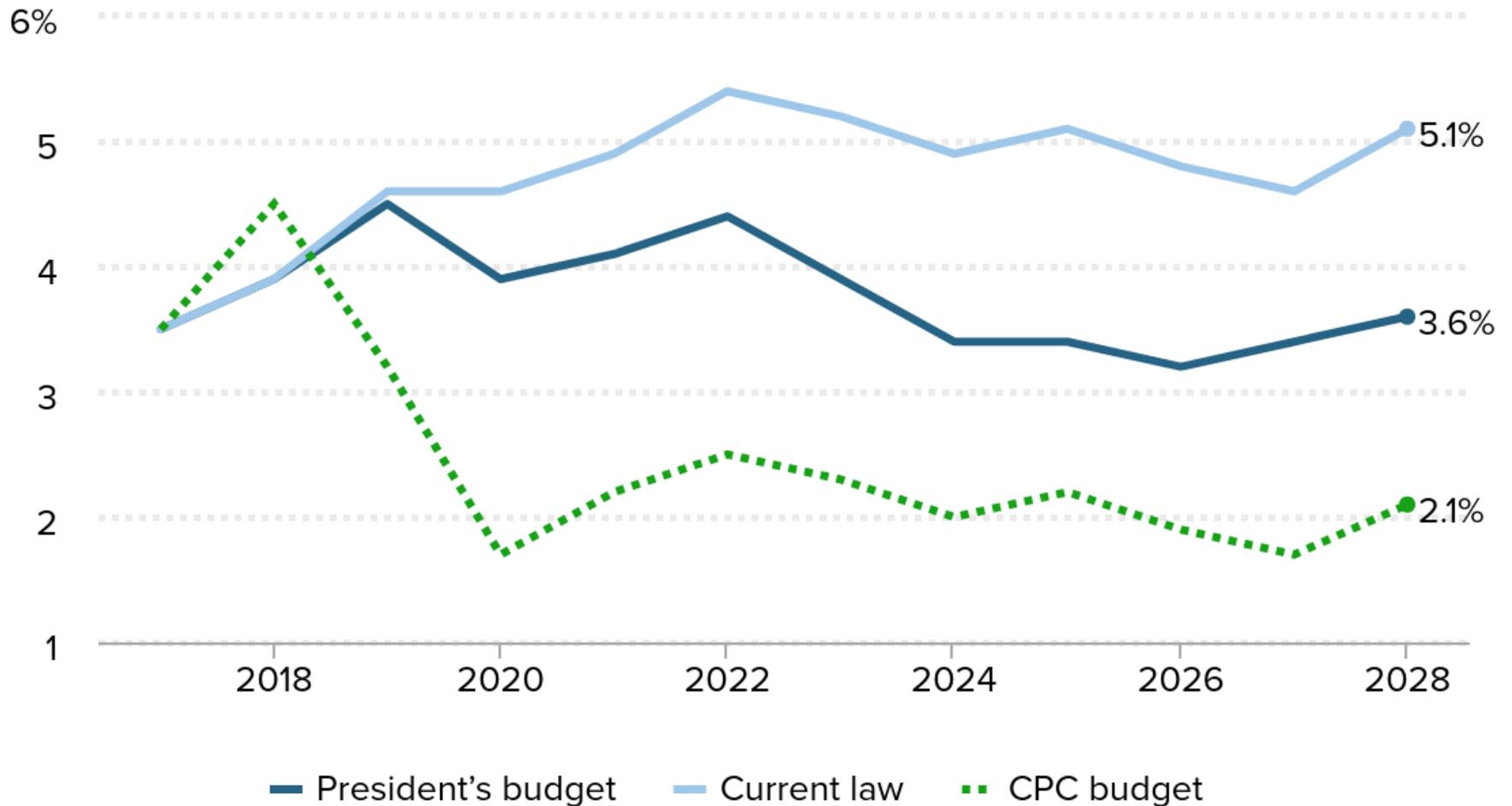
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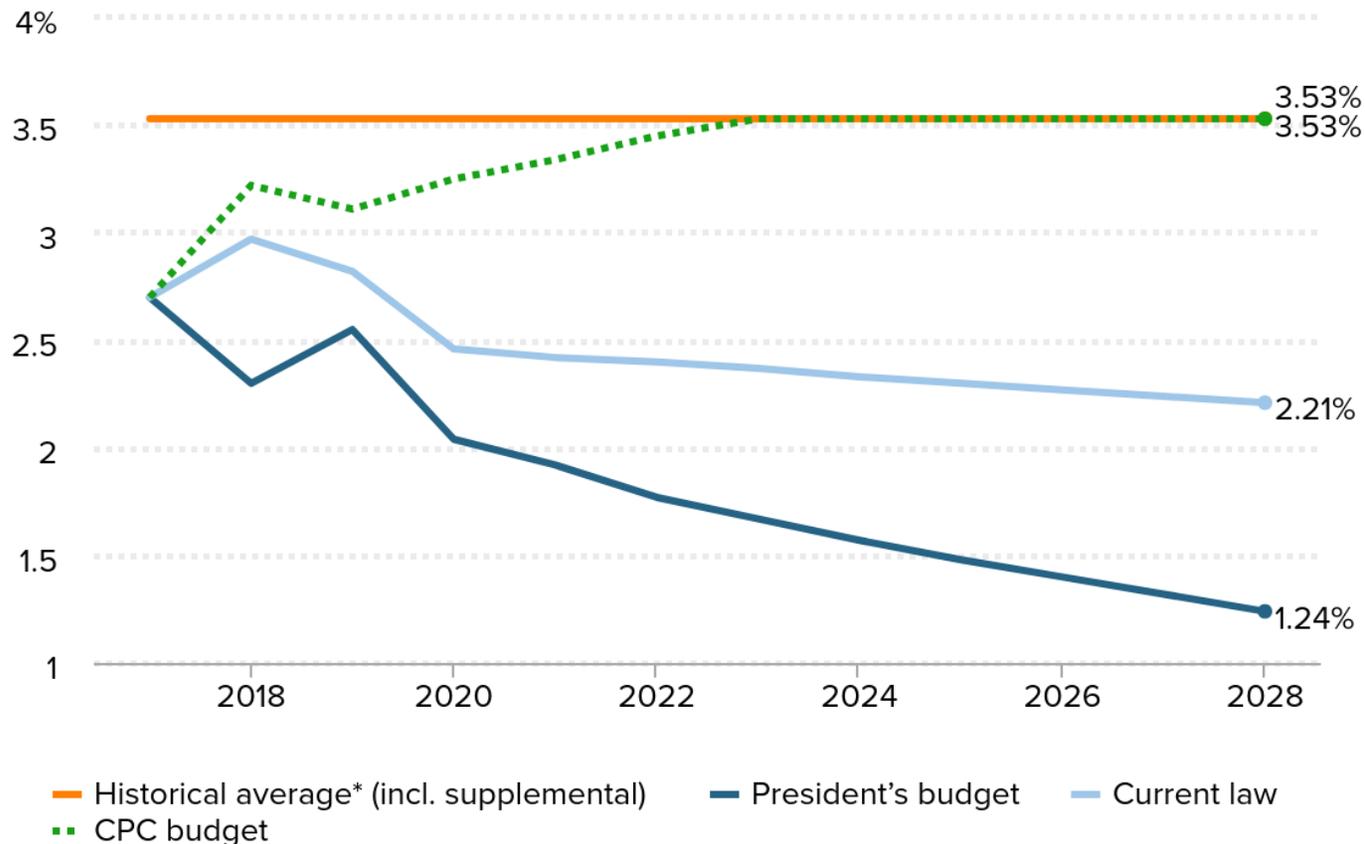
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## Projected nondefense discretionary budget authority as a share of GDP, excluding supplemental spending, FY2017–FY2028



\* Historical average reflects the average nondefense discretionary budget authority as a share of GDP between FY1980 and FY2007 (the last year before the onset of the Great Recession).

**Note:** Supplemental spending includes war, disaster, emergency, program integrity, and 21st Century Cures Act. For the president's budget, this figure uses CBO's projections of GDP. Data for 2017 represent actual spending. Data for 2018 exclude Changes In Mandatory Programs (CHIMPs). The historical average excluding supplemental spending is 3.47%.

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## Policy modifications for CPC FY2019 budget alternative (billions of dollars)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total		
												2019–2023	2019–2028	2018–2028
<b>Total deficit under CBO Adjusted April 2018 current law baseline</b>	-793	-973	-1,003	-1,118	-1,275	-1,273	-1,245	-1,352	-1,321	-1,314	-1,527	-5,642	-12,401	-13,193
<b>Additional revenue policy adjustments (impact on primary budget deficit, billions of dollars)</b>														
Revenue target (individual income taxes)		260	361	375	389	404	420	436	453	470	489	1,789	4,057	4,057
Revenue target (social insurance taxes)		31	43	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	212	480	480
Revenue target (corporate income taxes)		143	199	207	215	223	232	241	250	260	270	987	2,239	2,239
Revenue target (excise and other taxes)		264	367	381	395	410	427	443	460	478	497	1,819	4,124	4,124
<b>Additional spending policy adjustments (impact on primary budget deficit, billions of dollars)</b>														
Repeal Budget Control Act (BCA) mandatory and discretionary cuts (both phases)		-9	-112	-165	-189	-203	-215	-222	-229	-245	-224	-678	-1,812	-1,812
Infrastructure investments		-254	-254	-254	-193	-193	-166	-166	-166	-166	-166	-1,147	-1,975	-1,975
Additional public investment and job creation provisions		-86	-92	-74	-90	-107	-123	-140	-157	-172	-189	-205	-486	-1,436
Investments (nondefense discretionary increases over removing BCA)		-25	-33	-58	-87	-119	-152	-175	-194	-211	-229	-248	-449	-1,532
Preschool for all		-2	-6	-7	-9	-10	-11	-10	-9	-9	-9	-34	-82	-82
Affordable college and refinancing student loans		-102	-32	-36	-37	-38	-39	-40	-41	-42	-43	-246	-449	-449
Restore Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit levels and child nutrition		-5	-6	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-31	-65	-65
End Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) after FY18 (both 050 and 150)		41	63	74	80	84	87	89	91	93	95	342	798	798
End supplemental spending* after FY18		18	38	51	63	74	83	91	99	107	113	243	736	736
Base Department of Defense (DOD) adjustments		43	62	71	77	83	85	89	95	103	112	336	821	821
Negotiate Rx payments for Medicare		25	37	40	44	47	51	55	58	63	68	194	489	489
Establish Paid Leave Partnership		0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2
Public option (expenditures only)		-3	6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	23	78	78
Reform rules for Rx development/release		1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	10	25	25

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total			
												2019–2023	2019–2028	2018–2028	
Reduce fraud, waste, and abuse in Medicaid		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	
Bundle Medicare's payments to health care providers		4	8	9	10	10	11	12	12	13	14	40	102	102	
Replace growth rate of civilian and veteran retirement programs with CPI-E		0	-2	-4	-6	-9	-13	-16	-19	-24	-27	-21	-120	-120	
End Family Homelessness Initiative		0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-5	-15	-15	
State single-payer start up fund		-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-8	-12	-12	
Comprehensive immigration reform (expenditures only)		-23	-35	-39	-45	-52	-61	-70	-82	-95	-110	-194	-612	-612	
Reduce agriculture subsidies		1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	9	19	19	
CREATES Act		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	
Public financing of campaigns		-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-5	-12	-12	
<b>Net policy adjustments (primary)</b>		-112	305	605	569	614	607	629	637	649	653	691	2,700	5,960	5,849
Debt service impact of policy adjustments		-1	1	18	42	66	88	107	127	150	175	202	215	975	974
<b>Net impact of policy adjustments</b>		-113	306	624	611	680	695	736	764	799	827	893	2,915	6,935	6,822
<b>CPC FY19 deficit</b>		-906	-667	-380	-507	-595	-578	-509	-588	-522	-487	-634	-2,727	-5,466	-6,372
<b>Memorandum</b>															
CPC defense discretionary outlays relative to current law defense discretionary outlays (excluding OCO)		-72	9	10	9	8	11	9	2	-4	-11	-36	-30	-30	
CPC defense discretionary budget authority relative to President's FY19 budget's proposed discretionary budget authority (excluding OCO)		-74	-75	-77	-80	-84	-81	-82	-88	-94	-100	-390	-834	-834	

\* Supplemental spending includes disaster, emergency, and 21st Century Cures Act

**Note:** Figures are for fiscal years. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

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## Spending on public investments and job-creation measures in CPC FY2019 budget alternative, relative to CBO current law baseline (billions of dollars)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total		
												2019–2023	2019–2028	2018–2028
<b>Mandatory measures</b>														
Sustained infrastructure program	0	254	254	254	193	193	166	166	166	166	166	1,147	1,975	1,975
Public works jobs program and aid to distressed communities	76	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	114
Invest in teachers and K–12 schools	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	122	244	244
Block grants to states (first responders, Medicaid, safety net etc)	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	16
Affordable Child Care for All subsidy program	0	22	47	63	79	94	110	126	142	158	174	304	1,016	1,016
Improve Unemployment Insurance (UI) extended benefits	0	2	3	4	4	4	5	6	6	6	7	17	46	46
<b>Subtotal, mandatory measures</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>3,325</b>	<b>3,411</b>
<b>Additional non-defense discretionary (NDD) public investments</b>														
Repeal BCA NDD cuts, both phases	0	9	52	79	92	98	103	107	110	114	116	330	881	881
Investments (NDD increases over removing BCA)	25	33	58	87	119	152	175	194	211	229	248	449	1,506	1,532
<b>Subtotal, additional NDD increases relative to current law</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>2,412</b>
<b>Total, job creation measures and public investments</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>5,824</b>

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## CPC FY2019 budget totals (billions of dollars)

	Actual, 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total	
													2019–2023	2019–2028
<b>Revenues</b>														
Individual income taxes	1,587	1,640	2,005	2,195	2,275	2,381	2,499	2,622	2,755	3,028	3,275	3,414	11,355	26,449
Payroll taxes	1,162	1,178	1,262	1,327	1,381	1,441	1,504	1,569	1,635	1,700	1,768	1,838	6,915	15,423
Corporate income taxes	297	243	419	506	534	568	611	653	688	699	691	718	2,638	6,086
Other	270	279	502	621	646	671	703	734	762	793	830	864	3,145	7,128
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>4,189</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>4,837</b>	<b>5,061</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>6,565</b>	<b>6,833</b>	<b>24,054</b>	<b>55,086</b>
On-budget	2,466	2,479	3,259	3,667	3,811	3,993	4,206	4,420	4,637	4,972	5,268	5,486	18,936	43,719
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	851	860	930	984	1,025	1,068	1,111	1,156	1,202	1,248	1,297	1,348	5,118	11,367
<b>Outlays</b>														
Mandatory	2,519	2,629	3,221	3,280	3,483	3,681	3,832	3,953	4,226	4,473	4,715	5,055	17,497	39,919
Discretionary	1,200	1,299	1,247	1,284	1,334	1,399	1,450	1,499	1,556	1,602	1,648	1,700	6,714	14,719
Net interest	263	317	388	466	527	576	613	631	646	667	688	712	2,570	5,914
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,982</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>5,656</b>	<b>5,895</b>	<b>6,084</b>	<b>6,427</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>7,052</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>26,780</b>	<b>60,552</b>
On-budget	3,180	3,391	3,941	4,050	4,296	4,535	4,697	4,809	5,068	5,300	5,518	5,832	21,518	48,044
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	801	853	915	980	1,049	1,121	1,198	1,275	1,359	1,442	1,534	1,635	5,262	12,507
<b>Deficit (-) or surplus</b>														
On-budget	-715	-912	-682	-384	-484	-542	-491	-389	-430	-328	-249	-346	-2,582	-4,326
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	49	7	15	4	-23	-53	-87	-120	-158	-194	-238	-287	-144	-1,140
<b>Debt held by the public</b>	<b>14,665</b>	<b>15,789</b>	<b>16,550</b>	<b>16,987</b>	<b>17,543</b>	<b>18,183</b>	<b>18,807</b>	<b>19,365</b>	<b>20,007</b>	<b>20,585</b>	<b>21,129</b>	<b>21,820</b>	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Memorandum</b>														
Gross domestic product	19,178	20,103	21,136	22,034	22,872	23,716	24,621	25,583	26,595	27,608	28,677	29,803	114,379	252,646

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## CPC FY2019 budget totals (percentage of GDP)

	Actual, 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total	
													2019–2023	2019–2028
<b>Revenues</b>														
Individual income taxes	8.28%	8.16%	9.49%	9.96%	9.95%	10.04%	10.15%	10.25%	10.36%	10.97%	11.42%	11.45%	9.93%	10.47%
Payroll taxes	6.06%	5.86%	5.97%	6.02%	6.04%	6.08%	6.11%	6.13%	6.15%	6.16%	6.16%	6.17%	6.05%	6.10%
Corporate income taxes	1.55%	1.21%	1.98%	2.30%	2.33%	2.39%	2.48%	2.55%	2.59%	2.53%	2.41%	2.41%	2.31%	2.41%
Other	1.41%	1.39%	2.38%	2.82%	2.83%	2.83%	2.86%	2.87%	2.87%	2.87%	2.89%	2.90%	2.75%	2.82%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.29%</b>	<b>16.61%</b>	<b>19.82%</b>	<b>21.11%</b>	<b>21.15%</b>	<b>21.34%</b>	<b>21.59%</b>	<b>21.79%</b>	<b>21.96%</b>	<b>22.53%</b>	<b>22.89%</b>	<b>22.93%</b>	<b>21.03%</b>	<b>21.80%</b>
On-budget	12.86%	12.33%	15.42%	16.64%	16.66%	16.84%	17.08%	17.28%	17.44%	18.01%	18.37%	18.41%	16.56%	17.30%
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	4.44%	4.28%	4.40%	4.46%	4.48%	4.50%	4.51%	4.52%	4.52%	4.52%	4.52%	4.52%	4.47%	4.50%
<b>Outlays</b>														
Mandatory	13.13%	13.08%	15.24%	14.89%	15.23%	15.52%	15.56%	15.45%	15.89%	16.20%	16.44%	16.96%	15.30%	15.80%
Discretionary	6.26%	6.46%	5.90%	5.83%	5.83%	5.90%	5.89%	5.86%	5.85%	5.80%	5.75%	5.70%	5.87%	5.83%
Net interest	1.37%	1.58%	1.84%	2.11%	2.31%	2.43%	2.49%	2.47%	2.43%	2.41%	2.40%	2.39%	2.25%	2.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.76%</b>	<b>21.11%</b>	<b>22.97%</b>	<b>22.83%</b>	<b>23.37%</b>	<b>23.85%</b>	<b>23.94%</b>	<b>23.78%</b>	<b>24.17%</b>	<b>24.42%</b>	<b>24.59%</b>	<b>25.05%</b>	<b>23.41%</b>	<b>23.97%</b>
On-budget	16.58%	16.87%	18.65%	18.38%	18.78%	19.12%	19.08%	18.80%	19.06%	19.20%	19.24%	19.57%	18.81%	19.02%
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	4.18%	4.25%	4.33%	4.45%	4.58%	4.73%	4.86%	4.99%	5.11%	5.22%	5.35%	5.49%	4.60%	4.95%
<b>Deficit (-) or surplus</b>														
On-budget	-3.73%	-4.54%	-3.23%	-1.74%	-2.12%	-2.29%	-1.99%	-1.52%	-1.62%	-1.19%	-0.87%	-1.16%	-2.26%	-1.71%
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	0.26%	0.03%	0.07%	0.02%	-0.10%	-0.22%	-0.35%	-0.47%	-0.59%	-0.70%	-0.83%	-0.96%	-0.13%	-0.45%
<b>Debt held by the public</b>	<b>76.47%</b>	<b>78.54%</b>	<b>78.30%</b>	<b>77.10%</b>	<b>76.70%</b>	<b>76.67%</b>	<b>76.38%</b>	<b>75.70%</b>	<b>75.23%</b>	<b>74.56%</b>	<b>73.68%</b>	<b>73.22%</b>	n.a.	n.a.

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## CPC FY2019 budget vs. current law (billions of dollars)

	Actual, 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total	
													2019–2023	2019–2028
<b>Revenues</b>														
Individual income taxes	0	0	261	362	375	389	404	420	436	453	470	489	1,791	4,059
Payroll taxes	0	0	31	42	44	46	47	50	52	53	56	57	211	479
Corporate income taxes	0	0	143	199	207	215	223	232	241	250	259	270	987	2,239
Other	0	0	264	367	381	395	411	427	443	460	478	497	1,818	4,123
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>4,807</b>	<b>10,900</b>
On-budget	0	0	668	928	964	999	1,038	1,078	1,120	1,163	1,208	1,256	4,597	10,421
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	0	0	31	42	44	46	47	50	52	53	55	57	211	479
<b>Outlays</b>														
Mandatory	0	86	505	420	451	414	437	438	465	492	530	536	2,226	4,687
Discretionary	0	25	-111	-54	-12	17	41	60	70	75	81	86	-119	253
Net interest	0	1	-1	-18	-42	-66	-88	-107	-127	-150	-175	-202	-215	-975
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>3,965</b>
On-budget	0	113	392	347	396	365	389	390	406	415	433	416	1,890	3,950
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	2	15
<b>Deficit (-) or surplus</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>6,935</b>
On-budget	0	-113	275	581	567	634	648	688	714	748	775	840	2,707	6,471
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	0	0	30	42	44	45	47	48	50	51	52	53	209	464
<b>Debt held by the public</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>-193</b>	<b>-816</b>	<b>-1,427</b>	<b>-2,107</b>	<b>-2,802</b>	<b>-3,538</b>	<b>-4,303</b>	<b>-5,101</b>	<b>-5,929</b>	<b>-6,822</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>

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## CPC FY2019 budget vs. current law (percentage of GDP)

	Actual, 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total	
													2019–2023	2019–2028
<b>Revenues</b>														
Individual income taxes	0	0.00%	1.23%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.57%	1.61%
Payroll taxes	0	0.00%	0.14%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.20%	0.20%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.18%	0.19%
Corporate income taxes	0	0.00%	0.68%	0.90%	0.91%	0.91%	0.90%	0.91%	0.91%	0.90%	0.90%	0.91%	0.86%	0.89%
Other	0	0.00%	1.25%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.59%	1.63%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>3.30%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.20%</b>	<b>4.31%</b>
On-budget	0	0.00%	3.16%	4.21%	4.21%	4.21%	4.21%	4.21%	4.21%	4.21%	4.21%	4.21%	4.02%	4.12%
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	0	0.00%	0.14%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.20%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.18%	0.19%
<b>Outlays</b>														
Mandatory	0	0.43%	2.39%	1.90%	1.97%	1.75%	1.78%	1.71%	1.75%	1.78%	1.85%	1.80%	1.95%	1.86%
Discretionary	0	0.13%	-0.52%	-0.25%	-0.05%	0.07%	0.17%	0.23%	0.26%	0.27%	0.28%	0.29%	-0.10%	0.10%
Net interest	0	0.01%	0.00%	-0.08%	-0.18%	-0.28%	-0.36%	-0.42%	-0.48%	-0.54%	-0.61%	-0.68%	-0.19%	-0.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>1.86%</b>	<b>1.58%</b>	<b>1.73%</b>	<b>1.54%</b>	<b>1.58%</b>	<b>1.53%</b>	<b>1.53%</b>	<b>1.51%</b>	<b>1.52%</b>	<b>1.41%</b>	<b>1.65%</b>	<b>1.57%</b>
On-budget	0	0.56%	1.86%	1.58%	1.73%	1.54%	1.58%	1.52%	1.53%	1.50%	1.51%	1.40%	1.65%	1.56%
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%
<b>Deficit (-) or surplus</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.56%</b>	<b>1.45%</b>	<b>2.83%</b>	<b>2.67%</b>	<b>2.87%</b>	<b>2.82%</b>	<b>2.88%</b>	<b>2.87%</b>	<b>2.89%</b>	<b>2.89%</b>	<b>3.00%</b>	<b>2.55%</b>	<b>2.74%</b>
On-budget	0	-0.56%	1.30%	2.64%	2.48%	2.67%	2.63%	2.69%	2.68%	2.71%	2.70%	2.82%	2.37%	2.56%
Off-budget <sup>a</sup>	0	0.00%	0.14%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%	0.18%	0.18%	0.18%	0.18%	0.18%
<b>Debt held by the public</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>-0.91%</b>	<b>-3.71%</b>	<b>-6.24%</b>	<b>-8.89%</b>	<b>-11.38%</b>	<b>-13.83%</b>	<b>-16.18%</b>	<b>-18.48%</b>	<b>-20.67%</b>	<b>-22.89%</b>	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Memorandum (debt held by the public as a share of GDP)</b>														
CPC	76.47%	78.54%	78.30%	77.09%	76.69%	76.66%	76.38%	75.69%	75.22%	74.56%	73.68%	73.21%	n.a.	n.a.
Current law	76.47%	77.98%	79.21%	80.80%	82.94%	85.55%	87.76%	89.53%	91.41%	93.04%	94.35%	96.11%	n.a.	n.a.

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