

Updated Talking Points on Reconciliation Package

- **TOPLINE MESSAGE:** Even as the economy reopens, workers and families are facing rising costs because of global disruptions and inflation while still facing challenges that predated the COVID crisis. Congress has an opportunity to keep up momentum in our recovery by passing legislation that lowers costs and helps millions of people make ends meet. An economic package that provides greater health care, child care, and support for families — paid for by rolling back the Trump Tax Cuts [*Alternate text if you don't want to reference Trump: "paid for by raising taxes on the wealthiest people and corporations"*] and achieving prescription drug savings — will put us on path toward a brighter future.
- **Passing an economic package soon is Congress' best — and perhaps only — chance this year to pass policies that provides workers and families the foundations they need to thrive** while delivering long-term payoffs, including:
 - **Providing greater health care and lowering health care costs** by closing the Medicaid coverage gap, extending ACA premium tax credits that help people buy affordable health insurance, and capping the cost of insulin.
 - **Closing the coverage gap** will enable more than 2 million uninsured adults with incomes below the poverty line whose states haven't expanded Medicaid to secure health insurance.
 - **Re-authorizing ACA premium tax credits that helped more than 2.8 million people sign up for health insurance at the peak of the COVID crisis.** Extending this program would sustain those gains and reach additional uninsured people.
 - **Capping the cost of insulin at \$35** will help the millions of Americans who suffer from diabetes afford the essential medicine they need to survive and thrive.
 - **Expanding the Child Tax Credit**, and making the credit permanently refundable, which would ensure children from families with the lowest incomes receive the full credit. This would help families afford the basics and make ends meet even in the face of rising costs, including families of 27 million children who previously received a partial credit or no credit at all because their families' incomes were too low.
 - **Funding to address the massive shortage of child care for families in all 50 states**, which would provide more options to get kids the care they need and make it easier for parents to work.
 - **Paying for these priorities by un-rigging our tax code and achieving big prescription drug savings:**
 - Ensuring the wealthiest people and corporations can no longer get away with avoiding their fair share in taxes will offset the cost of ensuring families can access affordable health care, child care, and other essentials.
 - Allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices will save us money and make it easier for seniors to afford life-saving medicines.
- Given the scale of challenges facing millions of households, Congress should seize this opportunity to build on the progress we've made by further reducing costs and improving lives.