# **BIDEN & DEMOCRATS DID THIS**

#### **BORDER SECURITY & IMMIGRATION**

- Has taken 535 immigration actions over his first three years, which outpaced the 472 immigration-related executive actions undertaken under Trump.
- Legal immigration is returning to and in some cases surpassing pre-pandemic levels, including refugee admissions on pace to reach the highs of the 1990.
- Adopted a new border process seeking to discourage irregular arrivals.
- Extended temporary humanitarian protections to hundreds of thousands of migrants and focused enforcement priorities on narrower categories of unauthorized immigrants.

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

- Shortly after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and the constitutional right to choose, the Biden administration announced that it believed a 1986 federal law that protects people's access to emergency care at hospitals also applies to emergency abortions.
- Reiterated his call for Congress to codify protections that had been provided by Roe, adding that if a bill were passed, he would "immediately" sign it into law.
- In his last State of the Union address before the general election, Biden pledged to restore abortion protections after the Supreme Court's decision in 2022 to overturn Roe v. Wade. "If Americans send me a Congress that supports the right to choose, I promise you: I will restore Roe v. Wade as the law of the land again," the president said.
- The Biden administration has pursued several cases under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, or Face Act, a federal law that penalizes people for threatening, obstructing, or injuring someone who is trying to access a reproductive health clinic, or for vandalizing a clinic.

#### THE ECONOMY & JOBS

- Created more than 14 million jobs since taking office, resulting in the U.S. unemployment rate falling below 4%, the lowest rate since 1969.
- Allocated \$1.2 trillion to repair roads, waterways, bridges and railroads, bring high-speed internet to rural communities.
- Imposed a 15% minimum corporate tax on millionaires, billionaires, and corporations that evade their obligations to make sure the ultra-wealthy and largest corporations pay their fair share.
- Protected workers' pensions, provided funds for affordable housing, public safety and crime reduction, expanded food assistance and child care programs, and invested in mental health and health care centers.

TEXAS will receive \$35.44 billion from the *Infrastructure & Jobs Act* over five years for roads, bridges, ports, broadband access and other infrastructure projects.

## **CHILDREN, FAMILIES, & EDUCATION**

- The Biden Administration increased the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, boosting the benefit to \$3,000 from \$2,000 for children 17 and younger and giving an additional \$600 for kids under age 6.
- Awarded working families a \$1,400 per-person check during the pandemic.
- Proposed a plan to increase the supply of affordable housing, lower housing costs by building and preserving nearly 2
  million homes, providing down-payment assistance to home buyers who need it, and lowering rents through rental
  assistance.
- Provided funds for affordable housing, public safety and crime reduction, expanded food assistance and child care programs.
- Invested in mental health and health care centers.
- Enhanced the legal protections for women, the LGBTQ community and interracial couples by reauthorizing the *Violence Against Women Act* and the *Respect for Marriage Act*.
- Established a Student Debt Relief Program that will provide \$42 billion in Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

TEXAS received \$40 billion from the *American Rescue Plan* to invest in its families and businesses. The state also received \$7.5 million to help primary care physicians meet families' mental health needs



## COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY

- Signed into law the first major federal gun safety legislation passed in decades, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. It included \$750 million to help states implement and run crisis intervention programs. The money can be used to implement and manage red flag programs. The bill also closed a domestic violence loophole.
- Provided enhanced incentives for states to pass red flag laws/enhanced background checks and allocated funds for the mental health of young people.
- Encouraged the FTC to issue a public report analyzing how gun manufacturers market firearms to minors.
- Announced new executive actions to help promote safe storage of firearms that implement President Biden's Executive Order on promoting safe gun storage.

#### **HEALTH CARE**

- Retained the Affordable Care Act health insurance program that covers more than 40 million people in the U.S. and lowered or eliminated health insurance premiums for millions of lower- and middle-income families enrolled in health insurance marketplaces.
- Lowered prescription drug prices and required Medicare to negotiate the cost of prescription drugs. Now a month's supply of insulin for seniors is capped at \$35.
- Passed the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history to help veterans who have long been suffering from the effects of burn pits and toxin exposure (*PACT Act*). TEXAS has the largest veteran population of any state and leads the nation in veterans filing disability claims.
- Capped annual drug costs for Medicare seniors at \$2,000 and implemented zero cost for vaccines.
- Lowered the cost of hearing aids by making them available over the counter.

Texas benefitted from the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which capped prescription drug costs for millions of Texas Medicare beneficiaries, reduced health insurance premiums for hundreds of thousands of Texans by about \$560 per year on average, expanded coverage to about 370,000 Texans, and capped insulin co-payments for the hundreds of thousands of Texas Medicare beneficiaries that use insulin.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE & THE ENVIRONMENT**

- Protected more that 1.5 million acres of wildlands and historical sites by adding 5 new national monuments.
- Canceled the remaining oil and gas leases in Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge.
- Funded a \$53 billion *Chips and Science Act* to strengthen American manufacturing and innovation, provides funding to produce semiconductor chips for automobiles, cellphones, laptops, gaming consoles and washing machines here in the U.S. rather than relying on China.
- Provided expanded clean energy tax credits for wind, solar, nuclear, clean hydrogen, clean fuels, and carbon capture that will create jobs across solar, wind, storage, and other clean energy industries.
- Established Make it in America provisions for the use of American-made equipment for clean energy production.
- Invested in domestic energy production and manufacturing and provided over \$369 million to reduce greenhouse emissions and promote clean energy technologies.

TEXAS will receive \$1.4 billion from the *Chips and Science Act* that will be used for microchip research and manufacturing. The state will also receive \$66.5 billion of investment in large-scale clean power generation and storage between now and 2030.

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

• Biden signed the Electoral Count Reform Act, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of counting and certifying electoral votes for President and vice President, to preserve the will of the people and to protect against the type of attempts to overturn our elections that led to the January 6 insurrection.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

- Rejoined the *Paris Agreement*, the global fight against climate change by providing over \$369 million to reduce greenhouse emissions by 40% in the next seven years and to promote clean energy technologies.
- Led the *NATO Alliance* in strengthening the support of Ukraine after the Russian invasion by endorsing the inclusion of world military powers Sweden and Finland.
- Biden's FY 2024 budget prioritized DoD operational capacity, mission, resilience and readiness.