

# **DELIVERING RESULTS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE**

When the President took office, America faced acute and historic challenges: a once-in-a-century pandemic; an economy gripped by the most severe downturn since the Great Depression; a worsening climate crisis; and a legacy of racial injustice. From the first days of his Administration,

the President moved swiftly to tackle these challenges, deliver results for the American people, and ensure the Nation emerged stronger than ever. Two years later, while significant challenges remain, America has made historic progress under the President's leadership.

## **GROWING THE ECONOMY FROM THE BOTTOM UP AND MIDDLE OUT**

In January 2021, the President inherited a pandemic that was raging and an economy that was reeling. Roughly one percent of Americans were fully vaccinated, less than half of the Nation's schools were open for in-person instruction, and the virus had dramatically upended the lives of Americans all across the Nation. More than 10 million Americans were unable to find work and the unemployment rate stood at 6.3 percent. Millions of women were forced to drop out of the labor force. Hundreds of thousands of small businesses had shuttered. The American economy was facing one of its darkest moments in a generation.

In the face of these crises, the President immediately took action to rescue the economy. Within months of taking office, he signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (American Rescue Plan), which helped change the course of the pandemic and jumpstart a historic recovery. The American Rescue Plan funded an unprecedented vaccination campaign that has helped fully vaccinate nearly 230 million Americans against COVID-19, re-opened schools for in-person learning, helped 200,000 child care providers keep their doors open, helped cut child poverty nearly in half in 2021, provided emergency rental assistance payments to households that

may have otherwise faced eviction, and delivered critical relief to American families.

Even as the President took urgent action to bring the economy back from the pandemic and jumpstart a recovery, he also began implementing his strategy to rebuild the U.S. economy from the bottom up and middle out—not from the top down. Over the course of just two years, the President amassed a series of historic legislative accomplishments and took executive actions that are laying the foundation for steady and stable growth over the long term—rebuilding America's infrastructure and building a clean energy economy, fueling a manufacturing boom that is bringing record investment and jobs back to the United States, supporting workers and small businesses, promoting fair competition, and lowering costs for families on everything from prescription drugs to healthcare to energy bills.

Just over two years after the President took office, it is clear that his economic strategy is working. Since January 2021, the economy has added more than 12 million jobs—more jobs created in just two years than any president has ever created in an entire four-year term. The job market has recovered all of the jobs that were lost

during the pandemic—and faster than in the past three recoveries. The unemployment rate has fallen from 6.3 percent to 3.4 percent—the lowest level in 54 years. Hispanic and African American unemployment rates are near record lows. As of January 2023, women’s unemployment, which was more severely impacted by the onset of the pandemic, is at its lowest level in 70 years. More Americans are working than at any point in American history. 2021 and 2022 were the two best years for small business creation on record. Companies have invested more than \$300 billion in American manufacturing since the President took office. The President’s actions to lower prescription drug costs and make the wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share will reduce the deficit by hundreds of billions of dollars over the coming decade.

To close tax loopholes that allow some of the most profitable corporations in the United States to avoid paying Federal income taxes, the President signed into law a 15-percent minimum tax on the profits that large corporations—those with over \$1 billion in profits—report to shareholders. He signed into law a surcharge on corporate stock buybacks, which encourages businesses to invest in their growth and productivity as opposed to paying out corporate executive profits or funneling tax-preferred profits to wealthy shareholders. The President signed legislation into law that will crack down on wealthy tax cheats—without increasing audit rates for families or small businesses making under \$400,000 per year.

### ***Providing Families More Breathing Room and Economic Security***

As the economy continues to transition from a historically strong recovery to stable, steady growth, the President has remained laser-focused on his top economic priority: taking action to lower costs for working families and give the American people more breathing room. While more work remains—and the Nation could see setbacks along the way—there are clear signs that the President’s economic strategy is working: annual

inflation has fallen over the past six months, even as the labor market remains strong and real wages are rising.

The strength of America’s jobs recovery, along with the Administration’s policies designed to help workers and families, have left families more economically secure than before the pandemic. Compared to pre-pandemic levels, households are now less likely to be delinquent on their credit card bills and mortgages, and more likely to have health insurance. A record-setting 16.3 million people signed up for Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act) coverage this year, and the national uninsured rate hit an all-time low last year. Families are facing fewer evictions and foreclosures than they were before the pandemic, and bankruptcy rates are lower as well. This economic security is giving families peace of mind and breathing room that they did not have before the pandemic. Child poverty also fell to a historic low in 2021, and the President has taken action to lift nearly one million children out of poverty by modernizing nutrition benefits.

Last summer, the President signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law 117-169), historic legislation to lower costs for families, build a clean energy economy and combat the climate crisis, reduce the deficit, and finally ask the largest corporations to begin to pay their fair share—all while ensuring that no one making less than \$400,000 per year would pay a penny more in taxes. The Inflation Reduction Act lowers prescription drug costs by capping out of pocket expenses for seniors at \$2,000 per year and finally letting Medicare negotiate prices. It lowers healthcare costs by ensuring millions of Americans continue to save hundreds per year on health insurance premiums. Consumers in these plans saved an average of \$800 on their premiums in 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan. It lowers energy costs by putting America on track to meet the President’s climate goals, which will save families an average of \$500 per year on their energy costs.

At the beginning of this year, key provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act took effect that

are already delivering results for the American people. As of January 2023, insulin is capped at \$35 for a monthly prescription, more recommended vaccines—including shingles and tetanus—are free for Americans on Medicare Part D, and pharmaceutical companies have to write a check to Medicare if they raise drug prices faster than inflation. When working- and middle-class Americans buy an electric vehicle or make their homes more efficient, they can now get a tax credit—putting money back in their pockets while helping accelerate a clean energy transition that leaves no one behind.

At the same time, the Administration has worked to unsnarl pandemic-driven supply chain bottlenecks that contributed to higher prices, helping further ease inflationary pressures. Within months of taking office, the President signed two landmark Executive Orders directing agencies to fortify the Nation’s critical supply chains. The President also launched a first-ever Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force, designed to pivot, adapt, and surge support to immediate and evolving supply chain challenges. Together, these actions have made an impact. Despite dire warnings of a looming supply chain meltdown ahead of the holidays in 2021, holiday season delivery times were below pre-pandemic levels and more than 97 percent of packages were delivered on time or with minimal delays. Progress strengthening America’s supply chains continued in 2022. The average cost of shipping an ocean container is trending down, congestion at major ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach has eased, and more than 90 percent of goods at grocery stores and drug stores are in stock and available on shelves—in line with pre-pandemic averages.

The President has also taken bold action to help address high gas prices resulting from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Last year, the President authorized the historic release of 180 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and he rallied international partners to release an unprecedented amount of oil to stabilize global markets. Today, gas prices in the United States have fallen sharply from their summer peak in

2022, even as the economy and job growth have remained strong.

### ***Promoting Competition and Entrepreneurship***

The President’s economic plan is also focused on promoting fair competition across the American economy to help ensure small businesses and entrepreneurs have an opportunity to thrive. As the President has said, “capitalism without competition isn’t capitalism. It’s exploitation.”

In July 2021, the President signed a historic Executive Order creating a White House Competition Council and directing Federal agencies to take action to spur greater competition across industries. Since then, agencies have made significant progress implementing the Executive Order—taking more than 90 actions across major sectors of the economy. Already, those actions have helped level the playing field for small businesses and unlocked real savings for the American people.

The Administration’s actions to crack down on unfair hidden junk fees are producing results. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has targeted overdraft and bounced check fees, surprise overdraft fees, and surprise depositor fees—efforts that have already driven changes at 15 of the largest 20 banks and that are expected to reduce fees by more than \$1 billion annually. The Department of Transportation (DOT) proposed a rule to require airlines and online booking services to show the full price of a plane ticket up front. DOT also published a dashboard of airline policies when flights are delayed or cancelled due to issues under the airlines’ control, leading nine airlines to change policies to guarantee coverage of hotels and 10 airlines to guarantee coverage of meals, none of which were guaranteed before. The Federal Communications Commission released new rules that will go into effect next year to require broadband providers to use “nutrition labels”—similar to those used for food products—to convey key information to consumers about internet service options in an accessible format.

At the same time, the President has taken action to help lower the average cost of hearing aids by as much as \$3,000 per pair by allowing Americans to purchase hearing aids over-the-counter—producing savings for the nearly 30 million Americans with hearing loss. The Federal Trade Commission released a proposed rule to ban non-compete clauses, which stifles wage growth for American workers by making it more difficult for workers to leave for higher-paying jobs. In December 2022, the President signed into law the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2022, which updated merger filing fees for the first time in more than 20 years, raising them on the larger mergers that contribute to consolidation and reduce competition while lowering fees on smaller acquisitions. To help lower shipping costs, the President also worked with the Congress to pass the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022, which will cut costs for shippers, and in turn American families, and ensure fairer treatment for exports sent by American farmers and ranchers.

### ***Powering a Manufacturing Boom across America***

A core part of the President's economic plan is an industrial strategy to revitalize America's manufacturing base, strengthen supply chains, and position U.S. workers and businesses to lead in global competition—and that strategy is paying off. Since January 2021, the economy has added more than 800,000 manufacturing jobs, the most jobs added over a two-year period in over 35 years. Manufacturing as a share of Gross Domestic Product has returned to pre-pandemic levels—a faster recovery than any other business cycle since 1953. The President's plan has catalyzed private investment that will grow the economy, ensure that those benefits are broadly shared in communities across the Nation, and

bring good-paying manufacturing jobs back from overseas.

In August 2022, the President signed into law the CHIPS and Science Act (Public Law 117-167)—historic bipartisan legislation that is helping power America's manufacturing boom and bringing supply chains—and jobs—back to the United States. The law serves as a down payment on the future of discovery that will create good-paying manufacturing jobs, support local economies and communities, connect regional industries with high-tech research and development, and bolster U.S. competitiveness globally. The CHIPS and Science Act, along with the Inflation Reduction Act, have sent clear signals to the private sector about the demand for clean energy and innovative technologies. In just the two years since the President took office, the Administration's actions have spurred more than \$700 billion in private investment in manufacturing, utilities, and energy from more than 200 companies in all 50 States.

The President has also delivered on his commitment to make the promise of Buy American real. In his first week in office, he issued an Executive Order that created the first-ever Made in America Office within the Office of Management and Budget, strengthened and centralized the waiver review process, and directed the Federal Acquisition Regulatory (FAR) Council to close loopholes in Buy American regulations. Since then, the FAR Council published the most significant updates to the Buy American Act in nearly 70 years to ensure taxpayer dollars create good-paying jobs here at home, strengthen critical supply chains, and position U.S. businesses to compete in strategic industries. These new rules already raised the domestic content threshold to qualify as Made in America from 55 percent to 60 percent—part of a phased increase up to 75 percent by 2029.



## DELIVERING PROGRESS ACROSS AMERICA

As the President's economic plan continues to produce results, the Administration has also delivered historic progress that is helping build a better America—rebuilding the Nation's crumbling infrastructure, leading the world in tackling the climate crisis, delivering for veterans, making America's communities safer, promoting women's health, and advancing equity across the U.S. economy and Nation.

### ***Rebuilding America's Infrastructure***

For decades, members of both parties in Washington have talked about the urgency of rebuilding America's crumbling infrastructure—without ever delivering. But in the fall of 2021, after working across the aisle to forge consensus and compromise, the President signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)—a once-in-a-generation investment in the Nation's infrastructure and competitiveness that is ushering in an infrastructure decade.

In the year-and-a-half since the President signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Administration has been hard at work delivering on the law's promise: rebuilding roads, bridges, ports, and airports; upgrading public transit and rail systems; replacing lead pipes to provide clean water; cleaning up pollution to protect the health of Americans; providing affordable, high-speed internet to every family in America; delivering cheaper and cleaner energy; and creating good-paying jobs.

To date, the Administration has announced nearly \$200 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and more than 20,000 specific projects, reaching over 4,500 communities across all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Territories. That funding has allowed the Administration to: launch 3,700 bridge repair and replacement projects across the Nation; begin repair of over 69,000 miles of roadway; award funds for more than 3,000 new clean transit school buses; increase enrollment in the Affordable

Connectivity program that helps ensure households can afford the high speed internet they need for work, school, healthcare, and more to over 16 million households; and approve State plans for water funding, electric vehicle charging networks, and high-speed internet deployment.

Earlier this year, the President announced awards for regionally or nationally-significant projects, including over \$2 billion to upgrade some of the Nation's most economically significant bridges and over \$1.2 billion in Mega grants. These infrastructure investments will create good-paying jobs—including union jobs and jobs that do not require a four-year college degree. The projects will grow the economy, strengthen supply chains, improve mobility for residents, and make America's transportation systems safer for all users.

To ensure projects are delivered on time, on task, and on budget, the Administration released *The Biden-Harris Permitting Action Plan to Rebuild America's Infrastructure, Accelerate the Clean Energy Transition, Revitalize Communities, and Create Jobs* to strengthen Federal permitting and environmental reviews, as well as *The Biden-Harris Action Plan for Accelerating Infrastructure* with more than 20 commitments from Federal agencies pledging to speed progress. The Administration also launched the Infrastructure Talent Pipeline Challenge, with more than 350 commitments from companies, colleges, and non-profits to invest in workforce development.

### ***Leading the World to Tackle the Climate Crisis***

In the two years since taking office, the President's leadership to tackle the climate crisis has boosted U.S. manufacturing and deployment of cost-cutting clean energy technologies, put the Nation on a durable path aligned with limiting warming to 1.5 °C, galvanized global action by partners and the private sector, and advanced environmental justice.

On the first day of his Administration, the President rejoined the Paris Agreement—strengthening international partnerships that are key to addressing the climate crisis on the global stage. The President set an ambitious domestic goal to reduce greenhouse gas pollution 50 to 52 percent from 2005 levels by 2030 and has rallied countries around the world to make their own bold contributions. At the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the President announced that America would lead the way as the first Nation to require major Federal contractors to publicly disclose their greenhouse gas emissions and climate-related financial risks and set science-based emissions reduction targets.

In signing the Inflation Reduction Act last year, the President secured the largest investment to advance energy security and combat climate change in American history. The Inflation Reduction Act makes direct investments in innovation and deployment of cost-saving clean energy technologies while lowering costs for American families who electrify their homes, purchase electric vehicles, and install rooftop solar. As climate disasters continue to threaten communities across the Nation, the law also includes critical investments in climate resilience. The Inflation Reduction Act will spur unprecedented actions to ensure that these transformative investments create good-paying and union American jobs and benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities—including through a new \$3 billion grant program for community-based organizations that work to address local pollution concerns.

At the same time, the Administration has launched numerous initiatives to accelerate America's clean energy future and conserve America's ecosystems. To jumpstart an electric transportation future that is Made in America, the President brought together automakers and autoworkers around an ambitious goal that 50 percent of vehicles sold by 2030 will be electric. The Administration has announced new climate-smart agriculture and forestry initiatives, protections for cherished landscapes and habitats, and the America the Beautiful Initiative to conserve

30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. To ensure no one is left out of the benefits of the clean energy economy, the President established the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plan Communities and Economic Revitalization to direct Federal technical assistance and resources toward investments in the places that kept America's lights on for generations.

Environmental justice is embedded in all the work the Administration is doing to tackle the climate crisis. The President's Justice40 initiative ensures that 40 percent of the benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy are delivered to disadvantaged communities. The Administration launched a Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to help agencies better identify communities that can benefit from the Justice40 Initiative.

### ***Honoring America's Commitment to the Nation's Veterans***

One of the Nation's most sacred obligations is to care for America's veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors. The President delivered on this commitment by signing the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 (PACT Act), the most significant bill in American history to address veterans' exposure to burn pits and other toxic substances. Under the law, more than five million veterans will be eligible for services, including expanded access to healthcare and disability compensation benefits. The PACT Act also expands access to benefits and services for veterans' families, caregivers, and survivors, and strengthens the President's Cancer Moonshot initiative, making progress toward addressing rare cancers that make up approximately 25 percent of all Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) cancer diagnoses.

The Administration is also taking key steps to address veteran suicide. In July 2022, VA transitioned the Veterans Crisis Line to the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline's national network, making it easier for veterans in crisis to connect

to more than 500 suicide prevention coordinators and ensuring follow-up services.

Recognizing the diversity of America's veterans, the Administration is also taking action to advance equity across veterans' services. In the last year, VA committed to improving maternal health and expanded access to specialized cancer screenings and reproductive healthcare. In addition to ending the ban on transgender service, the Administration is committed to providing gender affirming care to the Nation's veterans—and last year, the VA announced that it was extending survivor benefits to certain survivors of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex veterans.

### ***Making America's Communities Safer***

From day one, the President has taken decisive and historic action to make America's communities safer. Last year, the President brought Members of Congress from both parties together to secure the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act—the first significant piece of legislation to address the epidemic of gun violence in America's communities in three decades. This historic legislation expands background checks and funds crisis intervention, including red-flag laws, and helps keep guns out of the hands of people, including convicted dating partners, who are a danger to themselves and others. The Act makes historic investments in violence prevention and reduction programs, addresses the youth mental crisis by expanding community violence prevention programs, and expands trauma-informed services to mitigate the impact of violence. It also builds on the Administration's efforts to crack down on ghost guns, rogue dealers, and gun trafficking.

The President has also been clear about the Administration's commitment to investing in safe, effective, and accountable community policing and crime prevention. In December 2022, the President signed the bipartisan funding bill that increased funding for the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Solutions Office by more than \$150 million and included

\$50 million for the Agency's Community Violence Intervention programs. In addition to these critical investments, the President issued a historic Executive Order last year to advance effective accountable policing and reform America's criminal justice system. The Administration is also strategically deploying historic funding to reduce gun crime. The Administration made certain American Rescue Plan funding—\$350 billion in State and local funding, and \$122 billion in K-12 funding—available as unprecedented resources for States and cities to invest in hiring officers for accountable community policing, as well as crime prevention and intervention.

### ***Promoting Women's Healthcare and Defending Reproductive Rights***

In June 2022, the Supreme Court issued the *Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and eliminated a woman's constitutional right to choose, taking away a right from the American people that had been the law of the land for nearly 50 years. In the wake of this ruling, the President has been clear that the only way to secure a woman's right to choose is for the Congress to pass a law restoring the protections of *Roe*. In addition, the President has defended reproductive rights and protected access to safe and legal abortion—including signing two Executive Orders and a Presidential Memorandum to safeguard access to medication abortion and contraception, ensure patients receive emergency medical care and healthcare free from discrimination, protect patients' and doctors' privacy, and support patients traveling out of State for medical care.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act and the Administration's work to protect and expand it, more Americans have healthcare coverage than at any other time in history—and women can no longer be charged more for health insurance simply because they are women. Last year, the Administration approved requests from more than half of the States and the District of Columbia to extend postpartum Medicaid

coverage to 12 months. In June 2022, the President and Vice President released the Administration's Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis, a whole-of-Government approach for combatting maternal mortality and morbidity and reducing persistent disparities.

### ***Advancing Equity***

On his first day in office, the President signed a sweeping Executive Order directing the entire Federal Government to advance an ambitious equity and racial justice agenda—not as a one-year project, but as part of a sustained commitment to make the promise of America real for every American. Since then, the Administration has made significant progress advancing equity across the Federal Government, including by releasing a second Executive Order that strengthens its ability to create opportunities for communities and populations that have been historically underserved, and continues to build an America in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential.

The President also hosted the first White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in over 50 years and released the *Biden-Harris Administration National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health* (*National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health*) to end hunger and reduce diet-related chronic diseases, which disproportionately impact historically underserved communities, by 2030. The *National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health* provides a roadmap of actions Federal agencies will take and makes a call to action to all sectors of society to collectively achieve the President's goals.

The Administration has also announced new steps to advance economic justice. These include taking action to eliminate administrative barriers that disproportionately impact workers of color, delivering equitable infrastructure investments through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, advancing environmental justice through the Justice40 Initiative, and making historic investments in tribal communities. The

Administration has also made progress delivering on the President's goal of increasing the share of awards to small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) from roughly 10 percent to 15 percent by 2025. In 2021, the Administration awarded a record level of contracting dollars to SDBs, and based on initial data, 2022 is expected to exceed that record.

The Administration has deployed record investments to tribal nations and Native communities, including through the American Rescue Plan, the largest direct Federal investment in Indian Country in history, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the largest single investment in infrastructure for Indian Country ever. The Administration has taken additional steps to: improve and standardize tribal consultation; expand protections for tribal victims under the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022; develop new public safety and justice strategies for Native communities, including to address the epidemic of missing or murdered Indigenous people; and secure—for the first time in history—advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service, which would ensure a more predictable funding stream and improve health outcomes across Indian Country.

In April 2022, the President launched the Rural Partners Network (RPN), which is now supporting 37 rural communities across 10 States and Puerto Rico. RPN is an all-of-Government program that partners with rural and tribal people to access resources and funding to create local jobs, build infrastructure, and support long-term economic stability on their own terms. Through RPN, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is hiring new full-time Federal staff who are from the region to work hand in hand with RPN community leaders. There are 20 Federal agencies, including regional commissions, contributing to RPN to ensure selected rural communities have access to the full breadth of resources across the Federal Government.

The President has also signed historic bipartisan legislation to ensure women and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex



Americans are treated equitably under the law. Last year, the President signed the Respect for Marriage Act to ensure that every American—no matter their race, gender, or sexual orientation—can marry the person they love without the threat of government interference. The bipartisan funding bill the President signed in December 2022 included the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act—which provides long-overdue protections for pregnant workers—as well as \$700 million for the Violence Against Women Act, the highest funding level in history for the landmark law the President first authored and championed in 1994 and reauthorized in March 2022.

### ***Making Progress to End Cancer as We Know It***

One year ago, the President and First Lady reignited the Cancer Moonshot, setting an ambitious, achievable goal: to reduce the death rate from cancer by at least 50 percent over the next 25 years, and improve the experience of people and families living with and surviving cancer, ultimately ending cancer as we know it today.

The Cancer Moonshot has spurred tremendous action across the Federal Government and from the public and private sectors, building a strong foundation for the work ahead. The President stood up the first-ever Cancer Cabinet to mobilize the Federal Government, and called on individuals, healthcare providers, and leaders across sectors to step up and take action in five key priority areas: 1) close the screening gap; 2) understand and address environmental and toxic exposure; 3) decrease the impact of preventable cancers; 4) bring cutting-edge research through the pipeline to patients and communities; and 5) support patients and caregivers.

To date, the Cancer Moonshot has announced over 25 new programs, policies, and resources to address these five priority areas. More than 60 private companies, non-profits, academic

institutions, and patient groups have also stepped up with new actions and collaborations.

Notably, this includes at least one major advancement in each of these priority areas. To improve cancer screening, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued grants as part of an ongoing five-year total investment greater than \$1 billion to advance cancer prevention and control reaching every State, Territory, and tribal organizations and the National Cancer Institute launched a large national trial that could identify effective blood tests for the detection of one or more cancers. Due to the President's leadership in delivering bipartisan legislation, the Environmental Protection Agency, through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, is cleaning up toxic sites and replacing lead pipes and service lines as part of efforts to address environmental and toxic exposures. In addition, VA is implementing the President's bipartisan PACT Act, which includes cancer as a priority category for veterans' benefits claims, helping these veterans gain more timely access to healthcare and other financial benefits. In cancer prevention, USDA announced its new Agricultural Science Center of Excellence for Nutrition and Diet for Better Health to accelerate research on diet-related chronic diseases, including cancer as part of the Cancer Moonshot and *National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health*. To drive innovation, the President launched the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, a new agency to deliver new ways to prevent, detect, and treat cancer and other diseases, appointed its first-ever Director, and secured \$2.5 billion in initial investment, including \$1.5 billion in the bipartisan funding bill the President signed in December 2022. In addition, to support patients, tens of thousands of cancer patients could see their prescription drug costs go down by thousands annually because the President signed the Inflation Reduction Act, which caps out-of-pocket prescription drug costs at \$2,000 per year for Medicare beneficiaries.

## KEEPING AMERICA SAFE AND RESTORING AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

As the President delivers results for the American people at home, he has also taken action to restore American leadership on the world stage—leading with America's values, working in lockstep with America's allies and partners, investing in the Nation's military edge, and addressing the most significant challenges and opportunities before us. In the early years of what will be a decisive decade, America is better positioned than any Nation on earth to win the competition for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Under the President's leadership, the United States has rallied the world to support the people of Ukraine, deepened America's alliances with Europe, and strengthened the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, including through congressional support for the accession of two new states, Sweden and Finland. America has provided tens of billions of dollars in direct military and budgetary support to make sure the Ukrainian government can defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to protect and provide basic services to the Ukrainian people, including healthcare, education, and emergency personnel. As Russia's invasion continues to displace Ukrainians, the United States has welcomed more than 275,000 Ukrainians seeking refuge since March 2022.

In the Indo-Pacific, the President has taken action to deepen America's security and economic partnerships to shape the rules of the road and strengthen America's edge in the competition with China—including hosting the first-ever U.S.-Pacific Islands Summit at the White House. At the 2022 G20 Summit in Indonesia, the President demonstrated the Administration's commitment to the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, which catalyzes public and private finance to advance climate and energy security, global health security, digital connectivity, gender equity and equality, and transportation infrastructure across the world—all while creating opportunities for American businesses. The President has fostered democracy and shared prosperity in the Western Hemisphere through the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity, a historic new agreement to drive Western Hemisphere

economic recovery and growth and deliver for working people. The President also hosted the U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit, underscoring America's commitment to expanding and deepening America's partnership with African countries, institutions, and people, including supporting the African Union to join the G20 as a permanent member.

Working with allies and partners, the President has moved swiftly to confront a broad range of pressing global challenges. From his first days in office, the President has led with a bold agenda to address the climate crisis and increase energy security at home and around the world. Through the *President's Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (PREPARE)*, the United States is helping vulnerable nations build resilience to the devastating impacts of the climate crisis. The Administration is also embedding the costs of climate change into the investment strategies of U.S. development finance institutions and working with America's partners to do the same.

At the President's direction, the United States is also taking action to advance global public health. To protect the Nation and the world, the President committed to directly supporting at least 50 countries, by 2025, to strengthen and achieve regional, national, and local capacity in five critical areas to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats.

Since day one of the Administration, the President has called for a new mechanism to catalyze global progress to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats, and together with the G20 and other partners, the United States helped launch and support a historic new Pandemic Fund at the World Bank. This fund is working at the national, regional, and global levels to support pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response while strengthening local health systems.

In the face of growing threats to women's human rights and opportunity around the world, the Administration continues to advance gender

equity and equality at home and abroad. The Administration has worked to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, including where rape is used as a weapon of war. In addition, the Administration has supported the full and equal participation of women and girls in the economy by addressing barriers to participation, which will improve economic security for women and families and promote economic growth and development.

As America leads with diplomacy, a principled and adaptive U.S. military underpins America's global leadership. In line with the *2022 National Defense Strategy*, the Department of Defense (DOD) is advancing American priorities through integrated deterrence, working seamlessly across all instruments of national power and America's global network of allies and partners,

and buttressed by the strongest fighting force the world has ever known. The United States has made disciplined investments to design, develop, and manage a combat-credible force that can deter Chinese and Russian military aggression against vital U.S. national interests, and, if necessary, prevail in conflict if deterrence fails. These investments include modernizing America's nuclear deterrent, building resilience in the cyber and space domains, and investing in new applications of artificial intelligence, quantum science, and biotechnology with the potential to revolutionize how U.S. forces operate. America is acting urgently to build enduring advantages across the defense ecosystem—not just within DOD, but also across the defense industrial base and the array of private sector and academic enterprises that create and sharpen the Joint Force's technological edge.

