

TO: Interested Parties  
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RE: August Messaging

Members of Congress are getting ready to go home for August recess after what will be one of the most productive Congresses in history. During this recess, the White House will drive one clear message to the American people: **The President and Congressional Democrats beat the special interests and delivered what was best for the American people. Every step of the way, Congressional Republicans sided with the special interests — pushing an extreme MAGA agenda that costs families.**

After the President signs the Inflation Reduction Act into law, the President, Vice President, and Cabinet will travel across the country with this message.

### **President Biden and Congressional Democrats Defeat Special Interests**

For decades, the special interests have blocked progress and gotten what was best for them. Not this year: the American people won, the special interests lost.

- Big Pharma has blocked action to cut prescription drug costs and spent hundreds of millions of dollars lobbying Members of Congress for 20 years. President Biden and Congressional Democrats are defeating Big Pharma - finally empowering Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and capping seniors' out of pocket costs for prescription drugs. They are also building on the Affordable Care Act to lower health care premiums for families.
- Big profitable corporations have gotten away with paying no federal income taxes for years even as they made billions of dollars in profits. President Biden and Congressional Democrats are establishing a minimum tax, so that companies finally pay their fair share. And, no one making under \$400,000 will see their taxes go up one penny.
- For nearly 30 years, the NRA and gun lobby have paralyzed action on gun safety in Congress – this summer, President Biden and Congressional Democrats worked with Congressional Republicans to pass a historic gun safety law.
- Oil and gas companies have been slow to bring production back and to pass savings to consumers. President Biden is holding their feet to the fire and gas prices have decreased every day this summer – the largest decline in prices in decades.
- For years, special interests have blocked action to address the climate crisis and limit investment in clean energy. This week, finally, the President and Congressional Democrats are taking aggressive action on climate by investing in energy security made in America by American workers and lowering energy costs for working families.

### **President Biden and Congressional Democrats Deliver for America**

President Biden promised to address the existential threat of the climate crisis, to lower health care costs and to reward work, not wealth. Above all, the President promised to grow the economy from the bottom up and middle out.

- The President's economic plan has helped our economy create nearly 10 million jobs. In July, the unemployment rate tied a 50-year record low – 3.5%. In July, inflation was 0.0%. Gas prices are down by more than \$1 a gallon this summer.
- The President knows that everyday costs are still too high for working families and seniors, and is determined to bring them down. The Inflation Reduction Act will lower the cost of health care, prescription drugs, and utility bills for families across the country.
- The President is making the smart investments we need to keep our competitive edge and rebuild American manufacturing through the CHIPS and Science Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which is creating good-paying union jobs all across the country fixing our roads and bridges, eliminating lead pipes, and expanding access to high speed internet.

The President is not just seeing America through the economic challenges we're facing now, he's building the economy we need for America's families to succeed and for America to win the future.

### **Congressional Republicans' Side with Special Interests**

Congressional Republicans are pushing an ultra-MAGA agenda, siding with special interests and the super-wealthy. Their extremist agenda doesn't serve working families.

- They propose putting Medicare and Social Security on the chopping block every five years.
- They propose eliminating the Affordable Care Act – taking away protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions and increasing health care premiums.
- They voted to protect Big Pharma and against capping insulin at \$35 per month for families and lowering prescription drug costs for seniors.
- Their extremist agenda includes taking away a woman's right to choose – a right that was enshrined in US law for 50 years until the Supreme Court got rid of it overnight. Republican elected officials want to – and already are in some states – strip away protections even in cases of rape, incest or where the mother will die if she is forced to carry the pregnancy to term. And, they aren't stopping there: Congressional Republicans are continuing to pursue their extreme, MAGA agenda by proposing a nationwide ban on abortion – making abortion illegal in every state in the country.
- And, Congressional Republicans oppose even the most common-sense gun safety measure: banning assault weapons, which is supported by 75% of Americans, two thirds of the country.

This is the choice before the American people: President Biden and Congressional Democrats taking on special interests for you and your family. Or Congressional Republicans' extreme, MAGA agenda that serves the wealthiest, corporations and themselves.