

Achieving President Trump's Agenda: An EPIC Plan For Reconciliation

During his Joint Address to Congress on March 5, 2025, President Donald J. Trump outlined an optimistic vision of America's future. The President's ambitious agenda for his second term includes protecting the American Dream, reducing waste, fraud, and abuse, and securing our borders. Congress can help make these goals a reality through the budget reconciliation process.

Here are EPIC's strategies for how to use reconciliation to achieve five of President Trump's top priorities.

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“The American Dream is unstoppable,
and our country is on the verge of a comeback.”

EPIC's Strategy for Growing the Economy

Out-of-control federal spending has fueled inflation and disrupted our labor markets, threatening the American Dream. Historically high budget deficits have decreased real wages and made everyday purchases unaffordable for the average American. The trillions spent annually on welfare programs also diminish the American Dream by keeping millions of able-bodied individuals out of the workforce, which shrinks our economy. Congress can safeguard the American Dream through reconciliation by decreasing federal spending and getting Americans back to work.

“To further combat inflation ...
we'll be ending the flagrant waste of taxpayer dollars.”

EPIC's Strategy for Eliminating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

Congress should prioritize working with President Trump to cut improper payments and trim the federal bureaucracy through reconciliation. Medicaid in particular is ripe for reform. Medicaid improper payments over the past decade totaled nearly \$1.1 trillion. Additionally, streaming and trimming the federal workforce by just ten percent would reduce the federal deficit by hundreds of billions of dollars, another priority that can be achieved through reconciliation.

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“...No step is more crucial than securing America's borders.”

EPIC's Strategy for Securing Our Borders

Open border policies under former President Biden enabled millions of illegal immigrants to flood into our country. Congress ought to use reconciliation to secure our borders. Aside from maintaining the integrity of our nation's security and protecting Americans, securing our borders will have major budgetary implications. American taxpayers currently pay billions of dollars annually in welfare benefits for illegal immigrants. These benefits incentivize illegal immigration. Lawmakers can save taxpayer dollars by eliminating welfare benefits for illegal immigrants through reconciliation.

“A major focus of our fight to defeat inflation
is rapidly reducing the cost of energy.”

EPIC's Strategy for Unleashing American Energy

A key component of bringing the cost of living down for all Americans is getting energy costs under control. President Trump is targeting the “green” tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act, which heavily subsidize solar, wind, and geothermal energies as well as electric vehicles (EVs) and EV charging stations. These subsidies skew the market against reliable oil and natural gas production and increase energy prices for all Americans. Congress should work to fulfill President Trump's pro-growth energy agenda and fully repeal these harmful energy tax credits through reconciliation.

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“The next phase of our plan to deliver the greatest economy in history
is for this Congress to pass tax cuts for everybody.”

EPIC's Strategy for Extending Tax Cuts

The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law by President Trump in his first term was a landmark policy win. It is vital that Congress use reconciliation to preserve and expand tax cuts - and most importantly, prevent an automatic increase in taxes on most working families across the country. Making the tax code fairer for American businesses would create jobs and increase wages. Congress should also eliminate the unfair subsidies hidden in the tax code. Reconciliation offers a massive opportunity for Congress to implement tax reforms that would benefit hardworking Americans.