**What should be in the FY 2020 CPC Budget?**

The Congressional Progressive Caucus alternative budget is an opportunity to provide the American public with a progressive budget vision. We want your suggestions! Before filling out the form, please determine whether your idea has already been included in the most recent People’s Budget, which you can view [here](https://cpc-grijalva.house.gov/uploads/Binder21.pdf).

The Budget Committee looks at the bigger picture policies – the total money coming in and going out as well as public debt and overall funding for large parts of the government. Then the Appropriations Committee takes those overall budget numbers that the Budget Committee gives them in a “Budget Resolution” and gets into more detail about which funding goes to which programs.

The Budget Resolution is not a document that includes all Congressional policies in a single place. Everything in the Budget Resolution should have some kind of significant effect on the budget. It either increases or decreases the budget or moves money around within the budget.

When Budget Resolutions are considered in the House, the Rules Committee typically allows alternative budget resolutions to be voted on as amendments. The CPC’s Budget is one of those alternative budgets.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Keane Bhatt at 202-225-2906 or [Keane.Bhatt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Keane.Bhatt@mail.house.gov).

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**Revenue or Spending? \***

*Budgets have to go through different processes depending on whether an item raises revenue or is spending. What does your suggestion do? (If you have suggestions for revenue AND spending, please submit these separately).*

**Check one:**

Revenue

Spending

*If Revenue Continue Below; if Spending Skip to Page 3*

**REVENUE:**

Revenue proposals may include changes to individual and corporate income taxes, social insurance taxes, excise taxes, or tariffs and duties. In order to determine the budgetary impact of a particular policy that will be included in a Budget Resolution, lawmakers need an estimate of the revenue from a source with the highest credibility. That means the estimate has to come from one of three entities: The Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), or the President’s official budgetary submission to Congress that he/she makes every February (Office of Management and Budget (OMB)). Since the CPC is offering a competing budget, we have to play by the same rules. Suggestions for CPC revenue raisers therefore must include a CBO, OMB, or JCT score. In addition, the scale of the Budget Resolution is large enough that policies that raise less than $1 billion over the 10 year budget window will not be included.

**Budget Score\*:**

*Please provide a score and a link to the official CBO, OMB, or JCT score.*

**Outline Your Suggestion \*:**

*Please explain why this should be a priority for the CPC and provide a full description of the policy including links to available impact analysis.*

**SPENDING**

Rather than including levels of spending for specific agencies or programs, the budget resolution establishes congressional priorities by dividing spending among the 20 major categories of the federal budget. The CPC budget includes programmatic priorities per each function area. Policy recommendations that include a correct legal program title and function code will have a better chance of being thoroughly vetted by the CPC and therefore possibly included in the CPC budget.

**Program and Function Code \*:**

*Please provide the legal title of the program you support:* [*http://goals.performance.gov/federalprograminventory*](https://www.google.com/url?q=http://goals.performance.gov/federalprograminventory&sa=D&ust=1484089563539000&usg=AFQjCNGV3T_vVhXpMml9H3WUMqrNXXB-rQ) *and the budget function code:* [*http://budget.house.gov/budgetprocess/budgetfunctions.htm*](https://www.google.com/url?q=http://budget.house.gov/budgetprocess/budgetfunctions.htm&sa=D&ust=1484089563539000&usg=AFQjCNE1dGOgDxEtGpSJZYWADme3fPXM2Q)*. Example: McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program Function 150*

**Outline Your Suggestion \*:**

*Please explain why this program should be a priority for the CPC and include link to any available impact analysis. Example: This should be a priority because it helps struggling communities across the globe and provides stability to entire regions:* [*http://www.fas.usda.gov/programs/mcgovern-dole-food-education-program*](https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.fas.usda.gov/programs/mcgovern-dole-food-education-program&sa=D&ust=1484089563539000&usg=AFQjCNFL9d-GrGOCDt5_0lUghcvgmMbyDg)*.*