



After surveying its 95 members regarding their priorities for the American Jobs Plan, the Congressional Progressive Caucus is advancing the following five priorities at this initial stage of infrastructure discussions:

Priority #1: Strengthen the Care Economy

- Invest \$450 billion in Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS)
 - President Biden supported creating over 1 million jobs in the home care industry. These jobs should pay \$15 an hour and include the right to join a union
- Make access to childcare a universal benefit, eliminate work requirements, cap out-of-pocket childcare costs to 7 percent of household income for all families, provide training and support for the childcare workforce, and invest in childcare facilities.
- Establish Permanent Paid Family and Medical Leave

Priority #2: Bold Investments in Affordable Housing

- Guarantee Housing Choice Vouchers for all eligible Americans and convert the funding status from annual appropriations to mandatory spending
- \$70 billion to address the public housing repair backlog
- \$45 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund per year, of which \$26 billion should be reserved for permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness
- Eliminate the Faircloth Amendment, which prohibits the net expansion of public housing
- Make weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades consistent with the Green New Deal for Public Housing
- Establish a federal Affordable Housing Acquisition fund to prevent the loss of viable rental options in the wake of an economic downturn

Priority #3: Dramatically Lower Drug Prices; Use Savings to Pay for Public Health Expansion

- The CPC wishes to improve on H.R. 3 in a manner recommended by drug pricing advocates and the Biden-Sanders Unity Taskforce, including:
 - Everyone—including the uninsured and private plan participants—should benefit not just from lower negotiated prices, but from inflationary caps on drug prices;
 - Expand the numbers and types of drugs eligible for negotiation, launch prices, and inflation caps - e.g., not just sole-source drugs but those with limited competition;
 - Cap drug prices at the average price in other OECD countries;
 - Enforce negotiation and associated price limits through tax penalties;
 - Eliminate the non-interference clause

- Ensure that taxpayer funded drugs are affordable for all Americans
- Use savings to pay for lowering Medicare eligibility age and expanding benefits to include dental, vision and hearing.

Priority #4: Bold Investments in Climate Jobs and Impacted Communities

- *EJ 40*: Direct at least 40 percent of investment funds to communities on the frontlines of our economic, environmental, and public health crises.
- *Establish a Strong National Clean Energy Standard*: Create millions of clean jobs in the renewable energy sector to help meet emissions reductions through binding, enforceable federal clean-energy standards.
- *Direct Climate Jobs Programs*: Establish or enhance public employment programs to directly put Americans to work serving the public interest, including the robust funding of a Civilian Climate Corps, Public Health Jobs Corps, and Resilience Job Corps.
- *Invest Resources Required to Tackle Climate Change*: Invest in robust renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts consistent with IPCC requirements to stay within 1.5 degrees of warming.

Priority #5: Roadmap for Citizenship and Inclusion for Immigrant Communities

- Provide a roadmap to citizenship for essential workers, TPS recipients, and Dreamers, a key priority of the CPC, Hispanic Caucus and Asian and Pacific American Caucus.