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The Honorable Charles Schumer
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To the Leaders of the 118th Congress:

The American people desperately need strong and united leadership. In the upcoming Congress, Americans expect you to tackle many critical issues, including record-high inflation, an unsecured border, an economy tipping into recession, the threat of China, and an increasingly dangerous world.

For the past 18 months, the America First Policy Institute's (AFPI) policy experts have traveled the country to participate in more than 20 town halls and a nationwide bus tour. During these trips, they listened to the American people to learn what is most important to them to live a safe and prosperous life. In response, AFPI developed and published the *America First Agenda*, a policy book of more than 300 specific policy recommendations to help support congressional policymakers and state leaders who are working to fulfill the needs of the American people. Released in November 2022 and available in print and [online](https://agenda.americafirstpolicy.com) (agenda.americafirstpolicy.com), the *America First Agenda* outlines detailed policy prescriptions for our country's prosperity, security, and freedom. These prescriptions were developed by former Cabinet and senior government officials who know which policies can be successful, based on their experience and expertise. Instead of simply explaining what problems our country faces, the *America First Agenda* details solutions that will be most effective in renewing our economy, eliminating inflation, improving national security, strengthening the border, delivering safe communities, and solving other issues.

During the summer of 2022, AFPI worked directly with the U.S. House of Representatives on its Commitment to America. Building off the *America First Agenda* and these interactions, AFPI's leaders call on Members of the 118th Congress to now lead America by prioritizing these key policies, which represent issues that more than 80% of Americans support:

We want to make the greatest economy in the world work for all Americans. This will require Congress to:

- Fight historic out-of-control inflation, and lower the cost of living;

- Reduce gas prices and energy by increasing production of America's energy supplies, and make America energy independent; and
- Strengthen and build our supply chains that rely only on American workers and our allies to end our dependence on China.

We want to provide safe and secure communities so all Americans can live their lives in peace. This will require Congress to:

- Secure the border, end human trafficking, and defeat the drug cartels;
- Reduce crime, support law enforcement, and stop the flow of fentanyl and other destructive narcotics by restoring the rule of law; and
- Deliver peace through strength and American leadership to defend our national security

We want to restore America's historic commitment to freedom, equality, and self-governance. This will require Congress to:

- Give parents more control over their children's education regardless of their zip code;
- Confront and stop Big Tech from encroaching on our free speech; and
- Put patients and doctors back in charge of healthcare to provide better care and improve health outcomes for all Americans.

We want to fight government corruption by draining the swamp. This will require Congress to:

- Reclaim Congressional oversight and hold accountable the unelected administrative state for its overreach and violation of our constitutional freedoms;
- Preserve our freedoms under the Constitution through defending religious liberty, the right to keep and bear arms, free speech, and the sanctity of every innocent human life; and
- Ensure faith in our free and fair elections and restore the people's voice by making it easy to vote but hard to cheat.

The America First Policy Institute is fully committed to saving America and is driven by our shared goal to serve the American people. We are also fully committed to supporting Congress as it works to fulfill its commitment to the American people and the *America First Agenda*. Together, we will work to stop the policies that weaken America and embolden our enemies. We are humbled and blessed by the hard work you perform each day to serve our country. Please contact our Chief Government Affairs Officer, Renee Hudson, at rhudson@americafirstpolicy.com, to collaborate on these issues and to be connected directly to any of our policy experts. It is an honor and a privilege to stand alongside you and work towards a better tomorrow for the American people. America's future is America First.

Sincerely,



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