Delivering for Americans: A to-do list for the next Congress

WHAT IT IS

Priorities for the 2027–28 Congress with illustrative bipartisan legislation behind them. Each is drawn from the Business Plan for America, informed by the expertise of Leadership Now members across the country.

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Require congressional approval of tariffs imposed by the executive branch.

- *Trade Review Act (S. 1272, Sens. Cantwell (D), Grassley (R))*

Build more housing

Direct federal incentives to states and cities that reform zoning laws to enable new construction.

- *Fully fund the 21st Century Road to Housing Act (enacted July 2026)*

Make healthcare more affordable

Reinstate tax credits to lower health insurance premiums, reverse recent Medicaid cuts, and expand Medicare drug price negotiation.

- *Bipartisan Premium Tax Credit Extension Act (H.R. 6501, Reps. Fitzpatrick (R), Golden (D))*

Reduce electricity costs

Build more transmission lines, speed up permitting, and require data centers to cover their electricity costs.

- *Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (S. 5653, Sens. Capito (R), Lee (R), Whitehouse (D), Heinrich (D))*

Deliver tax relief for families

Provide relief to working families by expanding the child tax credit.

- *Stronger Start for Working Families Act (S. 3596, Sens. Hassan (D) and Young (R))*

SUSTAIN OUR COMPETITIVENESS AND TALENT ADVANTAGE

Lead on research and innovation

Sustain federal funding to keep the U.S. competitive in key industries, including science and medical research, and prevent political intervention into research awards.

- *FY2027 appropriations, extending the bipartisan September 2026 agreement (H.R. 6500)*

Keep America's edge in AI — safely

Require frontier AI companies to adopt safety evaluation criteria and critical incident reporting.

- *Frontier Act (H.R. 9925, Reps. Obernolte (R), Trahan (D))*

Manage the AI transition and broaden its benefits

Incentivize employer-led, job-specific retraining, expand workforce Pell Grants and apprenticeships, and explore models for sharing AI's benefits broadly.

- *Economy of the Future Commission Act (S. 4046, Sens. Warner (D), Rounds (R))*

Meet workforce needs in high-priority sectors

Expand visa pathways to fill critical labor gaps in skilled trades and the care economy.

- *Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act (H.R. 5494, Reps. Smucker (R), Cuellar (D))*

BUILD A GOVERNMENT THAT DELIVERS AND EARNS TRUST

End partisan gerrymandering

Adopt a national standard to end mid-decade redistricting and partisan gerrymandering.

- *Problem Solvers Caucus Gerrymandering Reform Framework*

End political self-dealing

Ban members of Congress and the President from trading stocks or betting on prediction markets; extend conflict-of-interest laws to anyone acting on behalf of the U.S. government; establish enforceable ethics standards for the Supreme Court.

- *HONEST Act (S. 1498, Sens. Hawley (R), Peters (D))*

Why it matters

These proposals address issues voters care about — and Congress can act on them now. Taking action on these priorities would show that Congress can still come together to do the people's work.