



LIBRE 2021

FEDERAL POLICY AGENDA



ECONOMIC RECOVERY

In recent years, the Hispanic community experienced tremendous economic strength as a result of numerous pro-growth federal policies that empowered individuals. Following the health and economic crisis in our country, it is even more imperative lawmakers continue to reduce barriers to opportunity. *Congress should support policies that foster innovation, remove barriers, and empower everyone to improve their lives and the lives of others.*

Stop Overspending, Bailouts, and Cronyism – To move our country forward, policymakers must balance short-term economic relief with our country’s long-term fiscal health. *Lawmakers should reject misguided policies that undermine economic recovery and hinder our ability to respond to a future crisis produced by Congress’ inability to act as good stewards of our hard-earned tax dollars.*

Remove Barriers to Work – The COVID-19 pandemic has put new strains on the economy and disrupted the lives of millions of Latinos across the nation. *Policymakers should remove artificial barriers, unleash innovation, and support more work flexibility so people can pursue opportunities to improve their lives in a way that best fits their circumstances.*

Resist Regulatory Actions Detrimental to Hardworking Individuals, Families, and Entrepreneurs – As Congress provides oversight over the regulatory process of a new Administration, *lawmakers should ensure any regulations issued are targeted to address legitimate economic or social problems and be objective, non-discriminatory, and not more stringent than strictly necessary.*

Financial Regulations and Access to Capital – Obtaining a loan and accessing capital is usually the first step for individuals trying to make their dreams a reality, yet too often, financial compliance and regulations needlessly limit access to capital. *Congress should suspend, eliminate, or right-size the financial, accounting, and reporting requirements that stand in the way of economic recovery.*

Bottom-up Energy and Environment Innovation – Environmental and climate regulations that constrain choice and replace consumer preferences with politically preferred technology and fuels hurt the most vulnerable citizens. Energy enables economic opportunity and mobility, and is the [lynchpin for individuals](#) to escape energy poverty. *Congress should oppose actions to prohibit certain energy technologies, revoke or withhold permits for energy infrastructure, impose costly taxes on carbon emissions, or implement other harmful California-style policies.*



HEALTH CARE: REMOVE BARRIERS TO PERSONALIZED HEALTH CARE AND INNOVATION

Hispanics, like all Americans, should have access to high-quality health care they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford—a true marketplace where health insurers and providers compete to offer the best services at the best prices to meet the needs of patients. *Congress should focus on expanding choice, improving quality, and lowering costs for all Americans— as well as encouraging innovation that can improve the very nature of health care.*

Resist Expansion of Government-controlled Health Care – Centralized approaches to health care reform, like “Medicare for All” or a “public option,” **cannot** give Americans what they want and deserve: a comprehensive health care agenda that expands access to high-quality care, reduces costs, and strengthens safety nets for the most vulnerable. Top-down centralized approaches lead to bureaucratic rationing, wait-lists, and shortages—burdens that fall hardest on the most vulnerable.

Improve Access to Individualized Care Options – We must begin to [reimagine health care](#), and work to enact policies that remove barriers and strengthen the way health care is being delivered to patients. *Congress should pursue patient centered reforms such as the expansion of tax-free health savings accounts, including for Medicare recipients.*

Removing Barriers to Combat COVID-19 through an “all of the above” approach – We must curb the spread of the coronavirus and protect public health for the economy to recover—and we can do so without additional blanket shutdowns that harm people’s livelihoods. *Congress should pursue an aggressive “all-of-the-above” approach combining smarter testing, better access to self-administered home rapid-tests, quicker vaccine approvals and deployment, more therapeutic tools, and making [COVID-19 health reforms permanent](#).*



IMMIGRATION REFORM: MODERNIZING OUR SYSTEM

Throughout our nation’s history – both during highs and lows—we have experienced unparalleled economic growth through immigrants and non-immigrants working together to build our nation and expand prosperity for all. We believe immigration is good, but our system is not. Our outdated, ineffective immigration system should be updated.

Permanent Solution for Dreamers – We support a law that provides individuals with certainty and the ability to plan their lives, including permanent status for Dreamers and TPS recipients, many of whom have lived in the U.S. for over two decades and have been contributors to our communities, and our nation’s fabrics. *Congress must address this ongoing issue with a [permanent legislative solution](#) for Dreamers and TPS recipients.*

Visa Reform: Modernize and Streamline Access to Legal Immigration Channels

– Our immigration system is complex and inefficient—built on laws that have not been updated in decades. *Congress should enact solutions that streamline and increase access to legal immigration channels, strengthen security, accountability, and transparency, and ensure laws are clear, just, and applied equally.*

Address the Undocumented Population – Today’s immigration system keeps too many decent, industrious people from fully participating in the American experience—to the detriment of our country as a whole. For those who want nothing more than to build a better future and contribute to our society, a permanent legislative solution is needed. We support a system that recognizes contributing members among the undocumented population, affording individuals an opportunity to come out of the shadows and get right with the law.

Border Security and Interior Enforcement – We should know exactly who is coming in and out of our country. Border security efforts should focus on efficiently and effectively defending us from those who wish to do harm. Similarly, interior enforcement should prioritize resources to their most important use—maximizing safety and security—by prioritizing efforts towards removing those who present clear threats to safety. Ultimately, a more secure border will be achieved once we provide better and more accessible legal options for immigrants to enter legally—reducing a major incentive for coming here outside of our laws. *Congress should enact solutions to modernize ports of entry, fortify infrastructure, enhance technological capabilities, ensure adequate staffing levels, and expand the use of Alternatives to Detention.*