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## FACT SHEET:

### How the Build Back Better Framework Helps Native American Communities

Joe Biden believes that there's no greater economic engine in the world than the hard work and ingenuity of the American people. But for too long, the economy has worked great for those at the top, while working families get squeezed. President Biden promised to rebuild the backbone of the country – the middle class – so that this time everyone comes along. He also campaigned on a promise to forge consensus and make government work for working people again.

Today, the President is delivering on these promises. **After hearing input from all sides and negotiating in good faith with a broad group of members of Congress, President Biden is announcing a framework for the Build Back Better Act.** President Biden believes this is a framework that we can all be proud of, and he is confident it will pass both houses of Congress and he will sign it into law. He calls on Congress to take up this bill – in addition to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – as quickly as possible.

The Build Back Better Framework will deliver meaningful outcomes for Native American communities, including critical investments in education and childcare that will improve children's lives from cradleboard to college.

#### **The most transformative investment in children and caregiving in generations.**

Only [54 percent](#) of Native American children birth to age 5 and not yet in kindergarten are currently in early childhood center-based preschool or child care, and [1 in 10 Native parents](#) report having to quit, turn down, or make a big change in their job due to child care disruptions. It will enable tribes to offer universal preschool to 3- and 4-year old Native children and provide access to affordable, high-quality child care to Native American families. These transformative investments will make it easier for Native women to remain in the workforce and create lifetime education and economic benefits for Native students. The Build Back Better framework would also reduce the cost of home-based care for the hundreds of thousands of older adults and people with disabilities who need it and are unable to access it. And, investment in home care will raise wages for home care workers.

#### **The biggest expansion of affordable health care in a decade.**

More than [15% of Native Americans](#) were uninsured in 2019 before President Biden took office. Even with the Affordable Care Act's premium subsidies, coverage under the ACA was too expensive for many families. President Biden's plan closes the Medicaid coverage gap while also lowering health care costs for those buying coverage through the ACA by extending the American Rescue Plan's lower premiums, which will save American people an average of \$50 per person per month. The plan also adds hearing coverage for Native Americans with Medicare. And, the framework will make an historic investment in maternal health, particularly for Native women, who die from complications related to pregnancy at over two times the rate of white women.

## **The most significant effort to bring down costs and strengthen the middle class in generations.**

***The single largest and most comprehensive investment in affordable housing in history.*** More than [44.5% of Native American renters](#) pay over 30% of their income in rent. The Plan's investments help lower housing costs and increase the supply of affordable housing through expanding federal subsidies, including through the Indian Housing Block Grant program. These investments will support the construction and rehabilitation of more than one million rental housing units. It will also eliminate the capital needs backlog in public housing and remediate lead-based paint from hundreds of thousands of additional housing units. The plan expands rental assistance to enable hundreds of thousands of additional households to find affordable units via the private market. The plan includes one of the largest ever investments in down payment assistance in history, enabling hundreds of thousands of first-generation homebuyers to purchase their first home.

***Promote nutrition security to support children's health.*** The pandemic has added urgency to the issue of nutrition insecurity. Native American households experience food insecurity at a higher rate than the national average. No one should have to worry about whether they can provide nutritious food for themselves or their children. The Build Back Better Framework will ensure that the nutritional needs of Native American children are met by expanding access to free school meals during the school year and providing students with resources to purchase food over the summer.

***Education Beyond High School and Workforce Training.*** An education beyond high school is increasingly important to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy, even as it has become unaffordable for too many families. The Build Back Better Agenda increases the maximum Pell Grant award by \$550 for students at public and private, non-profit colleges and invests in evidence-based strategies to strengthen completion and retention rates at Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).

The U.S. has chronically underinvested in workforce development, and millions of jobs have been going unfilled in growing sectors such as construction and health care. Through high-quality career and technical education pathways and Registered Apprenticeships, President Biden's Build Back Better Framework will invest in training programs that will prepare Tribal members for high-quality jobs in growing sectors.

***Locally-led Economic Development.*** Many rural economies continue to struggle with long-term job loss and economic transition. The Build Back Better Framework makes a transformative investment in Rural America through a new Rural Partnership Program that will empower rural regions, including Tribal Nations and territories, by providing flexible funding for locally-led projects.

***Tax Cuts for Families with Children.*** Right now [23.0 percent of Native Americans](#) fall below the poverty line, struggling to pay expenses like food, rent, health care, child care and transportation for their families. President Biden's framework will extend the Child Tax Credit expansion in the American Rescue Plan, lowering taxes for middle class families by providing [the families of more than 66 million kids](#) in the U.S. with a major tax cut, significantly reducing the poverty rate among Native Americans.

***Tax Cuts for Workers Without Children.*** The President’s Build Back Better Framework permanently extends the American Rescue Plan’s increase to the Earned-Income Tax Credit from \$543 to \$1,502. This will benefit roughly 17 million low-wage workers, including cashiers, cooks, delivery drivers, food preparation workers, and child care providers.

***Community Violence Interventions.*** President Biden believes in a comprehensive strategy to prevent and respond to gun crime. He also knows that the toll of this violence overwhelmingly falls on people of color. That is why the Build Back Better Framework will support evidence-based community violence intervention programs that train at risk individuals for jobs and provide wraparound supports to prevent violence and assist victims. These programs are effective because they leverage trusted messengers who work directly with individuals most likely to commit gun violence, intervene in conflicts, and connect people to social, health and wellness, and economic services to reduce the likelihood of violence as an answer to conflict.

**The largest effort to combat climate change in American history.**

When President Biden thinks about climate change, he thinks jobs. To position the U.S. to tackle the climate crisis and advance environmental justice, the President’s plan would create good-paying, union jobs, advance environmental justice, and enlist a new, diverse Civilian Climate Corps that will put Americans to work deploying climate solutions in communities across the country. The plan will also expand and extend clean energy and electric vehicle tax credits to lower electricity bills and make electric vehicles more affordable for middle class families. And, the plan will make critical investments to clean up pollution and monitor and improve air and water quality, while ensuring community engagement and input on infrastructure projects. The Build Back Better Framework would also restore American manufacturing with R&D investments at TCUs—including critical investments to compete on clean energy. The Build Back Better Framework would fund tribal climate resilience and adaptation programs to continue the long history that Tribal communities have as stewards of their homelands.

*Read about the President’s full Build Back Better Agenda here:  
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