The American Rescue Plan's Impact on Puerto Rico on Two-Year Anniversary

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Puerto Rico unemployment falling significantly and jobs up:** Puerto Rico's unemployment rate has fallen from 9% in January 2021 to 6% in December 2022, as the archipelago's economy has added 73,000 jobs and now has significantly more jobs than pre-Covid.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 79 Puerto Rico local governments –** avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to Puerto Rico schools to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** Beginning in July 2022, public school teachers on the island started receiving a $1,000 monthly salary increase that was made possible through ARP.
- **400 Child Care Programs in Puerto Rico Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open,** impacting up to 5,700 children.
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for Over 230,000 Puerto Rico families –** with *8 times as many families receiving this tax support as in previous years.*
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Puerto Rico:** In Puerto Rico, the commonwealth's government made 91,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 112,000 payments to help families address past due rent.
- **214,000 Puerto Rico College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 97 Puerto Rico colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 214,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 387,000 Puerto Rico students:** providing about 39,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **342 Puerto Rico Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.