President Biden’s Build Back Better framework will bring down costs that have held back families in Arizona for decades by cutting taxes and making child care, home care, education, health care, and housing more affordable. These investments will provide new learning opportunities for children, help parents and especially working parents make ends meet, and position the economy for stronger growth for years to come. The framework will create good-paying jobs for residents of Arizona, combating climate change, giving our kids cleaner air and water, and making America the leader in global innovation and 21st century manufacturing.

The Build Back Better framework will:

**Deliver the largest investment in child care and early education in history.**

- **Provide access to affordable child care.** Child care is a major strain for families in Arizona, where the average annual cost of a child care center for a toddler is $9,395, meaning that an Arizona family with two young children would on average spend 24% of their income on child care for one year. The lack of affordable options also makes it difficult for parents, and especially mothers, to remain in their jobs, contributing to the 26.7% gender gap in workforce participation between mothers and fathers in Arizona. The **Build Back Better framework will enable Arizona to provide access to child care for 457,864 young children (ages 0-5) per year from families earning under 2.5 times the Arizona median income (about $198,208 for a family of 4), and ensure these families pay no more than 7% of their income on high-quality child care.**

- **Provide universal, high-quality, free preschool for every 3- and 4-year old in America.** Today, only 22% of the 179,159 3- and 4-year-olds in Arizona have access to publicly-funded preschool, and it costs about $8,600 per year for those who can’t access a publicly-funded program. The **Build Back Better framework will enable Arizona to expand access to free, high-quality preschool to more than 139,000 additional 3- and 4-year-olds per year and increase the quality of preschool for children who are already enrolled.** Parents will be able to send their children to the preschool setting of their choice—from public schools to child care providers to Head Start—leading to lifelong educational benefits, allowing more parents to go back to work, and building a stronger foundation for Arizona’s future economic competitiveness.

**Address the existential threat of climate change.**

- **Make the largest effort to combat climate change in American history.** From 2010 to 2020, Arizona experienced 13 extreme weather events, costing up to $10 billion in damages. The **Build Back Better framework will set the United Arizonas on course to meet its climate targets—a 50-52% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels by 2030—in a way that creates good-paying union jobs, grows domestic industries, and advances environmental justice.** The framework represents the largest ever single investment in our clean energy economy—across buildings, transportation,
industry, electricity, agriculture, and climate smart practices in our lands and waters. And
the framework will create a new Civilian Climate Corps that will enlist a diverse
generation of Arizonans in conserving our public lands, bolstering community resilience,
and addressing the changing climate, all while putting good-paying union jobs within
reach. In clean energy and in other sectors, the Build Back Better framework will also
strengthen domestic manufacturing and supply chains for critical goods, benefiting
American businesses, workers, consumers, and communities.

Cut taxes and reduce some of the largest expenses for workers and families.

- Make education beyond high school more affordable and accessible. The average cost
  of a 2-year degree in Arizona is $2,591 per year, and $11,816 per year for a 4-year
degree, straining many student budgets. To help unlock the opportunities of an
education beyond high school, the Build Back Better framework will increase
maximum Pell Grant awards by $550 for students at public and private non-profit
institutions, supporting the 112,180 students in Arizona who rely on Pell. The
framework will also invest in Arizona’s 22 minority-serving institutions and the students
they serve.

- Train America’s workers for the jobs of the future. Of the world’s biggest economies,
  the United States is second to last in investing in workforce development, and funding for
  federal job training programs has dropped by almost half since 2001. The Build Back
  Better framework invests in training programs that will prepare Arizona’s workers
  for high-quality jobs in fast-growing sectors like public health, child care,
  manufacturing, IT, and clean energy. 19 public community colleges in Arizona will
  have the opportunity to benefit from grants to develop and deliver innovative training
  programs and expand proven ones.

- Provide nutritious food options for children. 15% of children in Arizona live in food
  insecure households, harming their long-term health and ability to succeed in school. The
  Build Back Better framework will ensure that the nutritional needs of Arizona’s
  children are met by expanding access to free school meals to an additional 262,000
  students during the school year and providing 603,923 students with resources to
  purchase food over the summer.

- Reduce housing costs and expand housing options. 410,000 renters in Arizona are rent
  burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on rent, while
  homeownership remains out of reach for many families. The Build Back Better
  framework will expand rental assistance for Arizona renters, while also increasing
  the supply of high-quality housing through the construction and rehabilitation of
  over 1 million affordable housing units nationwide. It will address the capital needs of
  the entire public housing stock in America and it includes one of the largest investments
  in down payment assistance in history, enabling more first-generation homebuyers to
  purchase their first home.
• **Expand health care coverage and lower costs.** Health care should be a right, not a privilege, and residents of Arizona facing illness should never have to worry about how they are going to pay for treatment. **The Build Back Better framework will close the Medicaid coverage gap to help millions of Americans gain health insurance, extend through 2025 the American Rescue Plan’s health insurance premium reductions for those who buy coverage on their own, and help older Americans access affordable hearing care by expanding Medicare.** In Arizona, that means 158,000 uninsured people will gain coverage and 107,000 will on average save hundreds of dollars per year. In addition, the Build Back Better framework will support maternal health and invest in national preparedness for future pandemics.

• **Support families with long-term care needs.** The need for high-quality, accessible, and affordable care for older Americans and disabled Americans is only growing, but high costs and care shortages leave many to rely on family for unpaid caregiving. **The Build Back Better framework will expand access to home- and community-based care to more of Arizona’s senior citizens and disabled citizens, and improve the quality and wages of caregiving jobs.**

• **Cut taxes for families and workers.** Prior to the pandemic, 13% of children under the age of 18 in Arizona lived in poverty. The Build Back Better framework will bolster financial security and spur economic growth in Arizona by reducing taxes on the middle class and those striving to break into it. The framework will **extend Child Tax Credit (CTC) increases of $300/month per child under 6 or $250/month per child ages 6 to 17. This will continue the largest one-year reduction in child poverty in history.** And critically, the agreement includes permanent refundability for the Child Tax Credit, meaning that the neediest families will continue to receive the full Child Tax Credit over the long-run. **The framework will also provide a tax cut of up to $1,500 in tax cuts for 385,200 low-wage workers in Arizona by extending the American Rescue Plan’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion.**