# 2021 Year Out Memo: House Democrats Are Delivering For The American People, Republicans' Reckless Politics Is Too Dangerous, Chaotic And Divisive To Run Congress

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One year from Election Day 2022, our key to victory is clear: President Biden and House Democrats are delivering on their hopeful, unified vision for America's families, stabilizing the U.S. economy and making robust investments in our future.

- Democrats Delivered On President Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Creating More Than 1.5 Million Good Paying Jobs Every Year For The Next Decade: With the passage of President Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, we're making a \$1 trillion investment in new roads and bridges, investments in climate resilience, ports and airports, and access to high speed internet that will create more than 5 million new, good paying jobs for the American people. These are long-term investments that will also have an immediate impact on Americans' lives.
- Democrats Deliver By Fighting For American Workers And Families: Soon we'll
  expand on President Biden's Build Back Better Agenda, extending the Biden Child Tax Credit,
  one of the largest middle-class tax cuts in American history. We will also lower costs for
  middle class households by ensuring access to universal pre-k for three and four year olds,
  bringing down prescription drug prices, and making historic investments in eldercare. This
  agenda isn't just transformative, it's also very popular, with 2 out of every 3 Americans
  supporting the Democratic agenda, according to a recent survey.
- Democrats Deliver By Crushing COVID-19 And Rescuing The Economy With More Than 400 Million Shots In Arms And Five Million Workers Back On The Job: With Democrats in control of Washington, America is fighting back from a devastating pandemic. Ten months ago, President Biden and House Democrats inherited an economy wrecked by a deadly pandemic. Instead of litigating the last election, Democrats got to work. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, we put more than 400 million shots in arms, safely reopened our schools, and the doors of our small businesses are open again. Because we followed the science, COVID can soon be in our rearview mirror.
- Democrats Fight For American Values: House Democrats have a hopeful vision for America focused on jobs and justice. While Republicans seek to divide America and undermine our democracy, House Democrats passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, and the Women's Health Protection Act which would enshrine into law women's access to reproductive care.

Contrast this record of securing good-paying jobs for hard-working Americans and fighting for justice with House Republicans' reckless and dangerous vision for America.

The stakes are clear -- House Republicans are too dangerous for American families:

The moment Washington Republicans felt their grip on power loosen, they unleashed a full assault on American democracy, culminating in a murderous assault on the Capitol and the introduction of anti-voter legislation across the country. Every day, Republicans demonstrate how unserious, cynical, and dangerous their return to power would be.

On January 6th a violent mob incited by former President Trump and House Republicans stormed our Capitol, hunted down elected officials, assaulted police officers, and threatened the very integrity of our democracy in an event that resulted in the deaths of five Americans. Since then Republicans have attempted to block investigations of the assault, cover up their alleged involvement, and have even defended and celebrated the rioters.

Republicans aren't just a threat to the health of democracy -- they're a threat to public health as well. Since day-one of this pandemic -- they've been hellbent on making it longer and more disastrous -- denying the seriousness of COVID, lying about the effectiveness of masks, social distancing, and vaccines, comparing vaccines to Nazi Germany, and constantly pushing junk science that first told Americans to take a useless anti-malaria drug and then encouraged Americans to consume horse dewormer, even as hundreds of thousands died and children filled up ICU beds.

Kevin McCarthy has turned over control of the entire caucus to Donald Trump. McCarthy's cowardly abdication leaves House Republicans with a toxic agenda and a field of conspiracy promoting, scandal prone, anti-democracy candidates that face an uphill battle convincing battleground voters to support them.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Republicans reckless agenda and sinister political playbook is dangerous and divisive. Simply put, American families will be hurt by Republicans' extremist policies and political maneuvers. Democrats are going to fight to make meaningful change that lifts workers, small business owners, and delivers on our promise for a more just America.

## HOUSE DEMOCRATS MOMENTUM: MONEY, MESSAGE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND CANDIDATES TO WIN

#### **Strong Fundraising Success**

Since January, the DCCC has raised more than \$106.5 million, \$17.5 million more than at this same point in 2019. In Q3 2021 alone, the DCCC raised more than \$10 million more than the NRCC. Grassroots supporters are fired up and ready to protect our Democratic House Majority. Already, our grassroots donors have contributed nearly 2.5 million unique gifts, 1.5 million more gifts than in 2019. What's more, our Democratic Frontline Members hold a collective \$78 million in cash on hand and Democratic Challengers have nearly \$10 million cash on hand. With sustained fundraising, House Democrats will have the resources we need to spread our message of delivering for the American people and defining Republicans' reckless, dangerous agenda.

### **Winning Message and Record of Accomplishments**

President Biden and Democrats are delivering for the American people thanks to the just passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the American Rescue Plan, which sped more than 400 million shots in arms to crush the pandemic, safely reopened our schools, rebooted small businesses, put Americans back to work and delivered a game-changing tax break in the Biden Child Tax Credit that is helping working families make ends meet each month.

### And Democrats' work to deliver for American families is making its way back home in their local communities:

- In Orange County, California, Representative Mike Levin is fighting to end offshore drilling after a devastating oil spill marred the coast and in Minnesota;
- Rep. Angie Craig passed a bill to reduce harmful water pollution in our local lakes and rivers;
- Rep. Sharice Davids led legislation to lower prescription drug prices and close insurance loopholes for new parents;
- And Rep. Antonio Delgado is responsible for the State and Local funding formula that allows ARP funding to flow to local governments to fund key programs during the pandemic;
- Rep. Jared Golden fought to protect Maine shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works by ensuring a
  multi-year Naval contract on the DDG destroyer program is included in the NDAA, a
  provision that will boost the local workforce and strengthen the national defense;
- Rep. Matt Cartwright worked to pass the Locality Pay Equity Act out of the House, legislation that will increase wages for approximately 1,800 hourly employees at the Tobyhanna Army Depot by closing the pay gap between salaried and hourly workers;
- And in Georgia, Rep. Lucy McBath led a bipartisan effort to pass the Family Violence
  Prevention and Services Improvement Act, which reauthorizes and expands funding for
  programs focused on preventing domestic violence and protecting survivors across the
  country.

We're investing in the future of America -- President Biden and House Democrats' Build Back Better Agenda is about delivering once-in-a-generation investments to improve American infrastructure and support American workers, rebuilding our roads and bridges, expanding access to broadband and creating millions of good-paying, union jobs. That is in addition to our historic investments in expanding access to childcare and elder care, expanding Medicare coverage, making health care more affordable, and combating climate change while ensuring our energy independence.

### **Battle-tested Democratic Frontline Members + Strong Democratic Candidates**

Our disciplined, focused strategy to hold our Democratic Majority relies on battle-tested Frontline Democrats that know their communities and have delivered for the American people, diverse and impressive challengers in competitive races, and opportunities to unseat vulnerable, scandal prone, and conspiracy wielding extremist Republicans that voters in the suburbs are already rejecting.

Across the map, Democratic candidates are lining up to challenge Republicans' reckless agenda for America, rockstar candidates like; Liz Mathis in IA-01, a lifelong voice for Iowa families who's worked as a journalist, non-profit leader and state senator, and Rudy Salas in CA-21, who's dedicated his life to advocating for Central Valley workers and small business owners, and Jackie Gordon in NY-02, who served in our armed forces for nearly three decades, dedicated herself to young people as a school guidance counselor and spent more than a decade on the Babylon township council. All of these candidates are prepared to challenge Republicans' dismal record of division and extremism.

## EXTREMIST, DANGEROUS, AND CHAOTIC: REPUBLICANS WILL HAVE TO COMPETE WITHOUT A POSITIVE VISION FOR AMERICA

### **House Republicans Won't Be Able To Stack The Deck**

With House Republicans' dreams of further stacking the deck through redistricting slipping from their grips, it's becoming ever more clear they're going to have to campaign on fairer maps and

actually offer a single positive vision for the American people. In fact, House Republicans are already shying away from competitive seats in places like Texas, where demographic change and their sinking support in the suburbs has made it impossible for them to compete and attempts at gerrymandering for control may prove legally indefensible.

#### Vulnerable, Scandal Prone, and Conspiracy Wielding Extremist Republicans

Cowardly Kevin McCarthy and extremist NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer have their hands full with a conspiracy-promoting Ivermectin Caucus, a band of anti-democracy goons, and a group of Big Lie candidates that are sure to turn off suburban voters looking for real, sane leadership in Washington:

- Extremist House Republicans' Ivermectin Caucus leaders Reps Yvette Herrell, Andy Harris, and Mariannette Miller Meeks, have recklessly leaned into promoting horse dewormer over the use of life-saving COVID-19 vaccines. Reps. Andy Harris (MA-01) a physician, even admitted to prescribing the drug to patients.
- Extremist House Republicans' have recruited a slew of insurrection promoters it praises as embodying the principles of the House Republican Conference, like vaccine conspiracy theorist Teddy Daniels (PA-08) and Derrick Van Orden (WI-03) who used campaign cash from his failed 2020 congressional campaign to attend the insurrection on January 6th and peddle baseless claims about the integrity of his own election.
- And House Republicans have no shortage of scandal prone candidates and members who just can't steer clear of corrupt activity, like failed OR-04 candidate Alek Skarlatos, who's been accused of misusing campaign funds and scamming veterans through a fake charity, or Anna Paulina Luna who <u>promoted wild, debunked conspiracy theories</u> about voting machines following the 2020 elections.

### **BIG INVESTMENTS IN TURNING OUT DEMOCRATIC VOTERS**

### **Organizing + Protecting Access To The Ballot**

Earlier this year, <u>DCCC announced its largest</u>, <u>earliest-ever organizing investment</u> in reaching battleground voters. Thanks to our seven-figure investment, DCCC began hiring more than 50 senior organizers across the map this Spring that are already making inroads with voters in diverse communities key to maintaining our Democratic majority.

As Republicans make voter suppression central to their policy agenda, the DCCC has launched its Voter Protection Team earlier than ever before to begin building a national strategy that ensures every voter can safely and easily exercise their right to participate in American democracy. House Democrats won't sit idly by as Republicans attempt to choose their own voters or make it harder to vote, we're committed to a robust litigation strategy that prioritizes Americans' most sacred franchise -- unfettered access to the ballot.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Next November, American voters will have to choose between betting on House Republicans' dangerous, chaotic agenda that divides Americans and does nothing to make their family's lives better and House Democrats who have fought to end the COVID-19 pandemic, reopened our schools, got Americans back to work, and delivered on game-changing legislation to improve their lives. We believe the American people will make the right bet on progress over chaos.