Update for Signers of Pledge to Fight for Good Jobs, Sustainable Prosperity, Economic Justice

PLEDGE TO FIGHT FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

You are receiving this Update because you are a signer or ally of the **Pledge to Fight for Good Jobs, Sustainable Prosperity, and Economic Justice**, now with over 18,000 signatures. Please share Pledge on Facebook and Twitter. And check our Organizing Resources and Polling Research.

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An historic new Congress.

Congratulations to the new freshman class—and Speaker Nancy Pelosi! The most female and racially diverse group ever elected to the House, the 116th Congress represents an "avalanche of firsts," including the first Native American, Muslim, and Korean congresswomen, and the youngest woman ever elected. With women still only making up roughly one-fifth of the legislature, we've got a long way to go. But this an exciting step forward.



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Why the PAYGO debate is so important.

The PAYGO debate is an important one for House Democrats. EPI's Josh Bivens writes an excellent piece explaining how - even if removing PAYGO's statutory requirement can't happen until at least 2020 - this political debate has huge consequences. He shows how attempts to comply with the rule have already "really hindered progressive policymaking in the not-so-recent past." And moreover, how the public's serious misconceptions about deficits and debts more broadly will continue to cost us dearly if we don't educate voters now. Read his full article here.

For more good PAYGO analysis we also recommend Tara Golshan's Vox article, which holds that this is about more than just a battle over an obscure budget rule, but the future of the Democratic Party.

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Demand that Congress pass HR1.

On Friday, House Democrats introduced sweeping legislation for serious pro-democracy reform. Described as a "no-brainer for anyone who actually cares about American Democracy," For the People Act - or HR1 - is an ambitious package of election, campaign finance, and ethics reforms based on years of policy research and advocacy. Click here to demand that Congress pass this bold legislation.

Relatedly, Senator and potential presidential candidate Jeff Merkley (D-OR) also just unveiled a comprehensive blueprint for restoring American democracy. Read about it here.



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Elizabeth Warren sets bold tone for primaries.

Elizabeth Warren kicked off the democratic primary race on a decidedly progressive note - with a fiery call for racial and economic justice, and vowing to take on corruption and big money with the same resolve she's shown throughout her career.

Suggested read from John Cassidy in The New Yorker: Don't Underestimate Elizabeth Warren and Her Populist Message.



Pledge Plank: 7. Medicare for All - and Shared Economic Security

Special interests want to co-opt Medicare-for-All.

It's remarkable how quickly the American public has come to embrace Medicare-for-All. Thanks to efforts like ours, the policy's become mainstream practically overnight. Yet the fight's far from over.

Pledge signer and preeminent healthcare expert, Michael Lighty, explains how - as House Dems plan to hold the first-ever hearings on the legislation - huge medical-industrial interests are already preparing to co-opt and dilute any single-payer program. The only way to defeat them is with a mass social movement. Read why here.



Pledge Planks: 1. Jobs for All - Created by Rebuilding America | 2. Invest in a Green Economy

Act to support a Green New Deal - Thursday, Jan 17th.

350.org will be leading the first major action of the New Year to push Congress to take bold action for a Green New Deal — to create millions of good paying jobs building a just, rapid transition to 100% renewable in the timeline we need to avert the worst impacts of climate change. Click to learn more and sign up to participate.

Also, watch Princeton professor and Pledge signer Eddie Glaude Jr. defend the deal's practicality on MSNBC's Morning Joe.



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1. **Jobs for All – Created by Rebuilding America**
2. **Invest in a Green Economy**
3. Empower Workers to Reduce Inequality
4. Opportunity and Justice for All – With Focus on Communities Harmed by Racism
5. Guarantee Women's Economic Equality
6. High-Quality Public Education – Pre-K to University
7. **Medicare for All – And Shared Economic Security**
8. Make Corporations and Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share
9. A Global Economic Strategy for Working People
10. Close Wall Street's Casino
11. **Rescue Democracy from the Special Interests**

Thanks for all your good work! Will be back in touch with another Update soon.

Best,



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