

PREPARING FOR PROJECT 2025

*Taxes, tariffs, keeping money in your pocket,
and fighting against cuts to social security*



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TARIFFS - OVERVIEW

- **What** is a Tariff?
- **Who** pays the Tariff?
- **How** do Tariffs impact consumers?

TRUMP ON WHETHER TARIFFS WILL INCREASE CONSUMER COSTS

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“We’re going to be a tariff nation. It’s not going to be a cost to you. It’s going to be a cost to another country...”

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“I can’t guarantee anything.”

HIGHER TAXES FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS

- **Enact a two-rate tax system (15% & 30%) that eliminates most deductions, credits and exclusions.**
 - P.696
 - This proposal eliminates the current tax brackets of 10%, 12%, 22%, and 24% and increases
- **Taxes on lower and middle-income families.**
 - For example, a Pennsylvania married couple with 2 children making the median income of \$119,000/yr. will see an estimated tax increase of \$3,167 under this plan.
- **Replace federal income and corporate taxes with a national “consumption tax” (i.e., sales tax)**
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 - Sales taxes disproportionately impact lower and middle-income individuals and families.
 - Prices for all goods and services would increase across the board.
 - Replacing income taxes with consumption taxes would eliminate refundable tax credits like the child tax credit and the earned income tax credit.

HIGHER COSTS FOR SENIORS

- **Repeal the Inflation Reduction Act.**
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 - Repeal would eliminate the \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket costs for Medicare prescription drug coverage
 - Repeal would eliminate the \$35/month cap on insulin costs for Medicare recipients
 - Repeal would ban Medicare from negotiating with pharmaceutical companies
- **Make Medicare Advantage (MA) the default [Medicare] enrollment option.**
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 - First step to slowly privatizing Medicare
 - MA can limit patient choice of doctors and hospitals to those “in network”, hinder access to care through prior authorizations, and deny doctor-recommended care

HIGHER HOUSEHOLD COSTS

- **Higher Childcare Costs**
 - Eliminate HeadStart - P.482.
- **Higher Utility Bills**
 - Eliminate the federal Weatherization Program - P.369
- **Higher Food Costs/Increased Food Insecurity**
 - End current program that allows students to get free meals at school during the summer – P. 303
 - Reject efforts to expand student aid for federal school meals to include all K-12 students – P. 303.
 - Reimplement work requirements for SNAP benefits -- P. 299
 - Reform eligibility requirements for SNAP benefits – P. 300
- **Higher Housing Costs/Increased Homelessness/Less Housing Units**
 - Prohibit non-citizens, including all mixed-status families, from living in all federal funded housing -- P. 509
 - Implement maximum term limits for residents in federally assisted housing – P. 509
 - End Housing First Policies – P. 509
 - Eliminate the Housing Supply Fund – P. 509