

## **A BETTER DEAL**

***BETTER JOBS, BETTER WAGES, BETTER FUTURE***

**The Democratic Party's mission is to help build an America in which working people know that somebody has their back.** Too many families in America today believe the rules of the economy are rigged against them. Special interests, lobbyists, and large corporations avoid paying taxes while spending unlimited money to influence our elections. As a result, the economy just isn't working the way it should: incomes and wages are not keeping up with the cost of living for too many Americans.

**Rather than having a government that benefits the special interests and very wealthy, Democrats believe that government should work on behalf of the middle class and those struggling to get there.** For far too long, government has tilted the economic playing field in favor of the rich, taking the burden off of them and putting it on the backs of Americans who are working hard. No more. Democrats believe that government should be on the side of all Americans, not just those at the top.

**It doesn't have to be this way: with the right priorities and the right vision, Democrats know that America can have unprecedented economic growth that produces better jobs, better wages, and a better future.** This is the fundamental contrast between Democrats and Republicans: we believe the best way to grow the economy is to grow and strengthen the middle class, instead going back to the failed trickle-down economics of the past.

**Today, Democrats are offering *A Better Deal* that will focus on three goals:**

**1. Raise the wages and incomes of American workers and create millions of good-paying jobs:** Our plan for *A Better Deal* starts by creating millions of good-paying, full-time jobs by directly investing in our crumbling infrastructure and prioritizing small business and entrepreneurs, instead of giving tax breaks to special interests. We will aggressively crack down on unfair foreign trade and fight back against corporations that outsource American jobs. We will fight to ensure a living wage for all Americans and keep our promise to millions of workers who earned a pension, Social Security and Medicare, so seniors can retire with dignity.

**2. Lower the costs of living for families:** We will offer *A Better Deal* that will lower the crippling cost of prescription drugs and the cost of a college or technical education that leads to a good job. We will fight for families struggling with high monthly bills like childcare, credit card fees, and cable bills. We will crack down on monopolies and the concentration of economic power that has led to higher prices for consumers, workers, and small business – and make sure Wall Street never endangers Main Street again.

**3. Build an economy that gives working Americans the tools to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** Americans deserve the chance to get the skills, tools, and knowledge to find a good-paying job or to move up in their career to earn a better living. We will commit to *A Better Deal* that provides new tax incentives to employers that invest in workforce training and education and make sure the rules of the economy support companies that focus on long-term growth, rather than short-term profits. We will make it a national priority to bring high-speed Internet to every corner of America and offer apprenticeships to millions of new workers. We will encourage innovation, invest in advanced research and ensure start-ups and small businesses can compete and prosper.

**American families deserve *A Better Deal* so our country works for everyone again, not just the elites and special interests.** To advance our agenda, we are going to fight to give people their government back, by getting rid of unlimited, undisclosed spending by corporations and billionaires, and by reducing the power and influence of special interests and lobbyists in Washington. From small towns to big cities, Democrats will fight for *A Better Deal*, one that will lead to higher wages, lower costs and an economy that works for all Americans.