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## THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## President's Report

From the pen of 'Nita Brown

Hello Friends! Isn't a great time to be a Democrat!

I feel some wind in my back and some hope in my soul! And I want you to enjoy it with me! I know things could change in a moment, but I want us to celebrate how well things are going right now.

President Biden has had a remarkable year. The list is too long for me to write, but you know the many accomplishments that he has skillfully engineered while leading our country with dignity and integrity.

We had about 45 Democrats at our Fundraiser for Jesse Gibson! Jesse gave an excellent speech that got us to our feet, and he made time to talk with our attendees. It was an honor for our Club to host this event for our very well qualified candidate for Attorney General.

I am pleased that our Club has the opportunity to engage in numerous upcoming community events where we will have many opportunities to create awareness about our Democratic Club.

This is a very busy time for our Club. As you will see from the list of events included in this newsletter we have many exciting happenings coming up. When you see the list that our volunteers are managing, you will realize how important it is to have very talented and reliable volunteers.

Very soon we will schedule 2 postcard writing sessions and phone banking.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects please contact me at nitabrown81@gmail. com.

My best to you! I hope to see you soon!

Vita Brown

Yours truly,

President, Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village

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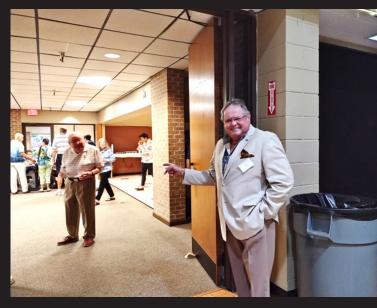












































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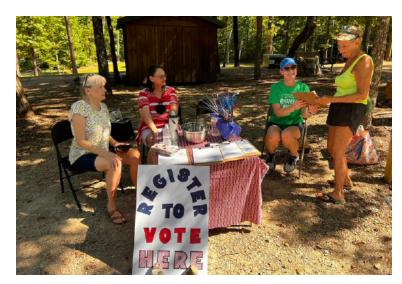


One of the Democratic Club of HSV's most successful voter registration efforts is going on this month at the Coronado Library.

The event is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and villagers have been coming in to check their registration status, make changes to their registration or to register for the first time in Arkansas.

The library staff and volunteers have been very supportive, even creating a sign that they place outside on event days.

Registration will continue through Sept. 29.



The Turn Arkansas Blue team began registering voters this week at the Grove Park Green Market. (From left Shirley Claypool, Salli Forbes and Susan Torpy.) not pictured, Linda McAteer.

## Adopt-A-Billboard!

Every day, approximately 9,700 people pass this sign and now, more than ever, our message and our presence is important. Help us keep it there by becoming a Billboard Backer. Make a one-time donation or set up automatic monthly payments. Any and all donations are welcome. You can even adopt the billboard for a full month with a \$300 donation! Simply click the DONATE button on our website home page at <a href="https://www.hsvdemocrats.com">www.hsvdemocrats.com</a> or mail your donation to P.O BOX 8693, Hot Springs Village, AR 71910 with the word "Billboard" in the memo line. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

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## **BLUE PLATE SPECIAL:**"EQUALITY UNDER FIRE"

Thank you all who attended our Blue Plate Special - EQUALITY UNDER FIRE on August 10th.

The meeting at the Diamante Country Club discussed the threats to same-sex marriage and other LGBTQ issues, including the persecution of transgender people. Zach Bledsoe of Clark County Democrats, was our guest of honor and shared information on the Arkansas Issue 2, the 60% Supermajority Vote Requirement for Constitutional Amendments and Ballot Initiatives Measure. It is on the ballot in Arkansas as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment on November 8, 2022.

Currently, ballot measures in Arkansas require a simple majority (50%+1) vote for approval. This amendment would amend the state constitution to require a three-fifths 60% supermajority vote of approval from voters to adopt constitutional amendments (legislatively referred and citizen-initiated) and citizen-initiated state statutes. The supermajority requirement would not apply to veto referendums, which would continue to require a simple majority (50%+1) vote for approval. a vote Yes would endanger Gay marriage and any other laws past and future - including medical marajuana. Please vote NO so that in Arkansas, the majority rules.









## No Senate moves on samesex marriage protection until after midterms

"I'm still very confident that the bill will pass," says the bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Tammy Baldwin

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Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisc., talks with reporters in the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. (Tom Williams/CQ-Roll Call, Inc via Getty Images)

A vote on legislation to protect same-sex marriage has been in the works, with a bipartisan group of senators hoping to get it on the table sooner rather than later, but that vote has now been delayed.

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), the chief sponsor of the Respect for Marriage Act that would hopefully secure marriage equality nationwide, announced on Thursday that the Senate will not get around to voting on the issue until after November's midterm elections.

"I'm still very confident that the bill will pass," Baldwin said in a quote obtained from Politico.

The primary reason given for the delay is that negotiators were unable to gather 10 Republicans to break a filibuster and Baldwin, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.) agreed that "they'd rather have a successful result than a failed vote that might help Democrats politically but set back their effort to codify same-sex marriage," according to Politico.

Justin Goodman, a spokesperson for Schumer, issued a statement on his behalf saying he is "extremely disappointed that there aren't 10 Republicans in the Senate willing to vote yes on marriage equality legislation at this time."

Several senators involved with the vote made separate statements to clarify any further political angle that this delay could imply. In a statement from Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) he says "I'm convinced that this is going to pass. The people who have been negotiating it want an outcome. I reject the idea that the timing decision was political. But quite honestly, it even takes that off the table."

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), weighing in with his own views on the delay, said "If I wanted [it] to pass and I was the majority leader and I wanted to get as many votes as I could possibly get, I'd wait until after the election."

"[Schumer] is 100 percent committed to holding a vote on the legislation this year," spokesperson Goodman assures. "[He] will not give up and will hold the bipartisan group to their promise that the votes to pass this marriage equality legislation will be there after the election."

Baldwin, the first openly gay senator in history, has worked tirelessly on the Respect for Marriage Act in the hope that same-sex marriage will not meet the same fate as abortion rights did with the reversal of Roe V. Wade.

FIRST THEY CAME FOR THE SOCIALISTS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT-BECAUSE I WAS NOT A SOCIALIST.

THEN THEY CAME FOR THE TRADE UNIONISTS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT-BECAUSE I WAS NOT A TRADE UNIONIST.

THEN THEY CAME FOR THE JEWS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT-BECAUSE I WAS NOT A JEW.

THEN THEY CAME FOR ME-AND THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT TO SPEAK FOR ME.

-Martin Niemöller



### HSV Democrats to hold Open House

The Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village is pleased to announce an Open House at its campaign headquarters at 112 Cordoba Center on Sept. 28, from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

In addition to food and drinks, there will be a cash raffle and guessing game. The "Democratic Store" will be open, with donated items – including jewelry, gifts baskets, and wall art – for sale.

Information on candidates and ballot initiatives will be available, along with voter information. Staff will be on hand to assist with voter registration.

Come by the Open House, get all the information you need to make informed choices, and pick up some yard signs, magnets, stickers, and campaign buttons.

To RSVP, contact Nancy Baumgartner at <a href="mailto:nancybaum02@gmail.com">nancybaum02@gmail.com</a>











## THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CLINTON DAY DINNER

For 26 years the Democratic Party of Clark County's Clinton Day Dinner has served as a stable and well-attended political event that has served as a meeting point for so many Democrats across the state. This year, was no exception.

The theme of this year's dinner was "Vote Blue in 2022."

The sold-out crowd came from all over Southwest and Central Arkansas to attend the celebration. Counties attending include Little River, Garland, Greene, Hot Spring, Howard, Pike, Sevier and Miller. The Senior Caucus and the Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village attended.



Nita Brown and Kelly Krout, Nominee for Lt. Governor

Paul Browning and Jesse Gibson, Nominee for Attorney General





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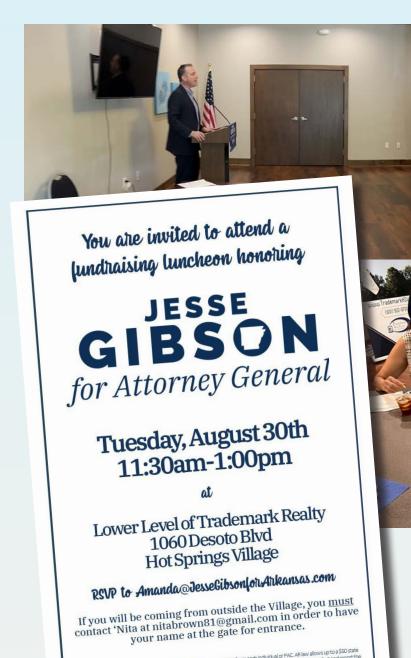
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In such a busy election year, we often forget about the important role of the Attorney General. Arkansas has been blessed with many talented Attorneys General like Governor Mike Beebe, Senator Mark Pryor, and President Bill Clinton. We need to continue electing people who will perform the job of the Attorney General and not turn it into an office solely focused on suing the federal government.

Jesse wants to provide safety, security, and strength in Arkansans across the state, no matter where you are from or what zip code you live in. He will protect our rights and voting rights, not sue Medicaid expansion every chance he gets, but rather work with the federal government to support Arkansans in rural and urban communities.

We need someone to defend us, someone who will stand up for us in Little Rock. That someone is Jesse Gibson. The Attorney General is the last line of defense Arkansans have against overreaching federal laws and draconian restrictions passed by the Arkansas legislature. We hope that you and other good friends who share so many common values with Jesse will join us in supporting him.

A lifelong Arkansan - Jesse grew up outside of Lead Hill, population of 274. His parents, both public school teachers, raised Jesse to have a servant's heart. After graduating from UA and UALR William H. Bowen School of law, Jesse settled down, started a family, and put that servant's heart to work. In 2002, he founded the Gibson Law Firm, where he spends his days defending hardworking Arkansans from companies that would do them wrong.

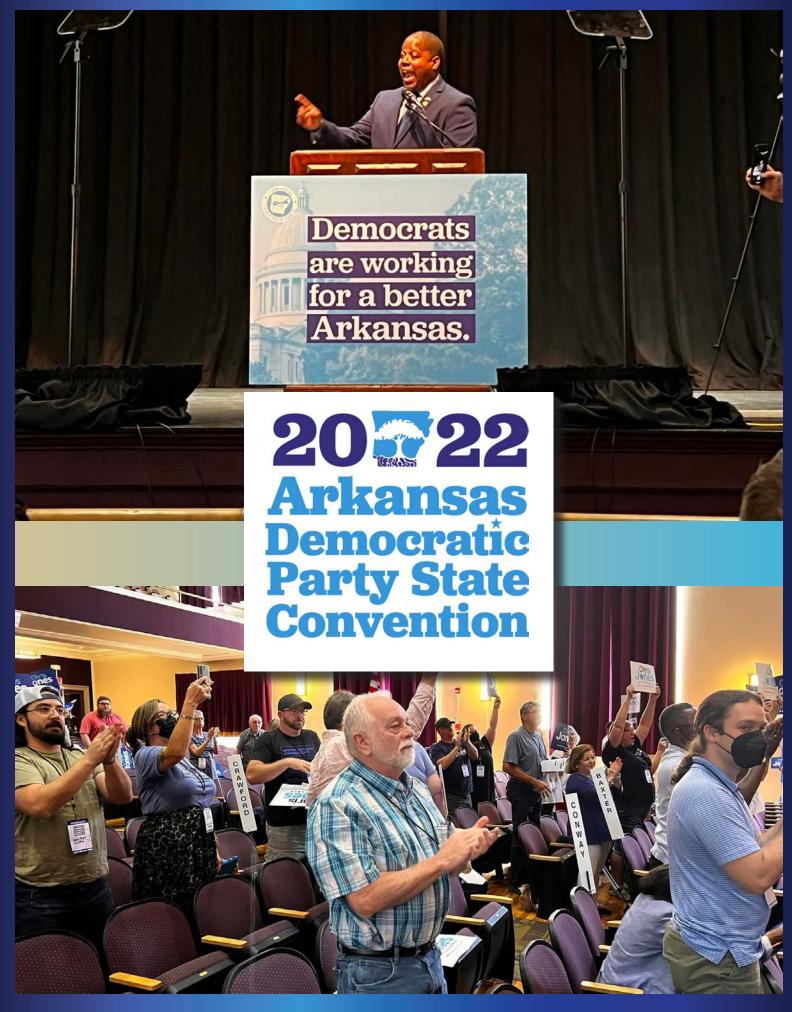
Jesse can win this race. He is the only candidate with actual courtroom experience. And while most Democrats are facing an uphill battle this year, the AG's race is wide open. In short, Jesse has an excellent chance of being successful in November if we get behind him and he wants to hear from you.

- Nita Brown















## Democrats are working for a better Arkansas.

#### A Healthier Arkansas

with improved health care and expanded access, better health outcomes, and a healthier environment.

health equity • food security • health education • substance abuse treatment • maternal & infant health • outdoor recreation • environmental protection

#### A Safer Arkansas

with better roads and bridges, clean air and water, less crime in our communities, and safe places to live and work.

rural infrastructure • quality air & water • criminal & juvenile justice reform • gun violence prevention • victims' rights • increased community safety • workers' rights • safe & affordable housing

#### A Fairer Arkansas

with rights protected for everyone and systems that work for all of us.

racial equity • gender equity • LGBTQ+ rights • immigrant rights • disability rights • safeguarding our democracy • tax & income equality

### A Brighter Arkansas

with a world class education for every child, a growing economy, and economic opportunity for all.

strong public schools • early childhood education • workforce preparedness • bold investment • economic development • strengthened social safety net

#### **Preamble**

Arkansas is home. We love the people, the places, and the promise of "The Land of Opportunity." We believe Arkansas is worth it, and we as Democrats are working for a better Arkansas in every community across our state.

"A better Arkansas" is more than a dream. It's a plan, a call to action, and a collective commitment to doing the hard work to create a healthier, safer, fairer, and brighter Arkansas for all of us.

Democrats are working for a healthier Arkansas with improved health care and expanded access, better health outcomes, and a healthier environment. We are working for a safer Arkansas with better roads and bridges, clean air and water, less crime in our communities, and safe places to live and work. We are working for a fairer Arkansas with rights protected for everyone and systems that work for all of us. And we're working for a brighter Arkansas with a world-class education for every child, a growing economy, and economic opportunity for all.

We hope that you'll join us in this work. There's a place for you, no matter your story.

We respect the diverse opinions, backgrounds, faiths, and experiences in our party and recognize that all good policy is a product of debate and compromise. We recommend the following platform for 2022–2024 guided by our vision for a better Arkansas.



## I. Democrats are working for a healthier Arkansas, with improved health care and expanded access, better health outcomes, and a healthier environment.

#### A. Improved and Expanded Access

Democrats believe everyone deserves high quality health care. We are adamant that no one should go bankrupt due to medical expenses. We are working to protect the Affordable Care Act and expand it to help more Arkansans. We acknowledge that health care remains unaffordable and inaccessible to too many Arkansans. We are working to drive down the cost of insurance coverage and prescription drugs while ensuring health care access in every community in our state. Democrats are committed to preventive screenings and care, family planning care, and mental health and substance abuse treatment.

#### **B. Better Health Outcomes**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we must do better to equip our healthcare providers with the tools to be successful in the next crisis. Democrats are fighting for resources to expand funding for medical research in Arkansas, and we support our frontline health care workers through good public policy that follows expertly informed and science-guided directives.

Democrats are working to address food insecurity in our state by working for nutrition programs that reach all Arkansans and ensure we activate the resources in our state to reach zero-hunger.

Acknowledging that Arkansas faces a crisis in unplanned pregnancy, we are working to equip Arkansans with the health care and education they need to plan when pregnancy is right for them. This includes science-based, comprehensive, sexual-health education, access to legal and safe abortion, and access to contraceptives. Democrats are working to expand resources to all pregnant Arkansans, and we are seeking solutions for our state's maternal health crisis and its disparate impact on communities of color.

#### C. A Healthier Environment

Our state is blessed with abundant beauty. Democrats will prioritize the protection of our natural heritage and support small towns and rural communities by making Arkansas a must-visit destination for tourists. We will protect and sustain hunting, fishing, and recreational areas, expand hiking and cycling trails, and create and expand programs to promote tourism in the Natural State. Democrats are working to ensure that our parks, forests, and iconic features of Arkansas – from the Buffalo National River to Hot Springs National Park and the Delta Heritage Trail, are protected and promoted.



## II. Democrats are working for a safer Arkansas with better roads and bridges, clean air and water, less crime in our communities, and safe places to live and work.

#### A. Better Roads and Bridges

A safer Arkansas needs quality infrastructure. Too many communities in our state lack roads and bridges that allow Arkansans to travel efficiently and safely. Democrats are working to improve and expand our infrastructure with safe, reliable, and accessible transportation systems that keep Arkansas families and businesses moving.

#### B. Clean Air and Water

Democrats believe in protecting our natural resources. We are committed to keeping our air and water clean and safe. Like transportation infrastructure, water and sewer systems remain inadequate for many Arkansans, and Democrats are working for more efficient water and sewer solutions, especially in our rural communities.

#### C. Less Crime in Our Communities

Democrats are working for an Arkansas with less crime so that all Arkansans are free to live, work, and play safely. Democrats believe in a criminal justice system that is fair, timely, and properly punishes people convicted of crimes. We believe that the best long-term strategy for deterring crime is improving health outcomes and expanding economic and educational opportunities.

Democrats believe in responsible gun ownership and are working for an Arkansas with less gun violence by enacting common sense gun-safety measures. We are working for increased trust between law enforcement and the communities they protect and serve, advocating for improved training, community connection, and accountability. We support criminal justice reforms built on restorative justice and rehabilitation and reject Arkansas' overreliance on incarceration, including ending criminal penalties for adult possession for personal use of marijuana. We support innovative and humane ways to deal with those in the justice system, especially those with mental health issues. We stand with crime victims and are working for protections for domestic violence victims, human trafficking victims, and victims of rape and incest. Democrats are committed to juvenile justice reform.

#### D. Safe Places to Live and Work

Democrats are working for a safer Arkansas at work and at home. We support the rights of workers to organize for safe and fair conditions. We are working for protections for pregnant and disabled workers. We believe all workers should be able to earn a living free from discrimination or unlawful termination.

All Arkansans deserve a habitable place to live. Democrats are working for renter protections and a guarantee of habitability for rental housing. We support efforts to reduce homelessness and ensure affordable housing in all regions of our state, and we believe that no one should go to jail for failing to pay rent.



## III. Democrats are working for a fairer Arkansas with rights protected for everyone and systems that work for all of us.

#### A. Rights Protected for Everyone

Democrats are committed to ensuring liberty and justice for all. We believe in these foundational American ideals for every Arkansan, regardless of sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religion, socioeconomic status, or ability. We acknowledge the individual biases and systemic barriers that hold people back from pursuing and achieving their American dream. We are working for an Arkansas that expands opportunity and prioritizes fairness, and we are committed to acknowledging and correcting where we fall short.

Democrats are working to rectify the detrimental impacts of racism and discrimination. We believe in gender equity and support the rights of women to be paid equally for equal work and to have privacy and choice in their health care decisions. Democrats stand with the Arkansas LGBTQ+ community and oppose harmful and discriminatory measures that target individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender. We continue to support compassion–driven solutions for immigrant families and support efforts to humanely reform our immigration system. Democrats stand in solidarity with disabled Arkansans for the right to live, work, and access all public services.

#### B. Systems that Work for All of Us

Democrats believe our American democracy is both sacred and fragile. We will protect our democracy, especially the right to vote, and demand the highest ethical standards in government. We believe in transparency, accountability, and participation from informed and empowered citizens. We are working for more accessible and secure elections, greater campaign finance transparency, nonpartisan redistricting, and a continued commitment to the right to petition.

Democrats believe in empowering Arkansans through fairer wages and a more equitable tax code. We believe in building the economy from the ground up, not the top down, and oppose tax breaks for corporations or the wealthy. Instead, Democrats support relieving the tax burden for hardworking Arkansans who are struggling to make ends meet. Democrats believe that fairness goes beyond individual liberty. We must also ensure our systems are equitable.



## IV. Democrats are working for a brighter Arkansas with a world-class education for every child, a growing economy, and economic opportunity for all.

#### A. A World-Class Education for Every Child

Democrats are working for a brighter future that comes from educational opportunity and empowerment. We believe every child in our state deserves a world-class education, and we are committed to supporting and strengthening our public schools to provide equity and excellence. We see teachers as professionals, parents and teachers as partners, and schools as places that should be welcoming, safe, and enriching for all. We support excellence in education by sustaining nationally competitive pay for teachers and staff.

A brighter Arkansas begins with our littlest Arkansans, and Democrats are working for expanded early childhood education and affordable child care opportunities for families. We also support lifelong learning through adult literacy, public libraries, after-school and summer learning programs, public educational television, and other educational and wraparound services that serve learners of all ages.

#### **B. A Growing Economy**

The promise of a growing economy allows all Arkansans to plan for a brighter future. Democrats are working to develop and expand economic opportunities in all regions of our state. We believe in supporting small business growth and entrepreneurship. Democrats recognize the importance of a strong farm economy, not only for our state but for the nation and world. Regardless of industry, Democrats are committed to policies that promote and reward responsible business growth and benefit workers and their families with good-paying jobs.

#### C. Economic Opportunity for All

A growing economy should promise all Arkansans a chance for a brighter future. Democrats support all types of higher education and workforce development opportunities and are working to make them more accessible, affordable, and inclusive. We are working for sufficient funding for our higher education institutions to keep tuition low, and we believe that students should not have to incur massive debt to attain these opportunities. Students should have the ability to refinance their student loans, and students who dedicate their working lives to public service should have their debts forgiven.

Democrats are future-minded and are strong supporters of innovation. We are working to pursue bold investments in arts, science, and advanced technology, leading to an improved quality of life for all Arkansans. We support transportation innovations, green technology, and enhanced broadband quality and access.

A brighter future is built on the foundation of stability and security. Democrats believe in protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, expanding food and housing security programs, eliminating work requirements and other punitive mandates, and ensuring and enhancing benefits for our veterans.

Democrats believe that a brighter Arkansas future is worth investing in now. Every Arkansan deserves the hope and promise of a better Arkansas, now and for years to come.



#### El Preámbulo

Arkansas es nuestro hogar. Amamos a la gente, los lugares y la promesa de "La tierra de las oportunidades". Creemos que Arkansas vale la pena, y nosotros, como demócratas, trabajan por un mejor Arkansas en todas las comunidades de nuestro estado.

"Un mejor Arkansas" es más que un sueño. Es un plan, un llamado a la acción y un compromiso colectivo de hacer el trabajo duro para crear un Arkansas más saludable, más seguro, más justo y más brillante para todos nosotros.

Los demócratas trabajan por un Arkansas más saludable con mayor acceso y mejor atención médica, mejores resultados de salud, y un medio ambiente más saludable. Trabajamos por un Arkansas más seguro con mejores carreteras y puentes, aire y agua limpia, menos delincuencia en nuestras comunidades, y lugares seguros para vivir y trabajar. Trabajamos por un Arkansas más justo con derechos protegidos para todos y sistemas que funcionen para todos nosotros. Trabajamos por un Arkansas más brillante con una educación de primer nivel para todos los niños, una economía que siga creciendo, y oportunidades económicas para todos.

Esperamos que se una a nosotros en este trabajo. Hay un lugar para ti, sin importar tu historia.

Respetamos las diversas opiniones, antecedentes, religiones, y experiencias de nuestro partido y reconocemos que toda buena política pública es producto del debate y el compromiso. Recomendamos la siguiente plataforma para 2022-2024 guiados por nuestra visión de un mejor Arkansas.



I. Los demócratas están trabajando por un Arkansas más saludable, con mayor acceso y mejor atención médica, mejores resultados de salud y un medio ambiente más saludable.

#### A. Acceso mejorado y ampliado

Los demócratas creemos que todos merecen atención médica de alta calidad. Estamos convencidos de que nadie debe declararse en quiebra debido a gastos médicos. Estamos trabajando para proteger la Ley del Cuidado de Salud y expandirla para ayudar a más habitantes de Arkansas. Reconocemos que la atención médica sigue siendo inasequible e inaccesible para demasiados habitantes de Arkansas. Trabajamos para reducir el costo de la cobertura de seguro y los medicamentos recetados, al mismo tiempo queremos garantizar el acceso a la atención médica en todas las comunidades de nuestro estado. Los demócratas están comprometidos con los exámenes y la atención preventiva, la atención de planificación familiar, y el tratamiento de salud mental y abuso de sustancias.

#### B. Mejores resultados de salud

A la luz de la pandemia de COVID-19, debemos estar más preparados para asegurar que nuestros proveedores de atención médica tengan las herramientas para tener éxito en la próxima crisis. Los demócratas están luchando por los recursos para ampliar los fondos para la investigación médica en Arkansas, y apoyamos a nuestros trabajadores de atención médica de primera línea a través de buenas políticas públicas que siguen directivas informadas por expertos y guiadas por la ciencia.

Los demócratas trabajan para abordar la inseguridad alimentaria en nuestro estado trabajando para instalar programas de nutrición que lleguen a todos los habitantes de Arkansas y garanticen que activemos los recursos en nuestro estado para asegurar que nadie en nuestro estado tenga carencia de alimentos.

Reconociendo que Arkansas enfrenta una crisis de embarazo no planificado, trabajamos para equipar a los habitantes de Arkansas con la atención médica y la educación que necesitan para planificar cuándo el embarazo es adecuado para ellas. Esto incluye educación integral sobre salud sexual basada en la ciencia, acceso al aborto legal y seguro, y acceso a anticonceptivos. Los demócratas trabajamos para expandir los recursos a todas las personas emberazadas de Arkansas y estamos buscando soluciones para la crisis de salud materna de nuestro estado y su impacto desigual en las comunidades de color.



#### C. Un medio ambiente más saludable

Nuestro estado ha sido bendecido con belleza abundante. Los demócratas priorizaremos la protección de nuestro patrimonio natural y apoyaremos a los pueblos pequeños y las comunidades rurales haciendo de Arkansas un destino turístico obligado para todas las personas. Protegeremos y mantendremos las áreas de caza, pesca y recreación, ampliaremos las rutas de senderismo y ciclismo, y crearemos y ampliaremos programas para promover el turismo en el Estado Natural. Los demócratas trabajamos para garantizar que nuestros parques, bosques y características icónicas de Arkansas, desde el río nacional Buffalo hasta el parque nacional Hot Springs y Delta Heritage Trail, estén protegidos y promovidos.

II. Los demócratas trabajamos por un Arkansas más seguro con mejores carreteras y puentes, aire y agua limpia, menos delincuencia en nuestras comunidades, y lugares seguros para vivir y trabajar.

#### A. Mejores caminos y puentes

Un Arkansas más seguro necesita una infraestructura de calidad. Demasiadas comunidades en nuestro estado carecen de carreteras y puentes que permitan a los habitantes de Arkansas viajar de manera eficiente y segura. Los demócratas trabajamos para mejorar y ampliar nuestra infraestructura con sistemas de transporte seguros, confiables y accesibles que mantengan en movimiento a las familias y empresas de Arkansas.

#### B. Aire y agua limpia

Los demócratas creemos en la protección de nuestros recursos naturales. Estamos comprometidos a mantener nuestro aire y agua limpios y seguros. Al igual que la infraestructura de transporte, los sistemas de agua y alcantarillado siguen siendo inadecuados para muchos habitantes de Arkansas, y los demócratas están trabajando para lograr soluciones de agua y alcantarillado más eficientes, especialmente en nuestras comunidades rurales.

#### C. Menos delincuencia en nuestras comunidades

Los demócratas trabajan por un Arkansas con menos delincuencia para que todos los habitantes de Arkansas sean libres de vivir, trabajar y divertirse de manera segura. Los demócratas creemos en un sistema de justicia penal que sea justo, oportuno, y castigue adecuadamente a las personas condenadas por delitos. Creemos que la mejor estrategia a largo plazo para disuadir el crimen es mejorar los resultados de salud y expandir las oportunidades económicas y educativas.

Los demócratas creen en la posesión responsable de armas y están trabajando para un Arkansas con menos violencia armada mediante la promulgación de medidas de seguridad de armas de sentido común. Trabajamos para aumentar la confianza entre las fuerzas del orden público y las comunidades a las que protegen y sirven, abogando por una mejor capacitación, conexión con la comunidad y responsabilidad. Apoyamos las reformas de la justicia penal basadas en la justicia restaurativa y la rehabilitación y rechazamos la dependencia excesiva de Arkansas del encarcelamiento, incluida la eliminación de las sanciones penales por posesión de adultos y uso personal de marihuana. Apoyamos formas innovadoras y humanas de tratar con



aquellos en el sistema de justicia, especialmente aquellos con problemas de salud mental. Apoyamos a las víctimas de delitos y estamos trabajando para proteger a las víctimas de violencia doméstica, víctimas de trata de personas, y víctimas de violación e incesto. Los demócratas están comprometidos con la reforma de la justicia juvenil.

#### D. Lugares seguros para vivir y trabajar

Los demócratas trabajamos por un Arkansas más seguro en el trabajo y en el hogar. Apoyamos los derechos de los trabajadores a organizarse por condiciones seguras y justas. Estamos trabajando por la protección de las trabajadoras embarazadas y discapacitadas. Creemos que todos los trabajadores deben poder ganarse la vida sin discriminación ni despidos ilegales.

Todos los habitantes de Arkansas merecen un lugar habitable para vivir. Los demócratas están trabajando por la protección de los inquilinos y una garantía de habitabilidad para las viviendas de alquiler. Apoyamos los esfuerzos para reducir la falta de vivienda y garantizar viviendas asequibles en todas las regiones de nuestro estado, y creemos que nadie debería ir a la cárcel por no pagar el alquiler.

III. Los demócratas trabajamos por un Arkansas más justo con derechos protegidos y sistemas que funcionen para todos nosotros.

#### A. Derechos protegidos para todos

Los demócratas están comprometidos a garantizar la libertad y la justicia para todos. Creemos en estos ideales americanos fundamentales para todos los habitantes de Arkansas, independientemente del sexo, la edad, la orientación sexual, la identidad o expresión de género, la raza, el origen étnico, el país de origen, el estado migratorio, la religión, el estado socioeconómico o la capacidad. Reconocemos los prejuicios individuales y las barreras sistémicas que impiden que las personas persigan y alcancen su sueño americano. Estamos trabajando para un Arkansas que amplíe las oportunidades y priorice la equidad, y estamos comprometidos a reconocer y corregir dónde nos quedamos cortos.

Los demócratas trabajamos para rectificar los efectos perjudiciales del racismo y la discriminación. Creemos en la equidad de género y apoyamos los derechos de las mujeres a recibir el mismo pago por el mismo trabajo y a tener privacidad y opciones en sus decisiones de atención médica. Los demócratas apoyamos a la comunidad LGBTQ+ de Arkansas y nos oponemos a las medidas dañinas y discriminatorias dirigidas a personas en función de su orientación sexual o género. Continuamos apoyando las soluciones impulsadas por la compasión para las familias inmigrantes y apoyamos los esfuerzos para reformar humanamente nuestro sistema de inmigración. Los demócratas se solidarizan con los discapacitados de Arkansas por el derecho a vivir, trabajar, y acceder a todos los servicios públicos.

#### B. Sistemas que funcionan para todos nosotros

Los demócratas creemos que nuestra democracia es tan sagrada como frágil. Protegeremos nuestra democracia, especialmente el derecho al voto, y exigiremos los más altos estándares



éticos en el gobierno. Creemos en la transparencia, la rendición de cuentas y la participación de ciudadanos informados y empoderados. Estamos trabajando para que las elecciones sean más accesibles y seguras, mayor transparencia en el financiamiento de campañas, redistribución de distritos no partidistas y un compromiso continuo con el derecho de petición.

Los demócratas creemos en empoderar a los habitantes de Arkansas a través de salarios más justos y un código fiscal más equitativo. Creemos en construir la economía desde cero, no de arriba hacia abajo, y nos oponemos a las exenciones fiscales para las corporaciones o los ricos. En cambio, los demócratas apoyan aliviar la carga fiscal de los trabajadores de Arkansas que luchan para llegar a fin de mes. Los demócratas creen que la justicia va más allá de la libertad individual. También debemos asegurarnos de que nuestros sistemas sean equitativos.

IV. Los demócratas están trabajando por un Arkansas más brillante con una educación de clase mundial para todos los niños, una economía que siga creciendo, y oportunidades económicas para todos.

#### A. Una educación de clase mundial para todos los niños

Los demócratas están trabajando por un futuro más brillante que proviene de la oportunidad educativa y el empoderamiento. Creemos que todos los niños de nuestro estado merecen una educación de primer nivel y estamos comprometidos a apoyar y fortalecer nuestras escuelas públicas para brindar equidad y excelencia. Vemos a los maestros como profesionales, a los padres y maestros como socios, ya las escuelas como lugares que deben ser acogedores, seguros e enriquecedores para todos. Apoyamos la excelencia en la educación manteniendo salarios competitivos a nivel nacional para los maestros y el personal.

Un Arkansas más brillante comienza con nuestros Arkansas más pequeños, y los demócratas están trabajando para ampliar la educación de la primera infancia y oportunidades asequibles de cuidado infantil para las familias. También apoyamos el aprendizaje de por vida a través de la alfabetización de adultos, las bibliotecas públicas, los programas de aprendizaje de verano y después de la escuela, la televisión educativa pública y otros servicios educativos integrales que sirven a los estudiantes de todas las edades.

#### B. Una economía en crecimiento

La promesa de una economía en crecimiento permite a todos los habitantes de Arkansas pensar en un futuro mejor. Los demócratas estamos trabajando para desarrollar y ampliar las oportunidades económicas en todas las regiones de nuestro estado. Creemos en apoyar el crecimiento y el espíritu empresarial de las pequeñas empresas. Los demócratas reconocen la importancia de una economía agrícola sólida, no solo para nuestro estado sino también para la nación y el mundo. Independientemente de la industria, los demócratas están comprometidos con políticas que promueven y recompensan el crecimiento empresarial responsable y benefician a los trabajadores y sus familias con empleos bien remunerados.



#### C. Oportunidad económica para todos

Una economía en crecimiento debería prometer a todos los habitantes de Arkansas la oportunidad de un futuro mejor. Los demócratas apoyan todo tipo de oportunidades de educación superior y desarrollo laboral y están trabajando para que sean más accesibles, asequibles e inclusivos. Estamos trabajando para obtener fondos suficientes para que nuestras instituciones de educación superior mantengan la matrícula baja y creemos que los estudiantes no deberían tener que incurrir en deudas masivas para lograr estas oportunidades. Los estudiantes deben tener la capacidad de refinanciar sus préstamos estudiantiles, y los estudiantes que dedican su vida laboral al servicio público deben ver perdonadas sus deudas.

Los demócratas tienen visión de futuro y son firmes defensores de la innovación. Estamos trabajando para buscar inversiones audaces en las artes, la ciencia y la tecnología avanzada, lo que lleva a una mejor calidad de vida para todos los habitantes de Arkansas. Apoyamos las innovaciones en el transporte, la tecnología ecológica y la mejora de la calidad y el acceso a la banda ancha.

Un futuro más brillante se construye sobre la base de la estabilidad y la seguridad. Los demócratas creen en proteger el Seguro Social, Medicare y Medicaid, expandan los programas de seguridad alimentaria y de vivienda, eliminen los requisitos laborales y otros mandatos punitivos, y garanticen y mejoren los beneficios para nuestros veteranos.

Los demócratas creen que vale la pena invertir ahora en un futuro más brillante en Arkansas. Cada Arkanseño merece la esperanza y la promesa de un mejor Arkansas, ahora y en los años venideros.

### **Upcoming 2022 Events**

- Coronado Library Voter Registration hours are 2 4 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 9/14 and 9/16 Garland County Fair booth 4831 Malvern Ave., Hot Springs Hosted by the Democratic Party of Garland County. Our Dem Club volunteers will manage the booth on the 14th and 16th from 5 pm - 9 pm. We will have our material in the booth
- 9/20 POA Candidate Forum Coronado Center 150 Ponderosa Lane Hours not available at this time.
- 9/21 CHI St. Vincent McAuley Senior Center HSV 10:30 am Registering Voters.
- 9/22 Knowledge is Power Meeting: Coronado Center: 150 Ponderosa Lane 2:15 pm Our member, Gary Clingman will present on the threat to Social Security and Medicare. Melissa and Gary Fults, Democratic Party Saline County, will discuss the amendments on the ballot to help us understand them, so we can be informed voters.
- 9/28 Campaign Office Open House 112 Cordoba Center Dr., 2:30 5:30 Pick up yard signs, candidate information, information on Social Security threat and the ballot initiatives, check voter registration, register to vote, buy out everything in our Democratic store, raffle and games.
- 9/30 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Coronado Center 9 am - 2 pm. Volunteers will create awareness about our club.
- 10/8 Ar. Heritage Festival Ponce De Leon Center, 1101
  DeSoto Blvd 9 am ?. We will have volunteers registering
  voters, a raffle, candidates will be invited to be in our booth,
  and a very good opportunity to create awareness about our
  club.
- 10/28 Dem Club Octoberfest Quarterly Meeting Details coming soon.



## Join us for a great informational event!

#### Invite your friends too!

#### **SPEAKERS**

Gary Clingman will present

The Threat to Social Security & Medicare

Melissa and Gary Fults will present

Ballot Initivatives - Understanding the

4 Amendments on the November Ballot

#### WHERE:

Coronado Center, Room 5

#### WHEN:

Thursday, September 22 from 2:15 - 4:00

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Snacks will be provided You **MUST RSVP** to Nita Brown nitabrown81@gmail.com



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#### Signed the Inflation Reduction Act

President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act to bring down costs, reduce the deficit, and take aggressive action on climate – all paid for by making sure the largest corporations and billionaire tax cheats finally pay their fair share in taxes.

This historic legislation lowers health care costs for millions of families and allows Medicare to negotiate drug prices for the first time. The Inflation Reduction Act caps seniors' out-of-pocket spending for prescription drugs at \$2,000 per year and ensures no senior on Medicare will pay over \$35 per month for insulin. Under the law, 13 million Americans, covered under the Affordable Care Act, will see their health insurance premiums reduced by \$800.

The Inflation Reduction Act also takes aggressive action to combat the existential crisis of climate change. These historic clean energy investments will help families save hundreds of dollars every year on their energy bills while strengthening our energy security, creating jobs, and getting us closer to meeting our climate goals.

All of this is paid for by establishing a minimum corporate tax to ensure that the wealthiest corporations finally start to pay their fair share, and cracking down on billionaire tax cheats – without increasing audit rates or raising taxes on those making under \$400,000 a year by one cent. President Biden promised to

### **Accomplishments**

make the government work for working families again and that's exactly what this law does.

#### Improved health care for veterans

President Biden has long said that it is our sacred obligation to prepare and equip those we send to war and to take care of them and their families when they come home.

As president, he has worked to ensure we make good on this sacred obligation and has signed multiple bipartisan bills to honor and improve care for veterans.

In his first State of the Union address, President Biden called on Congress to pass legislation to make sure veterans impacted by toxic exposures and their families get the comprehensive care and benefits they earned and deserve. In August of 2022, President Biden signed the PACT Act – the largest single bill to address our service members' exposure to burn pits and other toxins in American history.

#### Signed the CHIPS and Science Act

President Biden signed landmark legislation into law that will accelerate semiconductor manufacturing in the United States. The CHIPS and Science Act will help lower the cost of everyday goods, strengthen American manufacturing and innovation, create good-paying jobs, and bolster our national security.

The CHIPS and Science Act will help us compete with China by bringing manufacturing jobs back to America. The law makes historic investments in research and development to accelerate the industries of the future and advance U.S. technological leadership.

Thanks to President Biden's Made In America strategy, the United States has created hundreds of thousands of new manufacturing jobs and businesses are investing in new manufacturing lines across the country. The CHIPS and Science Act makes smart investments in manufacturing and research to build on this historic progress and set America up to win the economic competition for the 21st century.

## Took historic action to address the gun violence epidemic

President Biden brought together
Democrats and Republicans to pass
the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act,
breaking a 30-year streak of federal
inaction on gun violence legislation. The
legislation took important steps, including
requiring people under 21 to undergo
enhanced background checks, closing
the "boyfriend loophole," and providing
funding to address youth mental health.

President Biden has moved decisively to combat gun violence – issuing dozens of executive orders and signing the **most significant** gun violence reduction legislation to pass Congress in 30 years.

President Biden has launched a wholeof-government approach to make our communities safer and issued more executive orders to reduce gun violence in his first year than any other President at the same point in their administration. In July of 2022, Steve Dettelbach, President Biden's nominee for director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, became the first Senateconfirmed director of the agency in more than 7 years.

Early on in his administration, President Biden took on the gun lobby to rein in the proliferation of ghost guns. The Biden administration acted to ban the manufacture of ghost gun kits and make it illegal to sell ghost guns without a background check.

## Restored American leadership on the world stage

Under the previous administration, confidence in U.S. leadership around the world plummeted to historic lows. Since taking office, President Biden has worked to revitalize our alliances and restore America's position of leadership on the global stage.

When Russia launched an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, President Biden rallied our allies across the globe to ensure Vladimir Putin pays a steep economic price for his unjustified war of aggression.

Thanks to President Biden's leadership, international confidence in the United States has sharply increased. America is back, and our alliances are stronger than ever.

#### **Ended America's longest war**

After more than 20 years of conflict spanning three previous administrations, President Biden acted decisively to bring our troops home from Afghanistan. Resolute in his commitment not to send another generation of America's daughters and sons to fight in Afghanistan, President Biden ended our nation's longest war.

President Biden promised that we'd continue to conduct effective counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan without American troops on the ground. In August of 2022, the United States successfully carried out an airstrike in Kabul, Afghanistan, that killed Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was a key architect behind the 9/11 attacks and Osama bin Laden's successor as head of Al Qaeda.

In acting to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan, President Biden ended an era of major military operations to remake other countries and refocused our national security efforts on the threats of today – not the threats of 2001.

#### Took action to address genderbased violence

In 1994, then-Senator Biden authored the Violence Against Women Act which provided legal protection against domestic violence and sexual assault for 28 years until it was allowed to expire under the Trump administration.

As President, Joe Biden broke through two years of Republican obstruction and signed legislation in March 2022 to reauthorize and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act.

Thanks to President Biden's leadership, the Violence Against Women Act is now reauthorized through 2027 and includes new provisions to expand legal services for survivors and support underserved communities.

President Biden also signed historic legislation ending forced arbitration of sexual assault and sexual harassment, protecting survivors and making it safer to report harassment in the workplace.

#### Passed the American Rescue Plan

President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act into law, an unprecedented \$1.9 trillion package that helped combat COVID-19 and supercharge a historic economic recovery.

#### The American Rescue Plan:

Helped get over 500 million shots in arms, distribute millions of therapeutics, and dramatically expand testing capabilities. Over two-thirds of Americans are vaccinated against COVID-19 thanks to the American Rescue Plan.

Delivered needed relief to families by sending over 160 million checks to Americans, expanding food and rental assistance, and providing aid to thousands of small businesses. The expanded Child Tax Credit led to the largest-ever one-year decrease in childhood poverty in American history.

Safely reopened America's schools and made a historic investment to tackle learning loss and address mental health. Today, over 99% of schools are open for in-person learning. Before the ARP, only 46% of schools were open in-person.

#### Biggest year of job growth in American history

President Biden is leading America through a historic economic recovery. In 2021, the U.S. economy added over 6.5 million jobs – the greatest year of job growth under any President in history. At the same time, we saw the largest annual decline in unemployment ever recorded and the strongest year of GDP growth since 1984.

This didn't happen by accident and a rapid recovery was not guaranteed. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, unemployment has dropped below 4% years ahead of predictions and our economy has recovered faster than other major global economies. President Biden is leading our country's historic recovery by investing to rebuild the economy from the bottom up and the middle out, not the top down.

#### Took action to combat COVID-19

The Biden-Harris Administration successfully mobilized the largest free vaccination program in the history of the United States, dramatically increased the national supply of tests, and expedited the development of life-saving COVID-19 treatments.

Before President Biden took office, there was no comprehensive plan to get Americans vaccinated. President Biden got to work immediately on a national effort to get shots in arms. Funding from the American Rescue Plan helped vaccinate over 200 million Americans and administer over 500 million shots.

## Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration, over three-quarters of American adults are fully vaccinated, up from less than 1% before President Biden took office.

President Biden took action to drastically increase the number of free testing sites around the country and secure millions of rapid, at-home tests. The Administration launched COVIDtests.gov so Americans could order tests to be shipped directly to their homes for free.

At the same time, the President expedited the development of numerous, effective COVID-19 treatments including life-saving antiviral pills. In total, the Administration secured 20 million courses of antiviral pills that have been shown to reduce the risk of hospitalization or death by 89%.

## Passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Thanks to President Biden, we're done talking about infrastructure week. Now, we're building about an infrastructure decade.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a once-in-ageneration, transformational investment that will help create thousands of jobs and set America up to win the 21st century. The law provides billions in funding to repair bridges and roads, begin replacing every lead pipe in America, upgrade our ports and airports, and expand broadband access to all. It also includes the largest federal investment in public transit ever and the biggest investment in Amtrak since its creation.

## In 2022 alone, repairs will begin on 65,000 miles of roads and 1,500 bridges.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will rebuild America's critical infrastructure, create hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs, and increase our competitiveness for years to come.

## Took action to combat the climate crisis and reduce emissions

President Biden has made combatting the climate crisis a top priority. In the first days of his Administration, President Biden rejoined the Paris Climate Accords and committed to cutting U.S. emissions to half of 2005 levels by 2030.

As part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure law, the Biden-Harris Administration is making the largest investment in clean energy transmission ever. In addition, the law allocated billions to clean up abandoned mines and oil wells, fund research of next-generation clean energy technologies, build zero-emission public transit, and create a national network of EV charging stations.

President Biden also secured the largest investment in climate resilience in American history. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests billions to protect Americans from droughts, fires, and floods while moving America closer to our climate goals.

### Expanded health care to millions of Americans

After four years of endless attempts to strip health care from millions of Americans under the previous Administration, President Biden took action to strengthen the Affordable Care Act by expanding eligibility and extending the open enrollment period.

As a result, President Biden has brought down costs and expanded health care access for millions of Americans. Thanks to tax credits in the American Rescue Plan, a record 14.5 million Americans signed up for coverage for this year through the ACA, **including 5.8 million new customers**. At the same time, President Biden's American Rescue Plan made quality coverage more affordable than ever, with millions of families on ACA plans saving an average of \$2,400 yearly on their premiums.

In addition, President Biden took action to end the practice of surprise medical billing. By strengthening consumer protection rules and expanding price transparency, the Biden Administration protected millions of Americans from unexpected health care costs.

## Nominated and confirmed historic judicial nominees

The President delivered on his promise to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court when he nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. Judge Jackson will be the first Black woman and public defender to serve on the Supreme Court.

President Biden is working to shape a federal judicial system that fully represents America's diversity. Of the judges confirmed in the President's first year, 80% were women and 53% were people of color.

Overall, more than 50 of President Biden's circuit and district court nominees have been confirmed by the Senate – far outpacing recent previous administrations. In his first year alone, 40 of President Biden's circuit and district court nominees were confirmed by the Senate – the most in any President's first year since Ronald Reagan.

## Took big steps toward a future made in America

Since President Biden took office, he has been relentlessly focused on revitalizing American manufacturing.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law made investments to strengthen our supply chains and encourage companies to bring good-paying manufacturing jobs back home. Among other measures, the President strengthened Buy American rules to make sure more of what we buy in America is made in America. These critical steps towards a future made in America will lower costs at home and set us up to win the 21st century.

President Biden's Made in America strategy resulted in the largest yearly increase in U.S. manufacturing jobs in nearly 30 years.

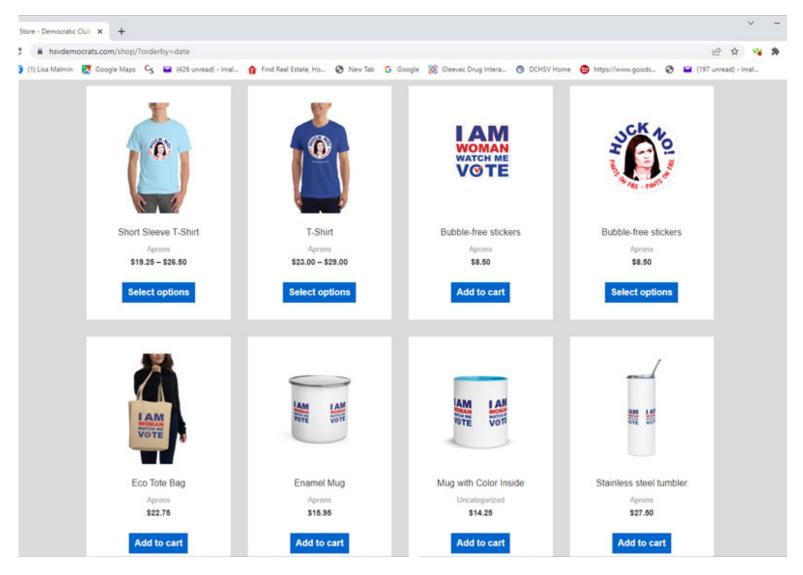


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