

Creating more jobs. Securing higher wages. Saving consumers money. Expanding affordable healthcare. Investing in public schools. Slashing student debt. Strengthening college and career training education pipelines. Building pathways to the Middle Class. Rebuilding the American Dream for all.

BIDEN-HARRIS: Delivering Real Solutions for OREGON

The Biden-Harris administration is an all-in partner in our efforts to find real solutions for better lives for our members and the communities we serve in Oregon. Joe Biden is the most pro-working family, pro-labor president since FDR. Working together, we made this possible, but there is still work to be done.

Supporting Affordable, Accessible High-Quality Healthcare

- **Lowered Prescription Drug Costs:** Signed the Inflation Reduction Act, which for the first time forces wealthy pharmaceutical companies to negotiate prescription drug prices for many **common** medications our seniors need, from capping insulin at \$35 to reining in prices on medicines to treat conditions including heart failure, blood cancers, kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease. Breaking the Big Pharma pricing stranglehold will save 224,000 people in our state an average of \$388 per year on prescription drug costs.
- **Increased Healthcare Coverage:** Continued the implementation of the Affordable Care Act—including its **provisions** that allow young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26 and forbidding insurance companies from discriminating against sick people and people with pre-existing conditions—causing the uninsured rate in Oregon to decrease by 8.6 percentage points.
- **Won an Unprecedented Investment in Mental Health Care Funding for Children and Families:** Through the Bipartisan **Safer Communities Act**, made a groundbreaking **\$2 billion** investment in funding for mental health services for children and families, including community mental health services, suicide prevention, trauma recovery services, and substance abuse recovery services. Oregon received an additional \$1.5 million to address the mental health crisis and promote mental health.

Investing in Public Education

- **Helped Our Schools Reopen Safely:** Oregon received \$1.1 billion from the American Rescue Plan to help our early childhood and K-12 schools address learning loss, implement COVID-19 safety measures, start solving teacher and school staff shortages, provide mental health services for students suffering from trauma, and make our schools safe and welcoming places.
- **Provided Oregon Colleges and Universities \$415 million to fund direct financial relief for students, continue to employ higher education faculty and staff during the pandemic, and support student learning to help students graduate.**

Making Higher Education More Affordable and Easing the Burden of Crushing Student Debt

- **Provided Student Debt Relief:** Fixed the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, allowing more than 12,650 Oregon public service workers (including teachers, nurses and government workers) to receive more than \$828 million in student loan relief.
- **Repaired Income-Driven Repayment:** More than 13,140 Oregon borrowers will receive \$639 million in student debt relief through Biden's fixes to income-driven repayment plans.

Strengthening Our State's Economy and Creating Jobs

- **Provided State and Local Aid for Economic Recovery:** Awarded more than \$2.2 billion in aid for Oregon through the American Rescue Plan.

The AFT is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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- **Secured Infrastructure Funding:** Announced \$2.4 billion for roads, bridges, roadway safety and other major infrastructure projects in Oregon.
- **Spread Access to Broadband:** Provided Oregon \$689 million to expand access to broadband and high-speed internet, especially in rural areas.
- **Strengthened Real Wage Growth:** Most workers' wages grew more quickly than prices as the country experienced a historically strong economic recovery from the COVID-19 recession.
- **Reduced Unemployment:** Created more than 15 million jobs nationally, growing the economy by nearly 6 percent—the fastest rate since 1984—taking the unemployment rate down to a 50-year low.