

# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN ALABAMA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Alabama.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 41,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Alabama, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$19,655,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$20,990,000 in vocational education funding for Alabama. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$157 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 447,397 veterans in Alabama, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 12,754 veterans in Alabama. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,878 cops on the street in Alabama, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$17,689,000 from homeland security formula grants in Alabama, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,931,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 47,000 in Alabama, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 44,250 children in Alabama will go without promised help in reading and math and 26,750 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 97,048 students in Alabama, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$66,591,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$714,000 in Alabama. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$4,027,000 in Alabama. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Alabama this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Alabama saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,224. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,404 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Alabama, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Alabama. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 856,990 people receiving Social Security benefits in Alabama would drop to \$366 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN ALASKA

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**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 2,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Alaska, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$9,913,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$4,213,000 in vocational education funding for Alaska. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$59 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 71,552 veterans in Alaska, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,090 veterans in Alaska. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 324 cops on the street in Alaska, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,369,000 from homeland security formula grants in Alaska, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$868,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 5,000 in Alaska, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 8,621 children in Alaska will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 4,568 students in Alaska, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$7,701,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$322,000 in Alaska. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,155,000 in Alaska. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Alaska this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Alaska saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,181. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 4,165 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Alaska, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Alaska. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 58,980 people receiving Social Security benefits in Alaska would drop to \$377 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN ARIZONA

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**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 38,600 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Arizona, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$21,820,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$24,269,000 in vocational education funding for Arizona. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$171 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 562,916 veterans in Arizona, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 10,691 veterans in Arizona. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,704 cops on the street in Arizona, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$20,022,000 from homeland security formula grants in Arizona, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,198,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 82,000 in Arizona, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 56,433 children in Arizona will go without promised help in reading and math and 33,814 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 124,224 students in Arizona, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$65,390,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$319,000 in Arizona. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,432,000 in Arizona. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Arizona this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Arizona saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,549. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 3,822 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Arizona, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Arizona. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 834,520 people receiving Social Security benefits in Arizona would drop to \$394 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN ARKANSAS

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**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 33,600 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Arkansas, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$10,398,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$12,807,000 in vocational education funding for Arkansas. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$98 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 281,714 veterans in Arkansas, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 4,451 veterans in Arkansas. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,314 cops on the street in Arkansas, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$13,855,000 from homeland security formula grants in Arkansas, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,440,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 86,000 in Arkansas, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 28,039 children in Arkansas will go without promised help in reading and math and 16,907 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 54,398 students in Arkansas, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$39,150,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$548,000 in Arkansas. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,356,000 in Arkansas. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Arkansas this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Arkansas saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,312. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 3,215 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Arkansas, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Arkansas. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 528,840 people receiving Social Security benefits in Arkansas would drop to \$357 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.





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**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 343,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in California, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$12,490,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$128,392,000 in vocational education funding for California. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$1,532 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 2,569,340 veterans in California, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 38,114 veterans in California. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 15,801 cops on the street in California, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$84,614,000 from homeland security formula grants in California, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$11,080,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 200,000 in California, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 420,086 children in California will go without promised help in reading and math and 242,610 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 528,609 students in California, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$582,867,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$3,829,000 in California. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$25,754,000 in California. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in California this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in California saw their share of the national debt increase by \$39,010. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 19,023 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from California, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in California. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 4,304,080 people receiving Social Security benefits in California would drop to \$393 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



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**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 35,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Colorado, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$16,557,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$16,081,000 in vocational education funding for Colorado. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$126 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 446,385 veterans in Colorado, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 10,813 veterans in Colorado. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,289 cops on the street in Colorado, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$17,797,000 from homeland security formula grants in Colorado, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,937,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 152,000 in Colorado, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 27,635 children in Colorado will go without promised help in reading and math and 16,538 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 65,070 students in Colorado, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$48,064,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,343,000 in Colorado. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,880,000 in Colorado. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Colorado this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Colorado saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,339. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,167 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Colorado, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Colorado. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 549,870 people receiving Social Security benefits in Colorado would drop to \$379 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN CONNECTICUT

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Connecticut.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 37,300 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Connecticut, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$11,009,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$9,984,000 in vocational education funding for Connecticut. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$130 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 310,069 veterans in Connecticut, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 1,166 veterans in Connecticut. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,311 cops on the street in Connecticut, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$15,491,000 from homeland security formula grants in Connecticut, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,649,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 27,000 in Connecticut, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 20,864 children in Connecticut will go without promised help in reading and math and 13,585 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 31,832 students in Connecticut, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$54,268,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,754,000 in Connecticut. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$4,411,000 in Connecticut. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Connecticut this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Connecticut saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,017. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,546 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Connecticut, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Connecticut. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 581,160 people receiving Social Security benefits in Connecticut would drop to \$426 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN DELAWARE

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Delaware.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 2,700 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Delaware, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$3,039,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$4,824,000 in vocational education funding for Delaware. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$30 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 84,289 veterans in Delaware, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 451 veterans in Delaware. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 465 cops on the street in Delaware, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,733,000 from homeland security formula grants in Delaware, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$913,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 19,000 in Delaware, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 8,759 children in Delaware will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 9,141 students in Delaware, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$11,414,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$233,000 in Delaware. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in Delaware. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Delaware this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Delaware saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,907. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 174 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Delaware, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Delaware. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 140,960 people receiving Social Security benefits in Delaware would drop to \$407 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in the District of Columbia.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 1,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in District of Columbia, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$4,802,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$4,213,000 in vocational education funding for District of Columbia. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$51 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 44,484 veterans in the District, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 1,488 veterans in the District. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 819 cops on the street in District of Columbia, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,184,000 from homeland security formula grants in District of Columbia, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,538,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 12,854 children in District of Columbia will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 14,594 students in District of Columbia, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$31,716,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$272,000 in District of Columbia. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in District of Columbia. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in District of Columbia this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in District of Columbia saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,436. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 513 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from District of Columbia, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in District of Columbia. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 73,280 people receiving Social Security benefits in District of Columbia would drop to \$328 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN FLORIDA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Florida.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 65,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Florida, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$30,439,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$61,649,000 in vocational education funding for Florida. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$487 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 1,875,597 veterans in Florida, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 41,876 veterans in Florida. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 7,473 cops on the street in Florida, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$44,728,000 from homeland security formula grants in Florida, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$5,316,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 242,000 in Florida, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 154,397 children in Florida will go without promised help in reading and math and 84,897 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 272,633 students in Florida, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$197,654,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,137,000 in Florida. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$12,155,000 in Florida. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Florida this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Florida saw their share of the national debt increase by \$35,300. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 20,369 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Florida, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Florida. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 3,278,010 people receiving Social Security benefits in Florida would drop to \$386 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN GEORGIA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Georgia.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 75,200 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Georgia, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$28,821,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$35,891,000 in vocational education funding for Georgia. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$313 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 768,675 veterans in Georgia, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 19,404 veterans in Georgia. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,526 cops on the street in Georgia, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$26,726,000 from homeland security formula grants in Georgia, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$3,058,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 243,000 in Georgia, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 91,050 children in Georgia will go without promised help in reading and math and 55,022 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 142,844 students in Georgia, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$109,438,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$899,000 in Georgia. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$6,088,000 in Georgia. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Georgia this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Georgia saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,281. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 4,798 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Georgia, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Georgia. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,146,950 people receiving Social Security benefits in Georgia would drop to \$372 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.





# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN HAWAII

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Hawaii.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 1,200 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Hawaii, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$4,916,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$5,838,000 in vocational education funding for Hawaii. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$53 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 120,587 veterans in Hawaii, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,997 veterans in Hawaii. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 522 cops on the street in Hawaii, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$10,684,000 from homeland security formula grants in Hawaii, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,034,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 14,000 in Hawaii, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 11,820 children in Hawaii will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 12,431 students in Hawaii, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$20,397,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$91,000 in Hawaii. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,789,000 in Hawaii. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Hawaii this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Hawaii saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,042. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,107 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Hawaii, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Hawaii. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 193,220 people receiving Social Security benefits in Hawaii would drop to \$384 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN IDAHO

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Idaho.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 10,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Idaho, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$8,916,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$6,899,000 in vocational education funding for Idaho. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$45 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 136,584 veterans in Idaho, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,386 veterans in Idaho. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 405 cops on the street in Idaho, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$10,918,000 from homeland security formula grants in Idaho, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,062,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 54,000 in Idaho, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 10,249 children in Idaho will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 28,236 students in Idaho, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$16,676,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$515,000 in Idaho. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in Idaho. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Idaho this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Idaho saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,937. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,359 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Idaho, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Idaho. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 204,970 people receiving Social Security benefits in Idaho would drop to \$378 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN ILLINOIS

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Illinois.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 147,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Illinois, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$22,954,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$44,752,000 in vocational education funding for Illinois. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$447 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 1,003,572 veterans in Illinois, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 5,332 veterans in Illinois. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 5,854 cops on the street in Illinois, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$35,299,000 from homeland security formula grants in Illinois, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$4,868,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 114,000 in Illinois, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 120,726 children in Illinois will go without promised help in reading and math and 71,863 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 189,475 students in Illinois, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$226,152,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$4,855,000 in Illinois. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$16,286,000 in Illinois. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Illinois this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Illinois saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,405. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 990 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Illinois, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Illinois. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,862,070 people receiving Social Security benefits in Illinois would drop to \$408 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN INDIANA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Indiana.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 68,200 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Indiana, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$22,556,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$26,537,000 in vocational education funding for Indiana. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$181 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 590,476 veterans in Indiana, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 4,012 veterans in Indiana. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,592 cops on the street in Indiana, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$21,350,000 from homeland security formula grants in Indiana, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,396,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 179,000 in Indiana, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 42,876 children in Indiana will go without promised help in reading and math and 25,453 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 97,329 students in Indiana, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$87,335,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$2,198,000 in Indiana. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$8,678,000 in Indiana. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Indiana this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Indiana saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,837. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 8,724 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Indiana, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Indiana. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,012,160 people receiving Social Security benefits in Indiana would drop to \$407 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN IOWA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Iowa.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 27,600 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Iowa, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$9,242,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$13,029,000 in vocational education funding for Iowa. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$87 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 292,020 veterans in Iowa, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 1,534 veterans in Iowa. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 745 cops on the street in Iowa, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$14,326,000 from homeland security formula grants in Iowa, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,504,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 76,000 in Iowa, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 14,290 children in Iowa will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 58,868 students in Iowa, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$52,492,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,558,000 in Iowa. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$4,874,000 in Iowa. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Iowa this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Iowa saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,496. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 3,492 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Iowa, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Iowa. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 542,290 people receiving Social Security benefits in Iowa would drop to \$388 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN KANSAS

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Kansas.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 24,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Kansas, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$9,405,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$11,941,000 in vocational education funding for Kansas. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$85 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 267,452 veterans in Kansas, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 4,332 veterans in Kansas. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 897 cops on the street in Kansas, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$13,850,000 from homeland security formula grants in Kansas, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,442,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 5,000 in Kansas, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 16,899 children in Kansas will go without promised help in reading and math and 10,348 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 47,435 students in Kansas, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$36,174,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$715,000 in Kansas. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$3,250,000 in Kansas. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Kansas this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Kansas saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,381. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,229 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Kansas, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Kansas. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 441,780 people receiving Social Security benefits in Kansas would drop to \$297 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN KENTUCKY

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Kentucky.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 40,600 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Kentucky, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$17,340,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$18,766,000 in vocational education funding for Kentucky. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$148 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 380,618 veterans in Kentucky, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 5,271 veterans in Kentucky. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,401 cops on the street in Kentucky, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$16,862,000 from homeland security formula grants in Kentucky, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,823,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 29,000 in Kentucky, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 43,106 children in Kentucky will go without promised help in reading and math and 25,825 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 74,914 students in Kentucky, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$61,503,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,144,000 in Kentucky. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$4,583,000 in Kentucky. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Kentucky this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Kentucky saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,525. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,162 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Kentucky, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Kentucky. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 754,480 people receiving Social Security benefits in Kentucky would drop to \$364 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.





# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN LOUISIANA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Louisiana.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 23,700 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Louisiana, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$21,272,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$22,772,000 in vocational education funding for Louisiana. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$176 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 392,486 veterans in Louisiana, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 5,171 veterans in Louisiana. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,099 cops on the street in Louisiana, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$17,679,000 from homeland security formula grants in Louisiana, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,931,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 123,000 in Louisiana, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 66,567 children in Louisiana will go without promised help in reading and math and 38,611 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 88,012 students in Louisiana, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$84,162,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$735,000 in Louisiana. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$3,959,000 in Louisiana. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Louisiana this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Louisiana saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,669. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 6,039 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Louisiana, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Louisiana. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 725,200 people receiving Social Security benefits in Louisiana would drop to \$362 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MAINE

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Maine.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 18,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Maine, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$5,299,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$5,838,000 in vocational education funding for Maine. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$44 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 154,590 veterans in Maine, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,038 veterans in Maine. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 390 cops on the street in Maine, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$10,788,000 from homeland security formula grants in Maine, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,049,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 11,005 children in Maine will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 17,626 students in Maine, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$25,334,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,095,000 in Maine. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,787,000 in Maine. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Maine this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Maine saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,740. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,492 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Maine, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Maine. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 258,140 people receiving Social Security benefits in Maine would drop to \$357 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MARYLAND

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Maryland.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 27,900 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Maryland, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$19,704,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$17,348,000 in vocational education funding for Maryland. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$175 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 524,230 veterans in Maryland, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 8,312 veterans in Maryland. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,519 cops on the street in Maryland, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$19,866,000 from homeland security formula grants in Maryland, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,201,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 215,000 in Maryland, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 39,722 children in Maryland will go without promised help in reading and math and 23,491 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 63,360 students in Maryland, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$71,455,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,343,000 in Maryland. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$8,709,000 in Maryland. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Maryland this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Maryland saw their share of the national debt increase by \$40,133. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,604 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Maryland, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Maryland. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 743,760 people receiving Social Security benefits in Maryland would drop to \$391 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Massachusetts.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 86,300 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Massachusetts, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$22,761,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$18,810,000 in vocational education funding for Massachusetts. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$254 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 558,933 veterans in Massachusetts, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 3,065 veterans in Massachusetts. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 3,031 cops on the street in Massachusetts, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$21,863,000 from homeland security formula grants in Massachusetts, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,470,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 133,000 in Massachusetts, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 46,499 children in Massachusetts will go without promised help in reading and math and 29,636 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 73,104 students in Massachusetts, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$138,658,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$3,507,000 in Massachusetts. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$12,226,000 in Massachusetts. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Massachusetts this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Massachusetts saw their share of the national debt increase by \$39,016. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,294 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Massachusetts, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Massachusetts. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,062,670 people receiving Social Security benefits in Massachusetts would drop to \$391 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MICHIGAN

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Michigan.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 147,700 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Michigan, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$19,401,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$40,028,000 in vocational education funding for Michigan. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$332 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 913,573 veterans in Michigan, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 3,917 veterans in Michigan. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 3,371 cops on the street in Michigan, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$29,740,000 from homeland security formula grants in Michigan, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$3,473,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 179,000 in Michigan, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 96,834 children in Michigan will go without promised help in reading and math and 57,418 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 153,035 students in Michigan, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$171,059,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$4,580,000 in Michigan. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$15,483,000 in Michigan. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Michigan this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Michigan saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,345. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 5,601 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Michigan, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Michigan. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,677,280 people receiving Social Security benefits in Michigan would drop to \$417 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MINNESOTA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Minnesota.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 46,100 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Minnesota, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$17,674,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$18,525,000 in vocational education funding for Minnesota. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$151 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 464,968 veterans in Minnesota, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,534 veterans in Minnesota. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,424 cops on the street in Minnesota, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$18,895,000 from homeland security formula grants in Minnesota, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,083,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 45,000 in Minnesota, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 20,049 children in Minnesota will go without promised help in reading and math and 13,662 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 72,143 students in Minnesota, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$71,972,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$3,320,000 in Minnesota. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$6,619,000 in Minnesota. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Minnesota this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Minnesota saw their share of the national debt increase by \$39,519. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,531 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Minnesota, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Minnesota. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 755,250 people receiving Social Security benefits in Minnesota would drop to \$385 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MISSISSIPPI

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Mississippi.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 32,900 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Mississippi, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$13,809,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$14,456,000 in vocational education funding for Mississippi. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$114 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 249,431 veterans in Mississippi, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 4,740 veterans in Mississippi. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,722 cops on the street in Mississippi, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$14,191,000 from homeland security formula grants in Mississippi, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,484,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 131,000 in Mississippi, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 37,374 children in Mississippi will go without promised help in reading and math and 22,689 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 70,440 students in Mississippi, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$49,022,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$615,000 in Mississippi. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$3,244,000 in Mississippi. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Mississippi this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Mississippi saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,882. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 4,544 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Mississippi, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Mississippi. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 531,390 people receiving Social Security benefits in Mississippi would drop to \$351 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.





# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MISSOURI

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Missouri.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 41,900 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Missouri, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$22,455,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$24,059,000 in vocational education funding for Missouri. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$184 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 592,271 veterans in Missouri, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 6,406 veterans in Missouri. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,305 cops on the street in Missouri, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$20,289,000 from homeland security formula grants in Missouri, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,261,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 96,000 in Missouri, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 40,890 children in Missouri will go without promised help in reading and math and 26,349 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 91,673 students in Missouri, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$87,473,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,939,000 in Missouri. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$9,982,000 in Missouri. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Missouri this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Missouri saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,389. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,155 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Missouri, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Missouri. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,021,950 people receiving Social Security benefits in Missouri would drop to \$382 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN MONTANA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Montana.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 3,200 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Montana, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$6,870,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$5,527,000 in vocational education funding for Montana. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$43 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 108,476 veterans in Montana, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 1,786 veterans in Montana. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 395 cops on the street in Montana, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,949,000 from homeland security formula grants in Montana, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$942,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 27,000 in Montana, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 10,268 children in Montana will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 17,522 students in Montana, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$13,323,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$522,000 in Montana. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in Montana. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Montana this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Montana saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,467. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,254 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Montana, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Montana. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 161,580 people receiving Social Security benefits in Montana would drop to \$373 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NEBRASKA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Nebraska.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 11,900 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Nebraska, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$8,050,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$7,508,000 in vocational education funding for Nebraska. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$59 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 173,189 veterans in Nebraska, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,902 veterans in Nebraska. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 705 cops on the street in Nebraska, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$11,724,000 from homeland security formula grants in Nebraska, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,169,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 41,000 in Nebraska, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 11,670 children in Nebraska will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 28,773 students in Nebraska, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$25,885,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$770,000 in Nebraska. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,842,000 in Nebraska. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Nebraska this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Nebraska saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,413. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 7,262 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Nebraska, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Nebraska. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 287,040 people receiving Social Security benefits in Nebraska would drop to \$382 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NEVADA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Nevada.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 2.7 million manufacturing jobs have been lost nationwide, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$9,140,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$7,946,000 in vocational education funding for Nevada. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$63 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 238,128 veterans in Nevada, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 5,344 veterans in Nevada. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 436 cops on the street in Nevada, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$12,808,000 from homeland security formula grants in Nevada, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,291,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 82,000 in Nevada, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 16,922 children in Nevada will go without promised help in reading and math and 9,428 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 16,881 students in Nevada, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$28,654,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$163,000 in Nevada. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in Nevada. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Nevada this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Nevada saw their share of the national debt increase by \$35,824. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 757 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Nevada, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Nevada. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 314,120 people receiving Social Security benefits in Nevada would drop to \$391 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in New Hampshire.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 26,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in New Hampshire, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$4,340,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$5,838,000 in vocational education funding for New Hampshire. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$38 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 139,038 veterans in New Hampshire, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 1,954 veterans in New Hampshire. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 525 cops on the street in New Hampshire, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$10,749,000 from homeland security formula grants in New Hampshire, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,043,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 28,000 in New Hampshire, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would

ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 8,043 children in New Hampshire will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 13,111 students in New Hampshire, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$17,988,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$664,000 in New Hampshire. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$3,599,000 in New Hampshire. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in New Hampshire this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in New Hampshire saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,830. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,980 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from New Hampshire, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in New Hampshire. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 207,860 people receiving Social Security benefits in New Hampshire would drop to \$396 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NEW JERSEY

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in New Jersey.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 73,900 manufacturing jobs have been lost in New Jersey, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$33,675,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$24,396,000 in vocational education funding for New Jersey. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$299 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 672,217 veterans in New Jersey, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 3,006 veterans in New Jersey. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 4,806 cops on the street in New Jersey, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$26,626,000 from homeland security formula grants in New Jersey, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$3,067,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 180,000 in New Jersey, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 53,152 children in New Jersey will go without promised help in reading and math and 34,744 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 95,037 students in New Jersey, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$139,189,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$3,249,000 in New Jersey. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$14,715,000 in New Jersey. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in New Jersey this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in New Jersey saw their share of the national debt increase by \$40,092. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,663 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from New Jersey, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in New Jersey. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,363,370 people receiving Social Security benefits in New Jersey would drop to \$429 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NEW MEXICO

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in New Mexico.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 6,200 manufacturing jobs have been lost in New Mexico, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$9,851,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$9,326,000 in vocational education funding for New Mexico. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$82 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 190,718 veterans in New Mexico, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 4,409 veterans in New Mexico. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 780 cops on the street in New Mexico, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$12,016,000 from homeland security formula grants in New Mexico, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,203,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 26,036 children in New Mexico will go without promised help in reading and math and 15,021 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 38,774 students in New Mexico, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$26,861,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$403,000 in New Mexico. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in New Mexico. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in New Mexico this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in New Mexico saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,774. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 4,233 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from New Mexico, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in New Mexico. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 289,570 people receiving Social Security benefits in New Mexico would drop to \$363 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.





# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NEW YORK

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in New York.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 152,700 manufacturing jobs have been lost in New York, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$9,335,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$59,405,000 in vocational education funding for New York. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$946 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 1,361,164 veterans in New York, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 5,006 veterans in New York. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 11,927 cops on the street in New York, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$49,418,000 from homeland security formula grants in New York, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$6,683,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 296,648 children in New York will go without promised help in reading and math and 166,362 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 358,375 students in New York, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$448,724,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$10,617,000 in New York. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$39,746,000 in New York. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in New York this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in New York saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,870. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,346 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from New York, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in New York. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 3,024,130 people receiving Social Security benefits in New York would drop to \$413 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in North Carolina.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 169,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in North Carolina, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$13,880,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$34,404,000 in vocational education funding for North Carolina. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$259 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 792,646 veterans in North Carolina, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 16,657 veterans in North Carolina. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,934 cops on the street in North Carolina, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$26,127,000 from homeland security formula grants in North Carolina, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,992,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 340,000 in North Carolina, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would

ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 66,631 children in North Carolina will go without promised help in reading and math and 40,045 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 127,863 students in North Carolina, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$95,559,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,559,000 in North Carolina. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$6,499,000 in North Carolina. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in North Carolina this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in North Carolina saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,172. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,748 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from North Carolina, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in North Carolina. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,406,150 people receiving Social Security benefits in North Carolina would drop to \$374 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN NORTH DAKOTA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in North Dakota.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 1,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in North Dakota, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$6,463,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$4,213,000 in vocational education funding for North Dakota. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$35 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 61,365 veterans in North Dakota, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 938 veterans in North Dakota. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 272 cops on the street in North Dakota, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,336,000 from homeland security formula grants in North Dakota, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$866,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 8,179 children in North Dakota will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 14,686 students in North Dakota, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$10,209,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$542,000 in North Dakota. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in North Dakota. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in North Dakota this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in North Dakota saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,181. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 11,240 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from North Dakota, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in North Dakota. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 113,960 people receiving Social Security benefits in North Dakota would drop to \$364 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN OHIO

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Ohio.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 176,200 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Ohio, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$24,684,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$46,578,000 in vocational education funding for Ohio. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$385 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 1,144,007 veterans in Ohio, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 7,368 veterans in Ohio. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 3,757 cops on the street in Ohio, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$32,669,000 from homeland security formula grants in Ohio, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$3,852,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 114,000 in Ohio, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 82,594 children in Ohio will go without promised help in reading and math and 51,053 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 177,447 students in Ohio, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$205,734,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$4,295,000 in Ohio. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$20,272,000 in Ohio. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Ohio this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Ohio saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,563. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 6,887 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Ohio, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Ohio. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,929,680 people receiving Social Security benefits in Ohio would drop to \$396 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN OKLAHOMA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Oklahoma.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 32,500 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Oklahoma, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$11,216,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$16,902,000 in vocational education funding for Oklahoma. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$126 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 376,062 veterans in Oklahoma, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 7,157 veterans in Oklahoma. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,059 cops on the street in Oklahoma, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$15,552,000 from homeland security formula grants in Oklahoma, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,657,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 60,000 in Oklahoma, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 31,310 children in Oklahoma will go without promised help in reading and math and 18,874 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 71,389 students in Oklahoma, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$41,724,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$603,000 in Oklahoma. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,909,000 in Oklahoma. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Oklahoma this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Oklahoma saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,784. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,539 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Oklahoma, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Oklahoma. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 605,840 people receiving Social Security benefits in Oklahoma would drop to \$371 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN OREGON

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Oregon.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 23,300 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Oregon, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$20,064,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$14,513,000 in vocational education funding for Oregon. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$117 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 388,990 veterans in Oregon, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 3,404 veterans in Oregon. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,035 cops on the street in Oregon, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$15,656,000 from homeland security formula grants in Oregon, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,666,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 180,000 in Oregon, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 28,013 children in Oregon will go without promised help in reading and math and 16,733 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 56,914 students in Oregon, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$45,743,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,023,000 in Oregon. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$4,068,000 in Oregon. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Oregon this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Oregon saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,272. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,857 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Oregon, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Oregon. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 587,580 people receiving Social Security benefits in Oregon would drop to \$393 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Pennsylvania.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 166,700 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Pennsylvania, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also cuts \$45,899,000 in vocational education funding for Pennsylvania. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$455 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 1,280,788 veterans in Pennsylvania, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 6,638 veterans in Pennsylvania. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 3,561 cops on the street in Pennsylvania, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$34,677,000 from homeland security formula grants in Pennsylvania, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$4,107,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 337,000 in Pennsylvania, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 107,337 children in Pennsylvania will go without promised help in reading and math and 64,192 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 170,701 students in Pennsylvania, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$275,733,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$5,712,000 in Pennsylvania. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$14,264,000 in Pennsylvania. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Pennsylvania this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Pennsylvania saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,688. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 8,692 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Pennsylvania, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Pennsylvania. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 2,376,520 people receiving Social Security benefits in Pennsylvania would drop to \$400 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.





# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN RHODE ISLAND

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Rhode Island.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 14,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Rhode Island, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$3,768,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$5,838,000 in vocational education funding for Rhode Island. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$45 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 102,494 veterans in Rhode Island, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 810 veterans in Rhode Island. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 396 cops on the street in Rhode Island, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$10,292,000 from homeland security formula grants in Rhode Island, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$986,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 31,000 in Rhode Island, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 10,854 children in Rhode Island will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 20,211 students in Rhode Island, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$22,706,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$576,000 in Rhode Island. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$2,418,000 in Rhode Island. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Rhode Island this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Rhode Island saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,647. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 649 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Rhode Island, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Rhode Island. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 191,490 people receiving Social Security benefits in Rhode Island would drop to \$388 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in South Carolina.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 58,500 manufacturing jobs have been lost in South Carolina, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$17,662,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$19,100,000 in vocational education funding for South Carolina. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$126 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 420,971 veterans in South Carolina, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 10,415 veterans in South Carolina. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,119 cops on the street in South Carolina, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$16,925,000 from homeland security formula grants in South Carolina, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,827,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 104,000 in South Carolina, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would

ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 41,125 children in South Carolina will go without promised help in reading and math and 24,650 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 72,834 students in South Carolina, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$52,903,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$571,000 in South Carolina. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$3,689,000 in South Carolina. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in South Carolina this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in South Carolina saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,962. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 4,330 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from South Carolina, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in South Carolina. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 718,990 people receiving Social Security benefits in South Carolina would drop to \$374 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in South Dakota.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 5,400 manufacturing jobs have been lost in South Dakota, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$6,121,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$4,472,000 in vocational education funding for South Dakota. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$37 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 79,370 veterans in South Dakota, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 1,428 veterans in South Dakota. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 395 cops on the street in South Dakota, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,618,000 from homeland security formula grants in South Dakota, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$901,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 10,000 in South Dakota, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 9,882 children in South Dakota will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 16,461 students in South Dakota, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$11,876,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$446,000 in South Dakota. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in South Dakota. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in South Dakota this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in South Dakota saw their share of the national debt increase by \$35,729. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,592 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from South Dakota, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in South Dakota. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 137,630 people receiving Social Security benefits in South Dakota would drop to \$356 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN TENNESSEE

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Tennessee.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 58,700 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Tennessee, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also cuts \$24,401,000 in vocational education funding for Tennessee. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$190 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 560,141 veterans in Tennessee, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 9,523 veterans in Tennessee. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,351 cops on the street in Tennessee, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$20,585,000 from homeland security formula grants in Tennessee, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,295,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 163,000 in Tennessee, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 46,889 children in Tennessee will go without promised help in reading and math and 28,194 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 92,459 students in Tennessee, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$68,217,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,159,000 in Tennessee. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$5,231,000 in Tennessee. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Tennessee this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Tennessee saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,167. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 5,298 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Tennessee, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Tennessee. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,028,360 people receiving Social Security benefits in Tennessee would drop to \$373 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN TEXAS

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Texas.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 188,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Texas, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also cuts \$95,873,000 in vocational education funding for Texas. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$757 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 1,754,809 veterans in Texas, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 42,598 veterans in Texas. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 6,124 cops on the street in Texas, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$55,743,000 from homeland security formula grants in Texas, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$6,714,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 626,000 in Texas, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 272,271 children in Texas will go without promised help in reading and math and 162,110 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 355,653 students in Texas, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$316,122,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,892,000 in Texas. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$16,459,000 in Texas. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Texas this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Texas saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,536. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 29,370 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Texas, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Texas. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 2,730,970 people receiving Social Security benefits in Texas would drop to \$378 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN UTAH

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Utah.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 9,900 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Utah, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$12,243,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$13,162,000 in vocational education funding for Utah. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$71 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 161,351 veterans in Utah, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,271 veterans in Utah. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,001 cops on the street in Utah, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$13,046,000 from homeland security formula grants in Utah, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,333,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 17,000 in Utah, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 13,157 children in Utah will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 56,967 students in Utah, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$26,003,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$613,000 in Utah. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,897,000 in Utah. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Utah this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Utah saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,487. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 1,351 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Utah, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Utah. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 250,840 people receiving Social Security benefits in Utah would drop to \$391 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN VERMONT

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Vermont.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 10,400 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Vermont, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$3,304,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$4,213,000 in vocational education funding for Vermont. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$30 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 62,809 veterans in Vermont, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 461 veterans in Vermont. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 263 cops on the street in Vermont, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,304,000 from homeland security formula grants in Vermont, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$861,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 6,000 in Vermont, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 7,557 children in Vermont will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 8,620 students in Vermont, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$12,562,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$498,000 in Vermont. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in Vermont. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Vermont this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Vermont saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,546. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 6,268 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Vermont, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Vermont. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 106,860 people receiving Social Security benefits in Vermont would drop to \$383 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.





# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN VIRGINIA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Virginia.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 60,400 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Virginia, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also cuts \$26,472,000 in vocational education funding for Virginia. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$207 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 786,359 veterans in Virginia, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 25,620 veterans in Virginia. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,461 cops on the street in Virginia, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$23,922,000 from homeland security formula grants in Virginia, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,710,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 148,000 in Virginia, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 46,786 children in Virginia will go without promised help in reading and math and 29,678 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 91,501 students in Virginia, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$78,569,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,636,000 in Virginia. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$7,369,000 in Virginia. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Virginia this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Virginia saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,910. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 486 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Virginia, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Virginia. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 1,072,310 people receiving Social Security benefits in Virginia would drop to \$377 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN WASHINGTON

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Washington.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 64,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Washington, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also cuts \$22,627,000 in vocational education funding for Washington. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$201 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 670,628 veterans in Washington, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 17,414 veterans in Washington. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,982 cops on the street in Washington, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$21,211,000 from homeland security formula grants in Washington, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,371,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 152,000 in Washington, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 38,722 children in Washington will go without promised help in reading and math and 23,960 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 81,450 students in Washington, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$76,233,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$1,644,000 in Washington. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$6,262,000 in Washington. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Washington this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Washington saw their share of the national debt increase by \$36,587. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 9,267 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Washington, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Washington. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 874,040 people receiving Social Security benefits in Washington would drop to \$404 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN WEST VIRGINIA

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in West Virginia.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 11,200 manufacturing jobs have been lost in West Virginia, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$9,666,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$8,424,000 in vocational education funding for West Virginia. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$76 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 201,701 veterans in West Virginia, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 1,649 veterans in West Virginia. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 693 cops on the street in West Virginia, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$11,878,000 from homeland security formula grants in West Virginia, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,190,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 46,000 in West Virginia, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 23,475 children in West Virginia will go without promised help in reading and math and 14,120 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 34,732 students in West Virginia, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$35,082,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$757,000 in West Virginia. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$5,613,000 in West Virginia. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in West Virginia this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in West Virginia saw their share of the national debt increase by \$37,395. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,975 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from West Virginia, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in West Virginia. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 398,700 people receiving Social Security benefits in West Virginia would drop to \$383 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN WISCONSIN

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Wisconsin.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 66,600 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Wisconsin, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also cuts \$22,927,000 in vocational education funding for Wisconsin. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$165 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 514,213 veterans in Wisconsin, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 2,636 veterans in Wisconsin. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 1,353 cops on the street in Wisconsin, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$19,787,000 from homeland security formula grants in Wisconsin, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,198,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 187,000 in Wisconsin, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.



**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 36,408 children in Wisconsin will go without promised help in reading and math and 21,375 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 63,751 students in Wisconsin, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$81,900,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$2,989,000 in Wisconsin. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$9,735,000 in Wisconsin. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Wisconsin this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Wisconsin saw their share of the national debt increase by \$38,559. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 2,142 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Wisconsin, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Wisconsin. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 915,290 people receiving Social Security benefits in Wisconsin would drop to \$398 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.



# THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET: FISCALLY RECKLESS, MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR FAMILIES IN WYOMING

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Democrats believe that on every issue our nation faces, it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values we cherish and the promises we have made. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions to the deficit over the next 10 years. It is morally irresponsible, slashing funding and breaking promises on key homeland security, veterans' benefits, health care, and education programs. And the Bush Administration's failure to include details of its Social Security privatization proposal and the cost of the war in Iraq is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats are fighting to restore fiscal responsibility and are committed to upholding the key values that are the foundation of a strong and secure middle class: national security, prosperity, community, fairness, accountability and opportunity for families in Wyoming.

**Prosperity.** Over the past four years, 600 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Wyoming, but the Republican budget slashes funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 60 percent and eliminates the Advanced Technology Program. [BLS, 1/05; Budget of the US Government, 2/05]. It also eliminates \$4,838,000 in funding for job training and employment services, as well as \$4,213,000 in vocational education funding for Wyoming. [FFIS, 2/05] Although Republicans are proposing a new block grant program in these areas, it is unlikely that it will make up for the loss in funding. Under the Republican budget, states will see Federal funding drop by \$30 million, inevitably leading to reductions in services or increases in taxes. [CBPP, 2/05] Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies creating jobs here at home.

**Security – Veterans and Military.** The Republican budget raises health care costs for many of the 57,860 veterans in Wyoming, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans more than \$2 billion over five years and drive more than 200,000 veterans out of the system entirely. [www.va.gov/vetdata; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] The budget continues the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that undermines a secure retirement for 997 veterans in Wyoming. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] Democrats would provide *security* by maintaining a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, and by keeping our promises to those who have served.

**Security – Defending the Homeland.** The Republican budget slashes funding for the COPS program, which has put 137 cops on the street in Wyoming, by 96 percent. [DOJ, 10/19/04; Budget of the US Government, 2/05] It cuts \$9,050,000 from homeland security formula grants in Wyoming, which provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$828,000 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would provide *security* with new resources for our first responders and tighter security at our ports and borders.

**Fairness.** Five million people have lost their health insurance over the past four years, including 2,000 in Wyoming, but the Republican budget eliminates the \$83 million Healthy Communities Access Program and includes a proposal to expand high deductible insurance plans that would actually increase the number of people without insurance by 350,000. [CPS, 9/04; CBPP 2/10/04] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity for all, and eliminating tax loopholes so everyone pays their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Republicans have underfunded No Child Left Behind by \$39 billion over the past four years nationwide. Under the Republican budget, 7,959 children in Wyoming will go without promised help in reading and math and 8,812 will no longer be able to enroll in the after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. [CRS, 2/05] Pell Grants serve 8,129 students in Wyoming, but the budget fails to provide the promised \$1,000 increase in Pell Grant levels. [Federal Pell Grant End of Year Report, 2003-2004] Democrats will increase *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** The budget cuts \$8,053,000 in funding for housing, employment counseling, transitional assistance, and small business loans and cuts LIHEAP funding by \$240,000 in Wyoming. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$1,768,000 in Wyoming. [FFIS, 2/05] Democrats would support our *communities* by expanding affordable housing, lowering energy costs for seniors, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** The Republicans' reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a deficit of more than \$400 billion, creating a debt tax of \$2,400 for every family in Wyoming this year alone. [House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/05] During the President's first term, each family in Wyoming saw their share of the national debt increase by \$34,525. [CTJ 9/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations who break the law.

**A Test of Leadership – Iraq.** There are 822 men and women in uniform fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan from Wyoming, but the President's budget fails to include funding for America's military operations overseas. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 11/04] The Republican attempt to hide the cost of this war is a failure of leadership. Democrats are ready to provide everything our men and women in uniform need for a successful mission, but the American people deserve an honest accounting of the cost.

**A Test of Leadership – Social Security.** The Republican plan to privatize Social Security will affect every worker in Wyoming. If their plan were in place today, the guaranteed monthly benefit for the 79,190 people receiving Social Security benefits in Wyoming would drop to \$387 – a cut of almost 50 percent. [AFL-CIO, 2/05; NWLC 2/05] The fact that Republicans have failed to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult trade-offs between increases in the debt, benefit cuts, and tax increases necessary to fund the White House's privatization proposal is a clear failure of leadership. Democrats stand ready to address the challenges facing Social Security, but the President must put forward a proposal that is fiscally responsible, fair, and does not slash benefits.

