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SUBJECT: Messaging Memo on Biden's FY 2025 Budget

RSC Chairman Kevin Hern on the Biden Budget Disaster:

"Biden's budget is nothing more than a left-wing wish list filled with massive spending that will only exacerbate the \$34 trillion and counting in debt. The American taxpayers deserve a plan to protect them from a debt disaster. The Republican Study Committee is on track to produce yet another fiscally responsible budget that restores fiscal sanity for our current and future generations."

Fuel for the Inflation Fire:

Despite Biden's claims about not taxing anyone making less than \$400,000 a single penny, Bidenflation—induced by this Budget request—serves as a hidden tax on all Americans.

- For FY 2025, the Biden administration plans to increase federal spending by \$325 billion.
- Under Biden's plan, total spending over the next ten years will eclipse \$86 trillion.
- Americans will continue to have to pay higher prices for basic goods as Biden continues to devalue the dollar through increased spending.
- Biden's budget mentions inflation 63 times, but his runaway spending would only make inflation worse.

Fiscal Insanity:

Despite tax hikes, the Biden Budget only grows our national debt and annually increases spending—failing to balance.

- The Biden Budget fails to balance. Despite massive tax hikes under Biden's plan, his budget would accumulate \$16.3 trillion in total deficits.
- Annual spending is expected to increase from \$7.3 trillion in FY 2025 to \$10.3 trillion in FY 2034.

- Debt held by the public is projected to grow from \$29.9 trillion in 2025 to \$45.1 trillion in 2034.

\$4.9 trillion net tax hike on Americans:

Instead of curbing federal spending, the Biden Budget proposes tax increases as a way to justify increased spending.

- **Continues to grow the IRS:** The Biden Budget celebrates the Inflation Reduction Act's investment in addressing "long-standing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) funding deficiencies." It maintains FY 2023's funding level of \$12.3 billion for the agency, despite this recent \$80 billion investment.
- **More Taxes, Less Jobs:** The Biden Budget incorporates \$4.9 trillion net increase in taxes. Biden wants to impose \$2.2 trillion in taxes on corporations, which includes \$1.4 trillion in taxes on corporate income (increasing rates from 21% to 28%). This is devastating to economic growth and workers' wages and will eliminate [145,000 jobs](#) in the United States. The Biden Budget also imposes a \$137.2 billion tax on corporations by increasing the corporate alternative minimum tax from 15% to 21%, further incentivizing job-creating corporations to leave America and take their job opportunities and economic output with them.

Increased Income Taxes: 39.6 percent, nearly half an individual's income, for single filers making more than \$400,000 a year and married couples making more than \$450,000 per year. Biden's plan of 'tax the wealthy and expand government' doesn't magically make life better for the middle class. Cutting spending, balancing the budget, and reducing inflation does, not socialism and wealth redistribution.

Woke Agenda:

Biden continues to propose spending that caters to radical leftists and advances woke policies.

- Openly advocates for Congress to pass a law codifying abortion on demand up until the point of birth;
- Provides \$86 million to advance "equity" in housing;
- "Climate" is mentioned 148 times and "Equity" is mentioned 60 times;
- \$3 billion to advance gender equity and equality worldwide, including \$200 million for the Gender Equity and Equality Action Fund;

Biden Border Crisis:

Instead of using his existing authority to secure the border, Biden is asking for more spending instead of revising his open-borders policies.

- Doubles down on a \$11.8 billion supplemental spending request that would funnel money to NGOs to "process" migrants;

- Biden’s budget would spend nearly double its investment in border security (\$2.9 trillion) on DHS climate resilience (\$4.4 trillion), making it clear that climate is more important than boots on the ground;
- \$4.7 billion Southwest Border Contingency Fund, which could only be tapped into once illegal crossings surpass a certain threshold; and
- Biden’s budget does not provide a cent for border wall funding; fails to include important reforms like “Remain in Mexico”, and despite the crisis at our southern border it does not even mention the term “Illegal immigrant”.

Climate Alarmism:

The Biden Budget emphasizes that he is delivering “on the most ambitious climate agenda in history.”

- The Budget touts how this Administration is prioritizing reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. In order to achieve this goal, the Biden Budget requests:
 - \$7.5 billion to USDA for loan authority and guarantees to support clean energy;
 - \$23 million for 1,700 new American Climate Corps members, as well as \$8 billion in mandatory spending to hire 50,000 new ACC members by 2031;
 - \$10.6 billion in DOE climate and clean energy R&D;
 - \$142 million to deploy green energy on federal lands; and
 - \$11 billion for “international climate finance.”
- The Budget proposes eliminating fossil fuel tax deductions, such as repealing the expensing of intangible drilling costs and the credit for oil and natural gas produced from marginal wells.

Infringes on Americans’ Second Amendment Rights:

Biden’s Budget seeks to further regulate firearms and limit Americans’ access to them.

- \$17.7 billion for federal law enforcement to combat gun violence, of which includes \$2 billion for the ATF to investigate and prosecute gun crimes, as well as “increase regulation of the firearms industry;” and
- \$2.5 billion to the CDC to research community violence and \$60 million for gun violence research—all to advance gun control.

Biden’s Budget Would Cut Social Security:

Despite Biden’s claim to not cut Social Security, his budget would lead to an across the board for beneficiaries.

- **Failure to Act:** Once again, President Biden has no cogent plan to confront the upcoming insolvency of Social Security in 10 years, which results in 23% across the board cuts for beneficiaries.
- **More Taxes:** Biden vaguely mentions taxing people who have already paid into the system their entire lives with payroll taxes. Joe Biden loves taxes, not solutions.

- **Spend more Money:** In addition to failing to keep Social Security solvent, President Biden wants to increase the cost of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits, making the program even less sustainable.

For additional resources, you can review the House Budget Committee's summary of Biden's Budget [HERE](#).