

Forward, Not Back

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Since his inauguration, Democrats and President Biden have focused on improving your future. And they've delivered.

The [Safer Communities Act](#) is the most significant gun safety law in three decades. The [CHIPS Act](#) boosts American semi-conductor manufacturing, lowers costs, and protects against Chinese disruption. The [PACT Act](#) expands care for veterans exposed to burn-pits and Agent Orange. The [Inflation Reduction Act](#) lets Medicare negotiate drug prices, [saving billions](#). It [lowers the deficit, reduces inflation, creates jobs](#), and is the [largest investment addressing climate change in history](#).

Biden's national security agenda has made you safer. He killed 9/11's mastermind, [Ayman al-Zawahiri](#). He's bringing [Sweden and Finland](#) into NATO, strengthening NATO's response to [Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#) and making America more secure. The contrast with Trump, who threatened to withdraw from NATO, could not be starker.

The economy added 528,000 jobs in July. Biden's [American Rescue Plan](#) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law created [9.5 million jobs in his first 18 months](#), the [best start of any presidential term ever](#). They [recovered all jobs lost to COVID](#) and generated the [fastest and strongest manufacturing jobs recovery in American history](#). Unemployment fell to 3.5%, the [lowest in 50 years](#).

Gas prices have dropped for [59 consecutive days](#), down 20% since mid-June. July's Consumer Price Index showed [inflation cooling faster than expected](#).

Meanwhile, Trump watched [his own appointees](#) testify about his illegal attempt to overturn a fair election. When [ordered to appear for a deposition](#) in New York's fraud investigation of his business, Trump [took the fifth](#) over 440 times. The [FBI director Trump appointed](#) sent agents to search Mar-a-Lago for concealed classified documents.

Republicans responded with calls to [defund and destroy the FBI](#), and competed to prove their cult-like loyalty to Trump, a narcissist obsessed with his own past grievances.

You deserve representatives devoted to your future, not Trump's past. Elect Democrats Cheri Beasley, Charles Graham and Eric Terashima.

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