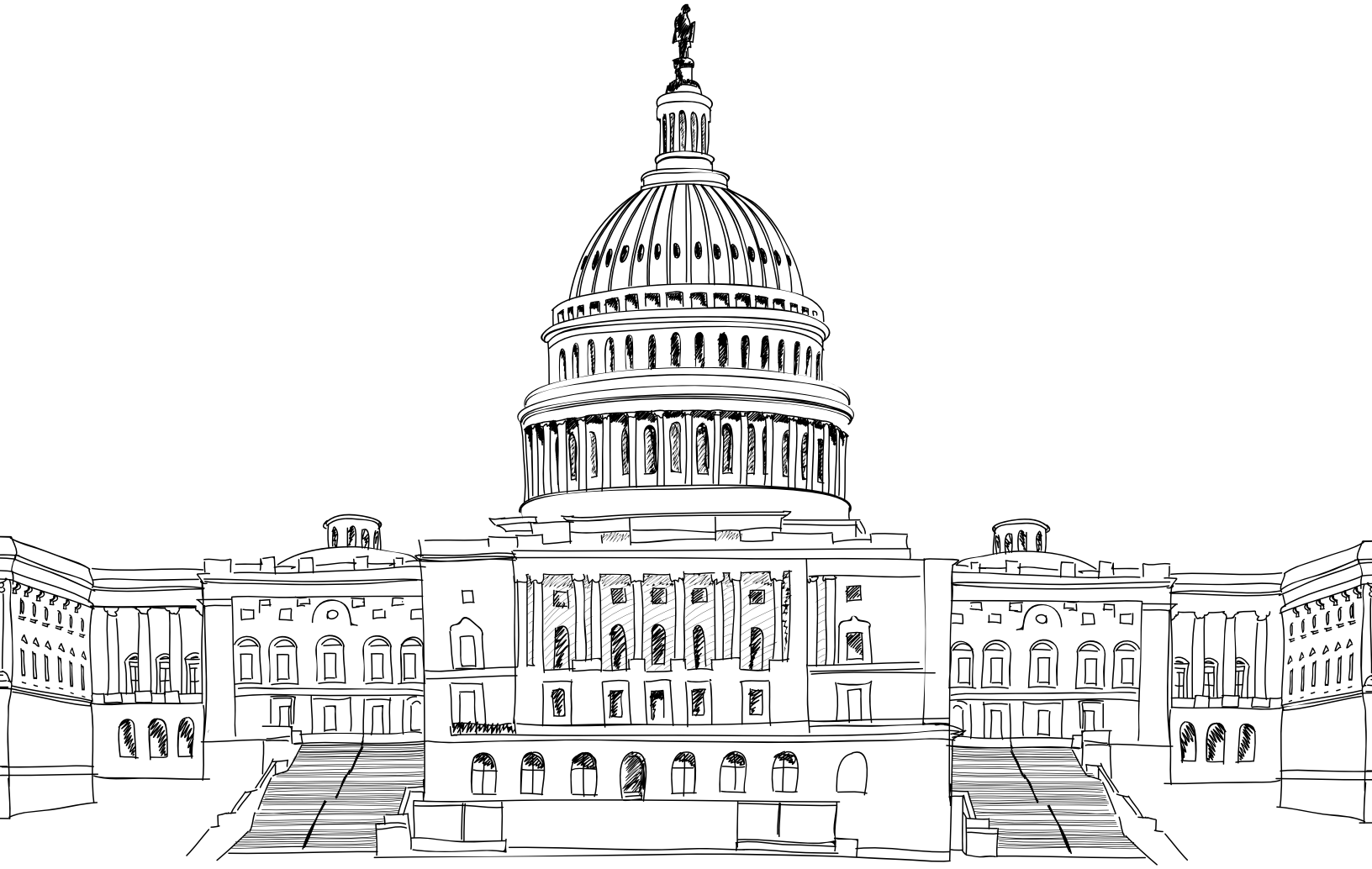


Bipartisan Policy Center

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

"For nearly two decades, the Bipartisan Policy Center has brought people together across party lines to turn good ideas into actionable solutions. In a time of division, BPC remains a trusted place where collaboration still thrives and policy progress still happens."

— BPC Board Chair Henry Cisneros

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Margaret Spellings

Michele Stockwell

In today's polarized political climate, many people are asking a difficult question: *Is bipartisanship dead?* It's easy to see why. Partisan conflict dominates the headlines, fuels social media debates, and complicates problem solving for even the country's most basic challenges. But despite the noise, one truth remains: **The American people want their leaders to work together.**

At the Bipartisan Policy Center and its advocacy partner Bipartisan Policy Center Action, we see that desire every day. We hear it from lawmakers looking for real solutions, from business and community leaders working across sectors, and from citizens who simply want their government to work well. More than 80% of voters agree—it's important for Republicans and Democrats to collaborate on the biggest challenges facing our country. Unfortunately, far fewer believe that kind of cooperation is possible. That's where we come in. We are the *somebodies* who are doing *something*.

For nearly two decades, this organization has been a rare and consequential force on national policymaking—one that believes good ideas can come from anywhere and that lasting progress requires both parties at the table advancing commonsense solutions. Under the leadership of our founders, boards, and dedicated staff, BPC has built a reputation for pragmatic, durable policymaking and advocacy that puts results ahead of rhetoric. We focus on what truly matters and refuse to get distracted by partisan theatrics. We're keeping the main thing the main thing.

Bipartisanship is not about lowering the temperature, compromising principles, or making politics more comfortable—it's about getting things done. Americans across the political spectrum want policies that improve their daily lives: more affordable housing, better access to child care, and stronger, safer communities. Achieving that kind of meaningful change requires cooperation, pragmatism, and a focus on what works. At the Bipartisan Policy Center, we bring leaders from both parties together to craft solutions that reflect real needs, earn broad support, and can move through Congress to deliver lasting results.

We are proud to lead the Bipartisan Policy Center and Bipartisan Policy Center Action at this critical moment. With our expertise, strong relationships, and unwavering determination, we are committed to helping policymakers bridge divides and craft solutions that endure. Thank you for being an integral part of this important effort. As you will see in our 2024 Annual Report, bipartisanship is not only alive—it is the only path forward.

Sincerely,

Margaret Spellings
President & CEO
Bipartisan Policy Center

Michele Stockwell
President
Bipartisan Policy Center Action

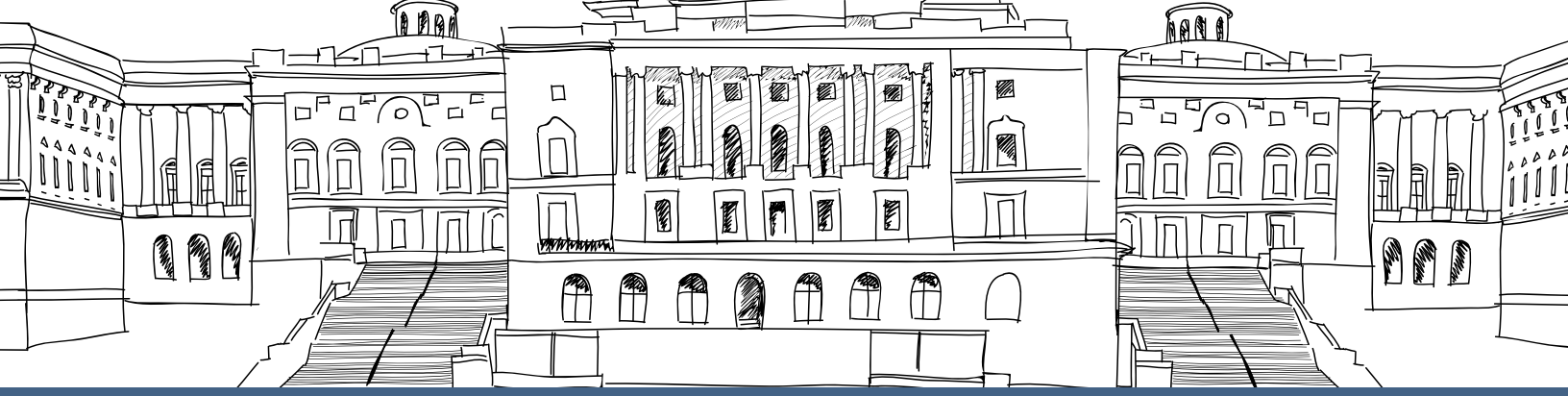
# **From Ideas to Impact:** A Year of Bipartisan Progress

At the Bipartisan Policy Center and BPC Action, we believe progress happens when leaders put problem solving ahead of partisanship. In 2024, that belief powered real results—from improving housing affordability and expanding access to paid family leave to strengthening the workforce and modernizing energy policy.

Bipartisan policy that lasts doesn't happen overnight. It takes time, trust, and a willingness to listen. At BPC and BPC Action, we've spent years laying the foundation—building relationships, developing expertise, and creating the momentum needed to find common ground. The results don't always come in the same way—or even in the same year—but we stay at the table, committed to policies that both political parties can support.

This report highlights how BPC and BPC Action bridged divides, convened diverse voices, and advanced practical policy solutions over the past year by cultivating trusted relationships and providing deep expertise. You'll find stories of cross-party collaboration, key legislative milestones, and signature initiatives like the American Congressional Exchange that are shaping a more functional democracy.

Together with our partners and supporters, we turned ideas into action—and made measurable progress on the issues that matter most to American families.



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# KEY PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

## ECONOMIC POLICY

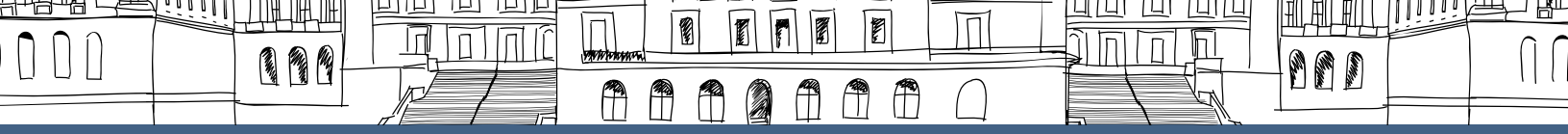
BPC's Economic Policy Program develops bipartisan policy recommendations to enhance the prosperity and security of the American people and economy. We advance pro-growth, fiscally responsible policies that support business and expand opportunity and financial security for workers, families, and retirees.

Fiscal and tax policy dominates the 2025 legislative calendar, and the work we've done since 2010 sets the stage, creating a key opportunity for BPC's Economic Policy Program. In 2024, BPC and BPC Action pioneered a new approach to responsible fiscal policy education and advocacy. Through a multifaceted campaign, we expanded the conversation on the national debt, reaching advocates and grasstop leaders by connecting the issue to their priorities, including housing affordability, health care, workforce development, and U.S. competitiveness.

Our team was pivotal in advancing responsible fiscal policy and budget process reform, contributing to 17 pieces of legislation introduced or advanced in the 118th Congress. Most recently, we helped drive the reintroduction of the Responsible Budgeting Act to reform the federal debt limit.

BPC's Economic Policy Program also burnished its reputation as a trusted voice on fiscally responsible tax policy. We helped shape the debate around tax reform that will benefit workers, businesses, and the economy by analyzing key tax priorities and offering a range of options for lawmakers seeking to offset the cost of extending the 2017 tax cuts.

Former Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO), BPC's Margaret Spellings, JP Morgan Chase Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon, Brooke E. Lierman, former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI)



"2025 will be defined by critical fiscal and tax policy decisions. Sound economic leadership and strategy have never been more important. The program's efforts to navigate shifting economic landscapes, craft innovative policies, and advocate for responsible fiscal stewardship will be crucial in shaping economic policies that foster growth, stability, and long-term prosperity."

— Shai Akabas, Executive Director, Economic Policy Program

Amanda Slater and Reps. Mike Flood (R-NE) and Wiley Nickel (D-NC)

Planning for retirement is top of mind for many Americans. The **American Savings Education Council** (ASEC) is dedicated to promoting the financial well-being of all Americans. Its membership includes 103 partners across all sectors. At its spring and fall summits, ASEC brought together partners and key executive and legislative branch representatives to discuss financial and retirement security. These forums sparked actionable dialogue on policies that support older workers, financial inclusion, and Social Security reform.

## ENERGY

Affordable, clean, and reliable energy is essential to unlocking the potential of each and every American. BPC's Energy Program is uniquely positioned to advance federal policies to boost our economy, make America more secure, and strengthen the nation's infrastructure—all while keeping the United States a global energy leader. Our work focuses on the urgent need to address increasing energy demand and international competition. Our goal is a modernized energy system that meets the needs of the American people and businesses.

The Energy Program brought together experts and policymakers to advance bipartisan solutions that lower costs, boost reliability, and reduce carbon emissions. BPC has become a leading voice on permitting reform for both Congress and stakeholder organizations. After we published *Finding the Goldilocks Zone for Permitting Reform* in January, several policy options were incorporated into the Senate Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024, which was voted out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on a bipartisan 15-4 vote following a strong push from BPC Action.

BPC's Sasha Mackler and Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

"The Energy Program has led the way on some of the most consequential policy efforts in government: permitting reform, critical minerals, AI, natural climate solutions, trade, and more. The foundation the Energy Program built around these issues during the 118th Congress will drive further advancement in 2025."

— Xan Fishman,
Senior Managing Director, Energy Program

Over the past year, the Energy Program has also spotlighted the global demand for critical minerals and materials. Thanks to the strong partnership between BPC and BPC Action, several of our recommendations were reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act and other legislation. The Energy Program's *Resilient Resource Reserve* recommendations helped shape the bipartisan Senate Critical Materials Future Act.

Anita Thompkins, Director, Drinking Water Infrastructure Development Division, Environmental Protection Agency

Additionally, BPC's Farm and Forest Carbon Solutions Task Force influenced key provisions in the House Agriculture Committee-reported farm bill and the Senate Agriculture Committee's majority and minority farm bill frameworks.

At BPC's Climate and Trade Capitol Hill Summit in July, featuring seven members of Congress, the Energy Program launched our new Climate and Trade Advisory Council. The council will help guide future research, analysis, and education efforts in this policy arena. In September, BPC's Margaret Spellings spoke with NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang, marking the launch of a new policy project on AI and energy and the release of our first AI-focused report.

## HUMAN CAPITAL

Across the United States, families grapple with the high cost and limited availability of quality child care and increasing caregiving challenges. Students are falling behind in reading and math, graduates are stepping into the world unprepared for the demands of the workplace, and critical gaps persist between workers' skills and the jobs needing to be filled. What's required is a cohesive, national strategy to invest in our greatest asset—our people. BPC's Human Capital Program is tackling this challenge head-on.

Angela Lobue, Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA), and BPC Action's Laura Hall

Since its launch in 2024, the Human Capital Program has strengthened BPC's leadership in paid family leave, early childhood, and higher education while expanding into K-12 education and workforce development. By working under one umbrella to publish new content, advance recommendations, and engage policymakers, the team refocused attention on the knowledge, skills, and support that workers need to reach their full potential.

In December, BPC formed the Commission on the American Workforce. Co-chaired by former Govs. Bill Haslam (R-TN) and Deval Patrick (D-MA), the 24-member commission is developing a national, bipartisan strategy to strengthen the workforce, expand economic opportunity, and keep the United States globally competitive. Four working groups—elementary and secondary education, postsecondary pathways, workers and the workforce, and worker supports—comprising more than 60 educators, scholars, policymakers, and business and nonprofit executives support this commission. Their work has drawn national interest and will culminate in actionable, bipartisan recommendations for Congress and the Trump administration in 2025.

As national conversations around working families and education gained momentum, the Human Capital Program played a leading role in critical policy debates. Its work to build strong issue champions led to BPC and BPC Action's support of 16 pieces of legislation, including a comprehensive child care reform package led by Sens. Katie Britt (R-AL) and Tim Kaine (D-VA).

"In 2025, the challenge is clear: Child care remains out of reach for too many working parents, our schools are failing our children, and our workforce development system is falling short of economic demands. As the commission's work progresses, our team is ready to drive long-overdue federal conversations on improving the nation's education and workforce systems. There is no more urgent task, and we are eager to put forward a new talent strategy that promotes prosperity for all Americans."

— Cheryl Oldham, Executive Vice President, Human Capital

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

In the 118th Congress, BPC Action helped bring together a first-of-its-kind, member-led initiative, the bipartisan **House Paid Family Leave Working Group,** to find common ground and develop policy solutions that address pressing national challenges.

In the House, the group is led by Reps. Stephanie Bice (R-OK), Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Colin Allred (D-TX), Julia Letlow (R-LA), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA), and Haley Stevens (D-MI).

BPC and BPC Action supported the launch of a partner working group in the Senate led by Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), and Thom Tillis (R-NC).

## THE J. RONALD TERWILLIGER CENTER FOR HOUSING POLICY

The vision of the Terwilliger Center is an America where every family, regardless of income or background, can live in a decent, safe, and affordable home. To achieve this goal, the Center is working to advance policies that address the severe shortage of affordable housing for both renters and homeowners, while ensuring that America's lowest-income families can obtain the housing assistance they need. As an organization with strong connections across the political spectrum in Congress and in strong partnership with BPC Action, the Center is uniquely positioned to advance on a bipartisan basis both supply-side and demand-side initiatives to improve housing affordability.

Henry Cisneros, Julia Gordon, Ron Terwilliger, Daniel Hornung

Now in its fourth year, the J. Ronald Terwilliger Center for Housing Policy solidified itself as a prominent leader in advancing bold, innovative policies to improve housing affordability. As a convener, educator, and advocate, the Terwilliger Center brings together members of Congress, Cabinet secretaries, governors, mayors, housing professionals, and business leaders to address the nation's considerable housing challenges. Our signature legislative plan, the *American Housing Act*, demonstrates that a bipartisan, comprehensive approach to increasing the supply of affordable homes, preserving the existing affordable housing stock, and helping low-income families find affordable housing is achievable. The 118th Congress saw the introduction of over 20 pieces of legislation reflecting our recommendations.

With support from BPC Action, the Terwilliger Center has prioritized the supply dimension of the housing affordability crisis, recognizing its bipartisan appeal. This focus has driven meaningful progress, including the potential passage of legislation to strengthen and expand the Low-Income Tax Credit and create a new tax credit to incentivize private investment in homes for sale in distressed communities. In 2024, the Terwilliger Center hosted its third annual Summit on Housing Supply Solutions, its largest in-person and virtual gathering to date, showcasing innovative approaches to increasing the nation's housing supply. The Terwilliger Center has also drawn significant corporate support for its Executive Council for Housing Affordability, underscoring the link between housing affordability, productivity, and economic growth.

Through extensive programming and high-quality communications, the Terwilliger Center in 2024 spotlighted critical issues, including successful local efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness, the impact of rising property insurance costs on housing affordability, and the importance of encouraging greater landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher program by reforming the inspections process.

"The J. Ronald Terwilliger Center for Housing Policy is at the forefront of efforts in Washington, DC, to drive bipartisan solutions to address the nation's housing affordability crisis—an issue that leaders on both sides of the aisle recognize as urgent. By bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, and advocates, the Center is shaping practical, bipartisan strategies to strengthen housing policy and expand opportunities for millions of Americans."

— Dennis Shea, Executive Director, J. Ronald Terwilliger Center for Housing Policy

BPC's Terwilliger Center Executive Director Dennis Shea

In 2024, BPC presented the inaugural **Terwilliger Bipartisanship in Housing Award** to eight members of Congress for their leadership on housing issues: Sens. Jerry Moran (R-KS), Tina Smith (D-MN), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Todd Young (R-IN), and Reps. Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-MO), Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Mike Kelly (R-PA).

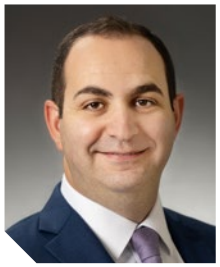
## DEMOCRACY

BPC's J.D. Rackey and Lisel Loy, Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA), BPC's Michael Thorning and Matthew Weil, and Heather Painter

American self-governance depends upon the people's participation and their confidence in the fairness and representativeness of our electorial system. It also requires that elected leaders build relationships to work through partisan differences. BPC's Democracy Program aims to create resilient and fair voting processes, trustworthy and accountable government institutions, and civic-minded and bipartisan leaders. Through these reforms and dialogues, our work helps to build a thriving America powered by a vibrant democracy, effective representative government, and strong communities.

Presidential election years are always busy for BPC's Democracy Program, and 2024 was no exception. We supported election officials working hard to implement our recommended policies while preparing for a new Congress, executive leadership, and state legislators who are eager to move legislation quickly in 2025. This past year, the team led efforts on and off Capitol Hill to build a more effective Congress, provide reliable, accessible elections and voting resources, and organize bipartisan trips with members of Congress to strengthen collaboration. These initiatives reinforce BPC's role as a national leader in shaping a freer, fairer, and more representative democracy.

The Elections Project played a vital role in helping keep elections safe and secure in 2024. We conducted hands-on tabletop exercises in five swing states to simulate threats to elections and



"The success of the 2024 elections reflects years of improvements in how Americans vote. We must continue the trend toward more secure and accessible election policies nationwide—and help lawmakers adapt to evolving legal and regulatory landscapes that affect the democratic process."

— Matthew Weil, Executive Director, Democracy and Bipartisanship

provided election administrators with resources on policies and practices to mitigate risk. We also published groundbreaking research on turnover in the elections workforce, setting a new standard for understanding how election administration has changed over the past 20 years.

Following a wave of Supreme Court rulings in summer 2024, BPC formed a working group to help Congress navigate shifting legislative and regulatory dynamics. The group offered practical recommendations to strengthen how lawmakers draft laws and oversee federal agencies.

Bryan Day (Exec. Director, Port of Little Rock); Dan Veoni; Rep. French Hill (R-AR); Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA); and Stan Hastings (Vice Chair, Little Rock Port Authority Board of Directors)

BPC's American Congressional Exchange is a one-of-a-kind program that pairs members of Congress to travel to each other's districts with the goal of fostering partnerships to advance bipartisan legislation in Washington. In 2024, we facilitated five trips to bring members together, including the first binational trip, which took a bipartisan delegation of six U.S. representatives to and across the southern border.

In December, BPC hosted its biennial Elections Summit, convening nationwide election administrators, academics, and thought leaders to reflect on the 2024 cycle, assess evolving election threats, and discuss ways to strengthen election policy. The event drew a full house, with Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and former Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) joining a discussion on the future of federal and state election policy.

## HEALTH

BPC's Health Program advances bipartisan policy solutions to build a more cost-effective, evidence-based health care system to improve Americans' health. We work to strengthen and sustain Medicare and Medicaid, accelerate the shift toward value, address inefficiencies and misaligned incentives, and responsibly leverage technology and innovation.

In 2024, BPC and BPC Action were pivotal in crafting federal policy on long-term care, behavioral health, and rural health. Our recommendations informed bipartisan Senate legislation to expand integrated care for individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. The House Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously passed, and the Senate introduced, measures reflecting BPC's proposals to make it easier for people with disabilities to work without losing Medicaid coverage. In collaboration with BPC Action, the Health Program also helped shape key provisions in the Senate's year-end package to strengthen the SUPPORT Act, legislation to address the national opioid crisis. Additionally, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration adopted a new behavioral health workforce framework—developed with input from BPC—to help states and providers address staffing shortages and ensure continued access to care.

BPC's Julia Harris and Marilyn Serafini; Paul TenHaken, Sioux Falls Mayor; Matt Althoff, South Dakota Department of Social Services; Sarah Jane Tribble, KFF Health News; Val Demings, BPC Executive Fellow and former Representative (D-FL); Karen Rosengreen, Season's Center for Behavioral Health; Dr. David Ermer, Avera Behavioral Health

"Despite the current political climate, lasting bipartisan solutions are the key to addressing America's health care challenges. The Health Program remains committed to working across the aisle to lower health care costs, improve suboptimal health outcomes, and expand access to high-quality, evidence-based care."

— Dr. Anand Parekh, Chief Medical Advisor, Health Program

BPC's Chief Medical Advisor Dr. Anand Parekh

Another member-led initiative in 2024 was the **Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Honorary Congressional Working Group**—Sens. Katie Britt (R-AL), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Reps. Lisa McClain (R-MI) and Brittany Pettersen (D-CO)—which underscored the need for bipartisan collaboration in addressing mental health crises.

BPC also engaged communities directly through a 20-site rural health tour across Nebraska, Minnesota, and South Dakota— designed to inform BPC's continued work on behavioral health, rural hospital sustainability, and digital health solutions. The tour culminated in a private roundtable with rural hospital associations and experts in Sioux Falls, SD.

In 2024, BPC's Health Program undertook three major initiatives. The Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force—led by former Gov. Steve Beshear (D-KY), former Rep. and Gov. John Kasich (R-OH), and former Reps. Val Demings (D-FL) and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)—released its first report on youth behavioral health, alongside a national survey highlighting urgent policy needs. BPC also launched an initiative to shape bipartisan, evidence-based AI policy, equipping congressional and administration staff with reliable insights on AI's role in health care. Finally, BPC helped relaunch the House Congressional Primary Care Caucus, bringing renewed attention to the nation's primary care crisis and the need for stronger policy solutions.

## WHERE IDEAS TOOK THE STAGE

HOSTED **47 EVENTS** IN 2024 INCLUDING:

JPMorgan Chase
Chairman and CEO
**Jamie Dimon**

Former Speaker
of the House
**Paul Ryan**

Microsoft President
**Brad Smith**

NVIDIA CEO
**Jensen Huang**

# FLAGSHIP SUMMITS

## Terwilliger Center Summit on Housing Supply Solutions • 10 sponsors

June 11, 2024 • Reps. Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-MO) and Mike Kelly (R-PA)

Jenny Patenaude and Ron Terwilliger

Ron Terwilliger, Pam Patenaude, Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-MO), Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA), BPC's Dennis Shea, Henry Cisneros

## Climate and Trade Summit • 5 sponsors

July 10, 2024 • Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Chris Coons (D-DE), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and Reps. John Curtis (R-UT), Diana DeGette (D-CO), and Scott Peters (D-CA)

BPC's Lesley Jantarasami, Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA), Rep. John Curtis (R-UT)

BPC's Sasha Mackler, Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE), Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)

## Elections Summit • 5 sponsors

December 4, 2024 • Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and former Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

BPC's Matthew Weil, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and former Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

BPC's Rachel Orey

# LEGISLATIVE MILESTONES

HOSTED

**89**
members of Congress

**80**
executive branch or government officials at public and private events

**200+**
bills introduced in the House and Senate

**78**
bills have passed a chamber or committee

**Working Groups Convened or Supported by BPC and BPC Action**

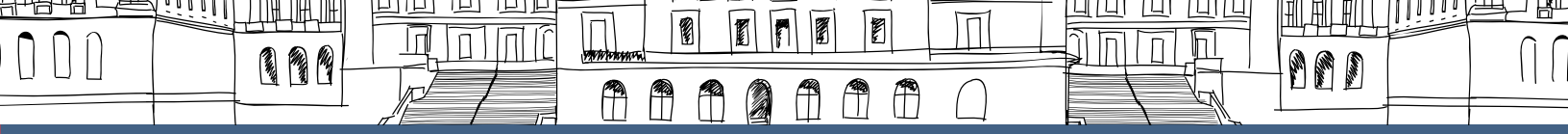
- Senate Bipartisan Working Group to Enhance Social Security Claiming
- Working Group on Congress, Courts, and Administrative Law (Chevron)
- Energy Advisory Council
- Farm and Forest Carbon Solutions Task Force
- Commission on the American Workforce
- House Bipartisan Paid Family Leave Working Group
- Senate Paid Family Leave Working Group
- Honorary Congressional Council (Housing)
- Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force and Congressional Working Group

Testified, cited, or referenced at

**31**
congressional hearings

**1,700+**
meetings with Hill offices

**260+**
requests for technical assistance



# CHAMPIONS OF BIPARTISANSHIP

## WHAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE SAYING

The Bipartisan Policy Center continues to serve as a convener for leaders committed to finding common ground.

**Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA):** "With this group, I'm more inspired and hopeful than ever. When the American people are together in such a large event, it's our responsibility to come together on a bipartisan basis. Don't give up on bipartisan solutions. This is a glimmer of hope and a glimmer of optimism, and we can get this done this Congress."

**Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA):** "It's incredible that people from so many sides of the spectrum can come together. If it weren't for you, we would not be where we are today. Because of you, we can move on from today."

**House Budget Committee Chairman Jodey Arrington (R-TX)** at BPC's 50th Congressional Budget Act anniversary reception: "Thank you, Margaret, for your leadership. You're putting all the pieces together. God bless the Bipartisan Policy Center."

**Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH):** " I'm grateful for everything that you do to help advance commonsense solutions in order to build a better future for all Americans."

## BRIDGING DIVIDES AND BUILDING SOLUTIONS

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) brings members of Congress to each other's districts to build relationships and find common ground that supports bipartisan policymaking in Washington. The program is transforming how lawmakers connect, collaborate, and develop bipartisan solutions.

BPC designs strategic and impactful itineraries that showcase the uniqueness of each district while diving deep into the policies and issues affecting Americans. Itineraries often include visits to major employers like hospitals and universities, key leaders in business like Boeing, Ford Motor, and Walmart, and conversations with local lawmakers, faith leaders, and constituents.

From bolstering mental health and veterans' resources, advancing a responsible fiscal policy agenda, to combating the scourge of addiction,

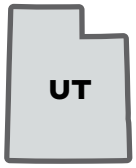
Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA) and Blake Moore (R-UT) with J. Christopher Lansing and Erlynn Lansing, Directors of Hosting for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah

Reps. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) and Jill Tokuda (D-HI) at the Chico Farmers Market in California

Reps. Jill Tokuda (D-HI) and Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) meet with Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen's advisory council, including Maui-native surfing legend Archie Kalepa

**Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Blake Moore (R-UT)**

March 18–19, 2024




**Reps. Jill Tokuda (D-HI), Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)**

March 23–24, 2024

**Reps. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), Jill Tokuda (D-HI)**

March 25–26, 2024

# CONGRESSIONAL EXCHANGE (ACE)

ACE alums in Congress have worked together to introduce and pass bipartisan legislation addressing the most pressing issues for Americans.

In today's partisan environment, it is more important than ever to create time for members of Congress to develop authentic, lasting relationships with their colleagues across the aisle. The ACE program can bridge divides, amplify unheard voices in underserved communities, and pave the way for a more collaborative and effective government.

BPC has conducted ACE trips since 2018 with 64 members from 27 states, many of whom had no prior relationship, but came back to Washington and collaborated to introduce dozens of bills and to pass four.

Reps. Nick LaLota (R-NY), Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ), Greg Stanton (D-AZ), Young Kim (R-CA), Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), and Eric Sorensen (D-IL) [out of frame] are briefed by Customs and Border Patrol officials at the CBP entry point in Nogales, Arizona

Reps. Ami Bera (D-CA) and French Hill (R-AR) prepare for an interview with Kaelin Clay of KATV-7 in Little Rock, Arkansas

Upon returning to Washington, BPC's seasoned policy experts support congressional staff in advancing bipartisan legislation that would not have happened otherwise.

**Led by Reps. Greg Stanton (D-AZ), Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ) with Reps. Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Eric Sorensen (D-IL), Nick LaLota (R-NY), Young Kim (R-CA)**

April 25–27, 2024

**Reps. Ami Bera (D-CA), French Hill (R-AR)**

July 26–27, 2024

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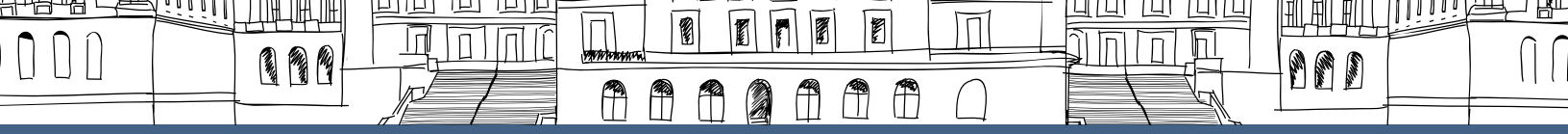

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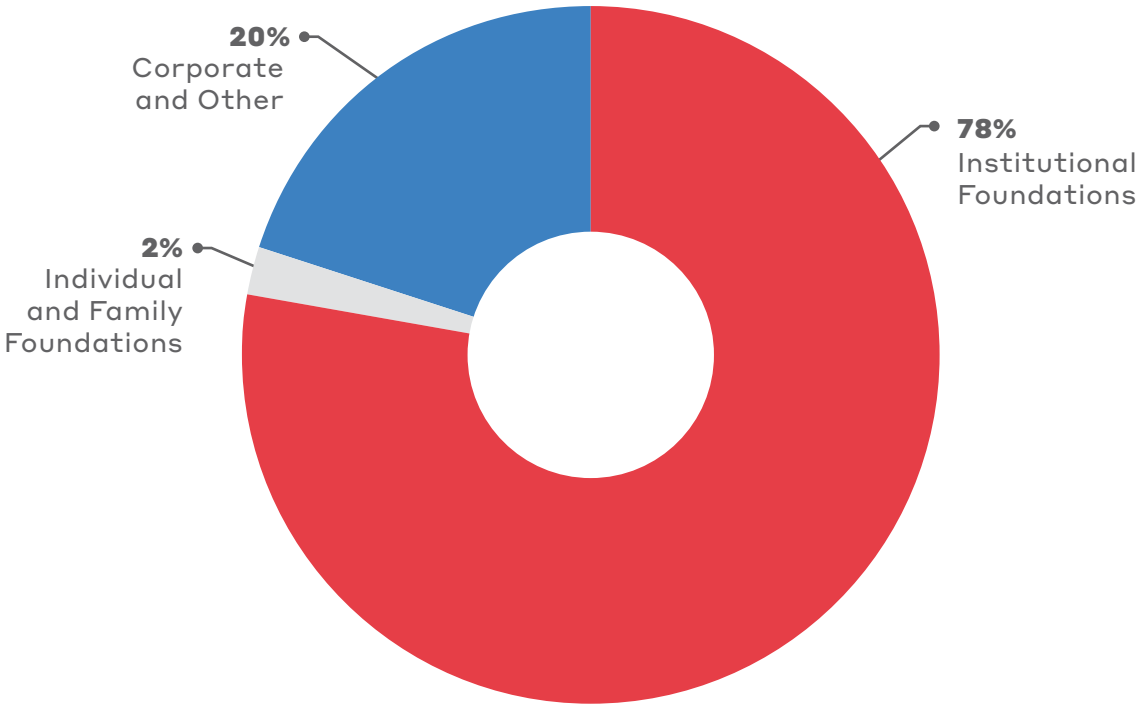


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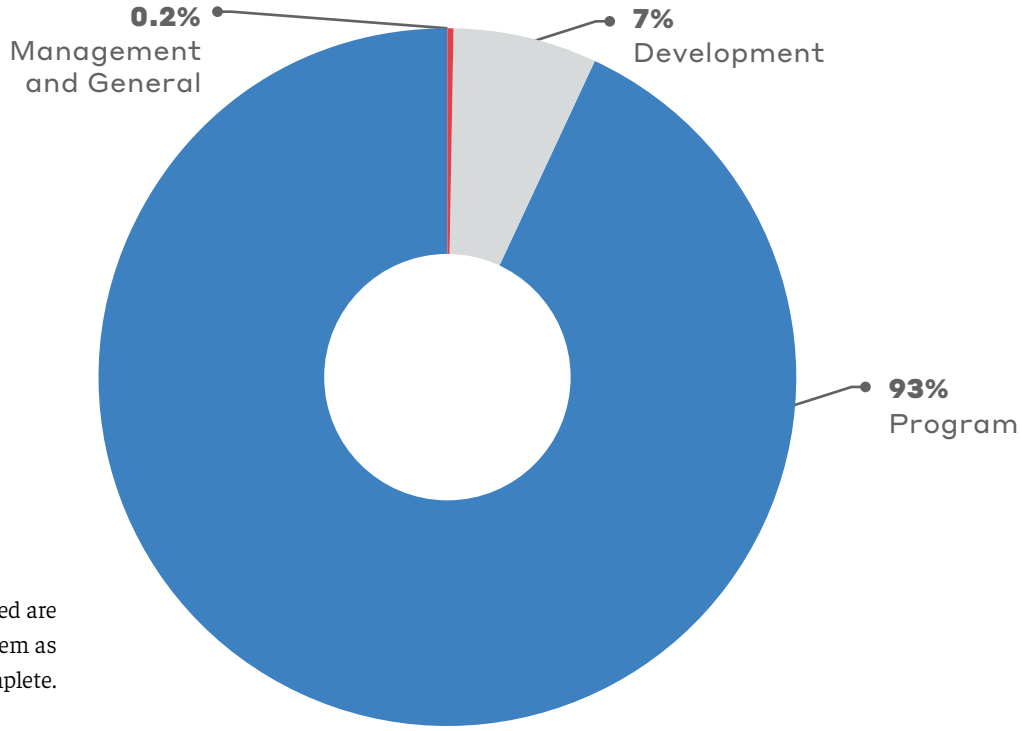


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