

## **Republican Motion #6**

# **STOP HARMING UNION & WORKING-CLASS AMERICANS, TO BENEFIT PRESIDENT BIDEN'S CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS**

### **Offered by Representative Smith (MO) and Representative Carter (GA)**

Mr. Smith and Mr. Carter move that the Committee on the Budget direct its Chairman to request on behalf of the Committee that the rule providing for consideration of the bill make in order an amendment that would reprioritize funding within the bill to (1) provide direct payments to American workers, including union workers, who lost their job as a result of President Biden's executive actions and remove income eligibility limitations for such individuals; and (2) require the public disclosure of any individual or entity who donated substantial amounts to Joe Biden's presidential campaign and who directly financially benefitted from President Biden's executive orders enacted as of February 22, 2021.

### **Background**

- (1) Since taking office last month, President Biden has enacted 31 executive orders and 8 proclamations of which many will result in job loss for millions of American workers:
  - a. Rescinding the Keystone XL Pipeline will eliminate an estimated 11,000 jobs—including 8,000 union jobs—the project would have sustained in 2021.
  - b. Enacting a 60-day moratorium on new mining, oil and gas leasing, and permitting on federal lands could result in the loss of approximately one million jobs.
  - c. Returning the U.S. to the failed Paris Agreement of 2015 will significantly reduce U.S. competitiveness in manufacturing and destroy American jobs, as industries will move abroad to other countries, taking associated jobs with them. According to a 2017 study by NERA Economic Consultants, compliance with the terms of the Paris Agreement could reduce total economy-wide employment in the U.S. by 2.7 million jobs in 2025.
  - d. Immediately halting border wall construction on the Southern Border will result in thousands of lost jobs.
- (2) This bill contains \$1.9 trillion of spending, of which only \$160 billion or 8 percent is directly related to combating COVID-19. Conversely, \$1.7 trillion or more than 90 percent of the bill's total funding is not directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) This bill includes funding for provisions that are unrelated to combating the pandemic such as premium tax credits for the Obamacare exchanges.
- (4) Funding that is not directly related to combating the pandemic should be reprioritized in this bill to aid Americans who lose their jobs as a direct result of President Biden's executive actions.

- (5) There is evidence that President Biden's executive orders serve to financially benefit supporters and donors of Joe Biden's presidential campaign including, but not limited to: individuals who have a financial or public stake in any solar energy company, environmental advocacy organization, and/or corporation that benefits from an expansion of the Affordable Care Act, or real estate development in both the United States and Mexico.
- (6) This motion calls for requiring the public disclosure of any individual or entity who contributed substantial amounts to Joe Biden's presidential campaign, whose net worth increased following President Biden's inauguration, and who also have a financial or public stake in the above-mentioned industries and/or any industry that directly benefits from President Biden's executive orders.

### **Technical Language**

The amendment should:

- (1) strike sections 9661, 9662, 9663 (Premium Tax Credits) (approximately \$45 billion);
- (2) reallocate these funds (\$20 billion) to increase the amount of recovery rebates (i.e., direct payments) to individuals who have or will lose their jobs as a direct result of President Biden's executive actions; and
- (3) require the public disclosure of any individual or entity who contributed substantial amounts to Joe Biden's presidential campaign, whose publicly reported net worth increased in the immediate 30 days before or after the issuance of Presidential Executive Orders between the dates of 1/20/21 and 2/22/21, and also have a financial or public stake in any solar energy company, environmental advocacy organization, and/or corporation who benefits from an expansion of the Affordable Care Act, or real estate development in both the United States and Mexico.