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GREAT LAKES

Mike Bloomberg recognizes the significant economic, environmental, and societal value the Great Lakes have to Michigan and the United States. The Great Lakes are the largest source of freshwater in the world and are home to thousands of plant and animal species. Additionally, the Great Lakes are a primary economic driver in the region and at the heart of industries responsible for more than [1.5 million jobs and \\$62 billion in wages](#). In recent years, the Great Lakes have been threatened by invasive species, pollution from runoff farm chemicals and industrial areas, toxic algae blooms, as well as atmospheric pollution. These issues pose dangers to human health, pets, and wildlife.

Many communities in Michigan have suffered from contaminated drinking water in recent years. The Flint water crisis began in 2014 after the drinking water source from the city was changed, causing lead from aging pipes to leak into the city's new water supply. Now, more than [11,000 water sites](#) state-wide are said to be contaminated with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs), which are toxic chemicals from pollution and runoff that pose substantial health risks.

Contaminated water from these sites have been consumed by more than [1.5 million Michigan residents](#). Last month, green ooze from industrial runoff seeped onto a highway in Metro Detroit. Reportedly, it was groundwater contaminated by industrial waste and highly toxic, cancer-causing chemicals.

Mike Bloomberg will address water infrastructure challenges and provide the federal leadership Michigan needs: He'll help restore the Great Lakes, modernize Michigan's infrastructure, and fight climate change. **Michigan deserves a president as tough as we are.**

Mike's Plan:

Restore the Great Lakes.

- Increase funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative over time, to \$475 million, to help restore wetlands, clean up toxic contamination, and reduce runoff pollution.
- Put in place a national strategy to control invasive species, including stronger national rules to stop the spread of invasive species by ballast water.
- Add measures at the Brandon Road Locks and Dam in Illinois to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.
- Provide federal support to local- and state-led efforts to reduce nutrient pollution that causes toxic algae blooms, including in the Western Lake Erie Basin.
- Use Farm Bill incentives to support agricultural practices that reduce runoff pollution, consistent with his [plan to support farmers](#) in Michigan and across the country.
- Direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address the nationwide crisis of contamination by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), with protective standards for groundwater and drinking water, and increased funding.
- Instruct the Department of Defense (DOD) to help fund cleanup of contaminated sites, and increase funding for environmental law enforcement by the EPA and the Department of Justice, to make sure companies that contaminate groundwater are held accountable.
- Direct the EPA to strengthen its implementation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, to stop future contamination.

Protect Michigan and Great Lakes States Against the Impact of Climate Change.

- [Help communities](#) cope with the rapidly-increasing effects of climate change.
- Work with communities, prioritizing those most vulnerable, to plan and invest in making sure they can withstand increased flooding and other impacts of climate change.

Support Critical Infrastructure for Michigan.

- Increase federal funding to \$100 billion over 10 years, including major increases for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, as well as the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act.
- Invest in the infrastructure that keeps freight moving by water, by increasing funding for the [Marine Highway](#) and spending 100% of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to support port and harbor infrastructure.
- Provide federal funding to modernize Soo Locks to keep freight moving through the Great Lakes and add measures at Brandon Road Locks and Dam to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.

HEALTH

[Around 530,000](#) Michiganders are uninsured, and [32% have stopped taking medication as prescribed due to the cost](#), exceeding the national average.

The cost of health care in the U.S. is almost double what it is in other affluent countries. Yet life expectancy is lower and infant-mortality is higher than other developed nations. President Trump and his Republican allies have done little to help. In fact, they have gone after the Affordable Care Act and made it harder for the vulnerable to get Medicaid coverage.

Mike Bloomberg believes that no one should suffer because they can't afford health insurance, and no one should face financial hardships because of medical bills. Health care is a right. Mike's plan will allow people to keep their private insurance. It will build on the ACA to achieve universal health coverage, while substantially reducing health care costs and expanding access to health services.

Mike's Plan:

Create a Public Option.

- Expand a Medicare-like health plan, administered by the federal government, to every American who wants it.
- Prioritize covering the uninsured, including low-income Americans in states that haven't expanded Medicaid.
- Focus on states that haven't expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Reverse Trump's Sabotage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Build On It.

- Protect Americans' with pre-existing conditions and ensure they have access to insurance coverage.
- Expand enrollment efforts to the ACA markets, Medicaid and CHIP, covering the more than 12 million people currently eligible but unenrolled.
- Limit health plans that don't meet ACA standards.
- Defend the ACA in court against politically motivated lawsuits.

Reduce Health Care Prices and Ban Surprise Medical Bills For Everyone.

- Cap insurance premiums at 8.5% of a household's income through expanded tax credits in the individual market, making marketplace plans accessible to roughly 2.4 million more Americans.
- Create a permanent federal reinsurance program, fostering competition and driving down premiums for all Americans.
- Require doctors and clinicians who operate within an in-network hospital to accept in-network rates.
- Cap out-of-network hospital rates at 200% of Medicare rates, saving families money and driving health care prices down for all Americans.

Lower Drug Costs.

- Cap Medicare beneficiaries' annual out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000.
- Authorize Medicare to directly negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies, and apply those prices to the commercial market.
- Eliminate drug-company payments to pharmacy benefit managers.
- Reform the Medicare Prescription Drug benefit to encourage greater competition.

Mike's Record

As mayor of New York City, Mike expanded health care coverage for working families and improved care for seniors. The number of New Yorkers without health insurance fell nearly 40% during his term, with a 72% drop in the number of uninsured children during the same period. Mike's initiatives boosted enrollment in the city's public option program and expanded access to the public hospital system. He directed \$1.3 billion to modernize the hospitals; designed medical records technology that improved primary care for low-income patients and was subsequently adapted as a national model by the Obama administration; and created outreach programs in daycare centers, schools, medical facilities and online to connect the underinsured to health care alternatives. He also lobbied extensively for the health care bill that became the Affordable Care Act, and for a federal public option provision.

Under Mike, New York City was the first local government in the nation to offer online help to uninsured residents. With NYC Health Insurance Link, small businesses and freelancers who were uninsured were able to search for and compare multiple kinds of health care plans.

President Trump has undermined the American health care system and denied vital coverage to millions of Americans who need help. Because of his attack on the Affordable Care Act and programs to insure low-income Americans and children, the number of uninsured Americans has increased roughly by 1 million in each year of his presidency. He has supported weakening protections for those with pre-existing conditions. On health care as on so many other issues, President Trump has broken promises and lied to the American people. President Trump has endorsed free reign by insurance companies to offer faulty, insufficient insurance to the American people. He has opened the market to insurance plans that do not cover essential benefits, like preventative and maternal care, allowing the insurance industry to target vulnerable Americans.

Trump has also failed to cap runaway prescription drug prices, despite having made at least 170 statements about the cost of drugs, including nearly 80 instances where he either promised to lower drug prices or claimed he already had. In the first seven months of 2018, there were nearly 100 price hikes for every price cut, and 3,400 drugs increased their prices at a rate five times higher than inflation during the first six months of 2019.

OPIOID CRISIS

Michiganders [die from drug overdoses](#) at a rate of nearly 30% higher than Americans overall. As the opioid crisis continues to devastate families across our country, Donald Trump's response has been an embarrassment. Since he took office, opioid overdoses have continued to kill more Americans every year than car crashes.

Mike has been working to combat the opioid crisis for many years—and he will continue that work as president. Mike will make medications for addiction treatment more accessible, expand access to mental health care, collect better data on opioid use and overdoses, and then use that data to end this epidemic once and for all.

Mike's Plan:

Breakdown Insurer Obstacles.

- Require the insurance industry to cover medications that treat opioid use disorders.
- Remove special training requirements and limits on prescribing buprenorphine.

Provide Care at Pivotal Access Points.

- Treat opioid use disorder when people enter hospitals and the criminal justice system.
- Prioritize care for non-violent opioid abusers over incarceration, in line with Mike's plan to reform the criminal justice system and reduce the incarcerated population.

Ensure Addiction is Covered.

- Enforce federal laws that mandate insurance coverage for mental health and substance use disorders

Collect the Right Data.

- Develop standards for states to gather data and analyze trends on opioid use and overdoses.

Mike's Record

Mike has a proven track record of addressing the opioid epidemic and, as president, will take urgent action to deal with this crisis. As mayor, Mike formed the Prescription Painkiller Abuse Task Force. He also created NYC RxStat, which combined and used public health and public safety data to fight prescription drug abuse. And he restricted the prescription of powerful painkillers in the emergency rooms of New York City's public hospitals to combat prescription drug abuse. More recently, as a philanthropist, Mike Bloomberg has charged his foundation with addressing the epidemic and saving lives. In total, Bloomberg Philanthropies has committed to giving more than \$50 million to combat opioid addiction and strengthen treatment programs.

The Trump administration and Congress are failing to provide the ideas and resources needed to address the crisis and the underlying economic problems that lead to opioid use disorder and “deaths of despair.” Too many people are unable to get the treatment they need. In 2016, fewer than 20% of

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people in the U.S. with a substance use disorder related to prescription opioids received specialty treatment.

CLIMATE

As the climate crisis worsens, President Trump has turned his back on the global community. He pulled the U.S. out of the Paris Agreement. And he is determined to reverse the progress the Obama administration made in tackling climate change.

Mike will restore America's leadership in fighting the global climate crisis. Mike's first act as president will be to rejoin the Paris Agreement and commit the U.S. to leading by example and building the clean energy economy we need. Mike will make climate change a top priority of his foreign policy. He also will protect our country from climate-related risks and help keep the world's most vulnerable people safe from the impacts of climate change.

Here in Michigan, average annual temperatures have increased over [2°F](#) since the start of the 20th Century, [faster](#) than the global average. Nearly [340,000](#) Michiganders live in areas at elevated risk of inland flooding. Climate change has increased rain and snow, leading to record-high water levels in the Great Lakes, flooding basements, yards and septic fields, eroding beaches, damaging roads and taxing stormwater infrastructure.

Mike's Plan:

Invest in Community-Based Climate Resilience.

- Create a Climate-Safe Communities program to focus on vulnerable communities – recognizing the outsized impact they experience from extreme weather and climate change – and critical infrastructure like electricity, telecommunications, and public safety.
- Implement a cross-agency strategy to protect natural areas and farmlands, prioritizing areas that can protect communities from disasters, like floodplains and wetlands.

Make Environmental Justice a Priority.

- Reverse Trump's dangerous rollbacks of environmental, health and safety rules and put in place stronger standards.
- Prioritize affordability and jobs in building a clean energy economy.

Reach 100% Clean Energy.

- Accelerate deployment of clean energy, extending incentives and ensuring access for low-income families, to replace power from fossil fuels as soon as possible, reaching 80% clean energy by the end of Mike's second term and 100% as soon as possible thereafter.
- Replace oil and gas equipment in [homes and buildings](#) with pollution-free electric equipment, and upgrade homes and buildings to save energy and reduce families' electricity bills. Doing so will create good jobs for Michigan and the rest of the country.
- Put in place aggressive standards for carbon and other air pollution from coal and gas plants and invest in communities that have felt the greatest impacts of coal pollution or the transition to clean energy.

Invest in Clean Transportation.

- Make sure U.S. automakers lead the world in manufacturing electric cars and pollution-free vehicles, a critical part of [curbing climate change](#).

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- Make electric vehicles affordable for every family, with extended and improved tax credits, as well rebates for low- and moderate-income families to trade in older vehicles for electric ones. This program – which is [similar](#) to one proposed by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and supported by the United Auto Workers, Ford and GM – will offer low- and moderate-income families increased rebates for electric vehicles when they trade in an older vehicle.¹
- Triple investment in public transportation to expand transportation choices for Michigan families.

Push for Pollution-Free Construction.

- Help families and businesses with rebates, tax credits, and low-cost financing to replace older oil and gas furnaces and water heaters with new pollution-free ones, and to upgrade buildings to reduce energy use and utility bills.
- Strengthen building codes and equipment standards to reach 100% pollution-free construction for new homes and buildings by 2025.
- Make clean buildings affordable for everyone, and make sure building investments create good jobs.

Protect National Parks, Public Lands and Waters.

- Set a target of conserving 30% of U.S. lands and waters, including oceans, by 2030.
- Ensure all Americans can access, benefit from, and enjoy parks and public lands.
- Support local economies in gateway communities near national parks and public lands.

Work Toward Net-Zero Emissions in Agriculture.

- Expand funding for USDA conservation programs and help farmers build healthy soils and work toward net-zero emissions in agriculture.
- Support private-sector emissions trading programs by setting measurement standards and collecting data.

Mike's Record

Mike has an unparalleled record fighting the global climate crisis.

After President Trump announced his withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, Mike co-founded America's Pledge with former California Governor Jerry Brown, mobilizing a coalition of cities, states, businesses and organizations to uphold America's commitment to reducing emissions.

In 2014, Mike was appointed UN Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change. In 2018, his title was changed to reflect his expansive work with not just cities but also states, regions, nongovernmental organizations and businesses to combat climate change. Until late 2019, Mike was UN Secretary-General António Guterres' Special Envoy for Climate Action. In 2011, Mike helped launch the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign, which has helped close more than half of America's coal-fired power plants, reducing pollution and helping coal-dependent communities transition to a clean energy economy. In 2019, he launched Beyond Carbon, the largest-ever campaign to combat the climate crisis in the U.S.

¹ Senator Chuck Schumer in the New York Times, [A Bold Plan for Clean Cars](#), October 2019.

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As mayor, Mike increased energy efficiency and reduced New York City's carbon footprint by 13%. He helped make the city's air the cleanest it had been in 50 years.

Despite the devastating floods that have occurred during President Trump's term in office, his administration has taken no steps to foster long-term resilience planning or empower states or regions to do the same. By blocking climate science and censoring mentions of "climate change" in official planning, President Trump has set back U.S. resilience and progress achieved by previous presidents. His suppression and censorship of climate science within federal agencies has undermined efforts to plan for coming risks or fund proactive resilience infrastructure.

ALL-IN ECONOMY

President Trump likes to claim this is the best economy in history. But that ignores the fact that economic growth is concentrated in a relatively small number of regions — and families in America’s former manufacturing, agricultural and other industrial centers are struggling.

Many Michiganders are underemployed or working two or three jobs, with [more than 40%](#) of residents living in poverty or unable to make ends meet.

- Researchers say Michigan’s economic growth could [slow in 2020](#) due to its dependence on manufacturing.
- Projections indicate MI’s unemployment rate will rise to about [4.5%](#) in 2020.
- While the rest of the nation is projected to see modest salary growth, that growth will largely miss Michigan because of [low friction](#) in local labor markets.

Mike Bloomberg’s All-In Economy agenda includes a series of initiatives that will bring jobs and income growth to people and communities that have been shortchanged by the Trump administration.

The Trump administration has continued to punish Michigan business, farmers, and manufacturers by provoking \$600 million in new retaliatory tariffs from international trading partners. As a result, exports of goods that have been subject to retaliation, including steel pipes, [dropped 7% last year](#).

Mike’s Plan:

Create the Jobs of the Future in Communities Today.

- Invest billions in research, education and infrastructure to bring good jobs to communities that need them most.
- Launch a major public research and development investment to create industries of the future in areas such as agriculture, manufacturing and medicine.
- Revive rural areas by streamlining federal assistance and connecting them to economic growth centers – for example, by providing broadband access.
- Create a place-based Earned Income Tax Credit to reward employers for locating and hiring in distressed communities.

Make Education and Training a National Priority.

- Make the education and upskilling of Americans the Vice President’s #1 priority.
- Invest in community colleges and apprentice programs, with the goal of boosting apprenticeship starts to 1 million a year by 2030.
- Upgrade career-training systems and programs in every state.
- Streamline the government’s 43 employment and training programs.

Improve Jobs and Protect Workers.

- Grant all workers - including gig, contract and franchise employees - the right to organize and bargain collectively.
- Oppose the spread of anti-union “Right-to-Work” laws.

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- Extend traditional protections, including the minimum wage, to domestic workers and farm workers.
- Limit non-compete clauses for low- and middle-income workers.
- Increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, linked to growth in earnings.

Support Entrepreneurship.

- Help communities across the country set up the most effective possible one-stop shops for entrepreneurs, elevating the best local ideas to the national level.
- Expand mentorship and incubator programs.

Mike's Record

Mike has an unmatched record of job creation. As an entrepreneur, Mike built one of the world's most successful companies from scratch. What began in an office with four people, one coffee pot and zero customers is today an organization that employs nearly 20,000 people.

As mayor, Mike led New York City through the recovery of 9/11 and two major national recessions, helping create nearly half-a-million new jobs — many in the neighborhoods that needed them most.

Mike focused job-creation efforts in industries that diversified the city's economy and created opportunities for New Yorkers up and down the economic ladder — including tourism, biotech and technology. In doing so, Mike and his team wrote one of the great comeback stories in American history.

President Trump has over-promised and under-delivered on his pledges to create jobs, undermining the economic security of working families across the country and leaving American workers underprepared for future employment challenges. The Trump administration promised that the 2017 tax bill would result in an annual wage increase of \$4,000 per household, but real hourly earnings, which according to the the Bureau of Labor statistics showed “essential no change” in 2019, expose that as another unkept promise. Additionally, Trump's tariff war with China and other nations has cost American businesses and consumers billions of dollars in increased costs.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is the economic engine for thousands of rural communities, including many across Michigan and the greater Midwest. American farming provides direct jobs to 11% of U.S. workers and creates innumerable opportunities for local businesses to grow. But farmers today face significant challenges, from the market dominance of large conglomerates to extreme weather. Worst of all, American farmers face direct opposition from the president. President Trump's trade war has slashed farm exports to China, vital to American farmers' economic well-being, by almost 75% in his first term, contributing to a 24% surge in farm bankruptcies. Since Trump's reckless trade war began, Michigan residents have [paid over \\$1.6 billion](#) in additional tariffs that were placed on imported products including soybeans, dairy, wheat, and pork.

Mike knows farmers are proud to work hard and don't want to rely on subsidies and bailouts to survive. He knows they need a president who has their backs. As president, Mike will champion a progressive agenda for the next generation of American farmers, reversing the Trump administration's destructive policies and restoring respect and opportunity to America's farmers and rural communities. He will make trade work in favor of American farmers, enhance equal opportunity in the agricultural workforce, invest in conservation and innovation and support rural areas through an inclusive approach that improves infrastructure, health care, and education.

Mike's Plan

Ensure Fair Competition in Agriculture.

- Require the Justice Department to subject mergers and acquisitions in the agriculture industry to greater scrutiny.
- Revive U.S. Department of Agriculture efforts to write rules aimed at protecting small farmers from unfair contracting practices.
- Reinststate the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration as a separate agency.
- Streamline H-2A (i.e., temporary agricultural workers) farm labor requirements.

Fix American Trade Policy and Expand Agricultural Markets.

- Prioritize cooperation with allies and the World Trade Organization.
- De-escalate U.S.-China trade tensions.

Help Farmers Build Healthy Work Toward Net-Zero Emissions in Agriculture.

- Expand funding for USDA conservation programs.
- Investigate ways to align crop insurance with conservation incentives.
- Restore Obama-era Waters of the United States rules, and help farmers comply with them.

Invest in the Future of Farms.

- Expand USDA's microloan program for small and first-time farmers.
- Appoint USDA leadership committed to civil rights and helping farmers of color.
- Expand farmworker protections to include minimum wage, overtime and other standard labor rights, as well as protection against harassment.

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Boost Rural Economies.

- Pay rural hospitals a fixed amount to manage all Medicare beneficiaries in their area. - Improve screening and treatment for depression.
- Expand broadband access by leveraging private-sector investments.
- Introduce a place-based Earned Income Tax Credit to provide added incentives for businesses to locate and create jobs in rural communities.

Mike's Record

Mike has a long history of supporting American farms, especially the [96%](#) which are small or family-owned, and [recognizing](#) the important role farmers play in protecting America's environment. Mike has been critical of large agribusiness' disproportionate power in American agriculture. He [condemned](#) the 2007 federal energy bill, saying "most of the farms things we do don't benefit most farmers," especially small farmers, "who we should really be helping." Mike has also been [highly critical](#) of Trump's trade policy. He has [supported](#) trade agreements that benefit American farmers, and started a group that [endorsed](#) legislation to improve farm labor. As mayor, Mike's administration made investments to [expand](#) farmer's markets in New York City, providing [a critical market](#) for upstate farmers. He also partnered with Governor Cuomo to invest in upgrading the Hunts Point Terminal Market, the world's [second-largest wholesale](#) market and the [largest](#) in-state market for New York farmers.

President Trump promised to take care of farmers, but in reality, he has undercut America's farm economy, diminished science and research vital to American agriculture, and [done little](#) to meet the needs of rural communities. He has created an economic crisis for America's farmers with his needless trade war, reducing [exports](#) to China to \$7.3 billion in 2019, from \$22 billion in 2017. That includes a [75% drop](#) in soybean exports. Trump has also weakened the Agriculture Department by [downsizing its staff](#), [muzzling science](#), and [proposing](#) to cut its budget, in addition to installing [officials with heavy ties to large farming conglomerates](#) to run the department.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR BLACK AMERICA

Michigan has seen the [largest decrease](#) in African American homeownership than any other state, from 51% in 2000 to 40% in 2016. And while 89% of Detroit's population is comprised of minorities, only 15% of the city's private company revenues come from minority-owned [firms](#).

Many people in America suffer discrimination, but the African American experience is unique. Where slavery ended, systematic bias quickly took its place and Black Americans were crowded into neighborhoods, denied credit, starved of public investment and subjected to financial predators — and to a large extent, still are. The enduring legacy of this unconscionable history is reflected in the fact that, despite progress in closing education and employment gaps, the typical Black household remains almost ten times poorer than the typical white household.

Mike's ambitious and sweeping Greenwood Initiative will deliver economic justice and create generational wealth for Black Americans by addressing systematic bias and making strategic investments in communities and businesses. In doing so, Mike aims to triple the wealth of the median Black household and increase upward mobility in their communities.

Mike's Plan:

Create Generational Wealth for Black Americans Through Home & Business Ownership.

- Help one million Black Americans become homeowners.
- Provide down-payment assistance, expand access to banking for millions, increase recognition by credit scoring companies, enforce fair lending laws, reduce foreclosures and evictions and increase the supply of affordable housing.
- Create 100,000 new Black-owned businesses, doubling their number.
- Set up user-friendly one-stop shops for entrepreneurs across the country, expand mentorships and incubators, increase access to capital (both debt and equity,) support Black-owned banks and expand procurement from Black-owned businesses.
- Focus on benefitting Black female entrepreneurs, the fastest growing group of entrepreneurs.

Help the Neighborhoods That Need it Most.

- Commit \$70 billion in funding and technical support towards a national initiative to turn around 100 of the country's most disadvantaged communities, with a relentless focus on evaluation to expand programs that work.
- Offer communities evidence-based aid through programs in areas including health, education, infrastructure and justice.
- Expand access to opportunity across the country, by addressing disparities in early childhood, schools, higher education, skills and training, employment, health and environmental conditions.

Address Systematic Discrimination Head-On.

- Defend the rights of protected groups by reinvigorating and reorienting the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

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- Shed light on discriminatory practices by requiring companies to report on hiring, pay and procurement and collecting more complete lending data Tie federal housing funding to progress in reducing segregation, require implicit bias training for police, teachers and federal contractors, and restore voting rights by addressing practices such as ID requirements, roll purging and gerrymandering.

Mike's Record

While Mike was mayor, graduation rates for Black American students reached record highs and the Black-white achievement gap shrank to a record low. He more than doubled the education budget, raised standards and increased quality school options by closing failing schools which served mostly Black American and Latino students. Mike reduced the number of Black New Yorkers behind bars by reforming policies that disproportionately impact young men of color. Under Mike, the city's incarceration rate fell by 39%, while incarceration rates in the rest of the country rose.

Mike created and co-funded the nation's biggest and most ambitious effort to support young men of color. The Young Men's Initiative (YMI) was the first municipal plan to focus on the persistent disparities experienced by young men of color in education, employment, health, crime and more. The initiative inspired President Obama to launch My Brother's Keeper, and similar plans in hundreds of cities across the country.

Mike launched the nation's most ambitious plan to expand affordable housing. The \$23.6 billion New Housing Marketplace Plan was the largest affordable housing program in the country, building or preserving 175,000 units.

President Trump has regularly made racist comments and his administration has consistently advanced policies that disproportionately undermine the potential for Black wealth creation. Income inequality between Blacks and whites under Trump is getting worse, as the wage gap continues to widen.

MIKE'S COMMITMENT TO ARAB AND MUSLIM AMERICANS

Mike has always been a vocal champion for the rights of Muslims and Arab Americans. In 2010, Mike was [one of the people to stand up and defend an effort to build a mosque near the World Trade Center](#). Few others joined him, but it was something he believed in deeply, and he spoke out forcefully. Following 9/11, Mike ensured New York City was unified and worked to protect the rights of all New Yorkers. He met with and hosted annual meetings with leaders of the Arab-American community and hosted an annual Ramadan Iftar at Gracie Mansion, the official residence of the mayor of the City of New York. For 12 years, Mike hosted an annual Interfaith Breakfast where leaders of Muslim community across New York came together for integral conversations with the mayor.

As president, Mike will rescind the discriminatory and un-American travel ban. Mike believes that discriminating against individuals on the basis of religion or country of origin is profoundly un-American and would end under a Bloomberg administration. Mike will lift the travel ban, including against the six additional countries added in January 2020.

Mike has been a consistent critic of the way this president has scapegoated Muslims and tried to exclude Muslims from immigrating here. He will be a strong defender of the rights of Muslims as president.

Mike's Plan to Address Systematic Discrimination Head-On will:

- End the travel ban immediately.
- Classify hate crimes as domestic terrorism.
- Continue his commitment to civil liberties and civil rights and will work with the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice to ensure rights of American Muslims and Arabs are protected.
- Revive the White House Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives and include a robust community of Imams as part of that Advisory Council. Mike will continue his commitment to engaging faith leaders in an annual Interfaith Breakfast as he did in NYC.
- Restore numbers for the [refugee resettlement program](#).
- Ensure recommitment to visas that enhance our STEM talent, making America a welcoming place of all talents and inviting innovation back to re-establish America as a competitive and global leader.
- Build a representative and inclusive government. Mike's administration will utilize the breadth of talent in our community and ensure Muslims are key members of his administration.
- Address challenges in the Middle East through comprehensive foreign policy and a commitment to global human rights
- Work for a peace plan with a two-state solution for Palestinians achieved through direct negotiations. Mike believes Palestinians deserve dignity, democracy, and opportunity.
- Reaffirm the United States' commitment to upholding human rights for all, including Muslims around the world, through diplomacy and global multilateral systems.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Michigan's crumbling infrastructure places an enormous strain on the state's businesses and local governments. The latest American Society of Civil Engineers report gave Michigan a [D+ grade](#) on infrastructure, a grade that reveals what we all know: our roads are in poor condition, costing the average motorist [more than \\$600 a year](#) in extra costs; aging Michigan water systems across the state have [higher lead levels than Flint](#); and [large swaths of the state, including northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, lack broadband coverage](#).

Mike's infrastructure plan will tie investments to clear goals: better roads and transit options, safer bridges, clean drinking water, a zero-carbon electric grid, and access to broadband.

Mike's Plan:

Build Better, Safer Roads & Bridges.

- Allocate \$850 billion over 10 years to fill unmet capital needs in roads, bridges, dams and other infrastructure.
- Aim to repair 240,000 miles of roads and 16,000 bridges by 2025.
- Create millions of high-quality jobs with Davis-Bacon/Buy American labor protections.
- Save 20,000 lives by 2025 through a national road safety plan and new street-design standards.

Ensure Safer Water Systems for Americans at Home and in Their Communities.

- Invest \$100 billion to upgrade water systems and build a more interconnected network.
- Address the 100 cities with the worst water infrastructure by the end of Mike's first term, and cities in crisis, including Flint, in his first 100 days.
- Invest \$175 million over five years in water infrastructure and increase the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to \$6.6 billion annually.

Expand Access to Broadband.

- Auction off subsidies and use newly opened spectrum to extend broadband to all by 2030.

Mike's Record

As mayor of New York City, Mike led an economic, cultural and environmental renaissance in the aftermath of 9/11. Mike helped to create nearly half-a-million new jobs, in a diverse range of fields including technology, health care and education. Tens of millions of square feet of new commercial space was created across the boroughs, and the industrial economy, which employs nearly half a million people, was buoyed. Mike led record investments in core infrastructure like roads and bridges, created innovative green infrastructure policies to fight climate change, invested in neighborhoods, reduced traffic deaths and expanded public transit and biking options.

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President Trump pledged to invest billions in our infrastructure--and even declared "infrastructure week" at least seven times --, but he has failed to uphold his promises. Trump has failed as a federal partner to the State of Michigan, leaving our transportation network, air and water quality, and more in worse shape than before he took office. President Trump has promised over and over to improve America's infrastructure, but three years later, he has delivered nothing but broken promises. All in all, he has only secured a little more than 1% of his proposed infrastructure budget. As Mike said, "No politician has talked more about infrastructure with less results to show for it than President Trump."

EDUCATION

Mike believes that education must be a national priority and that it's the president's job to make children's lives better, for their future, and for America's. As president, Mike will build on his record as mayor and invest in children's education and well-being from the start. He will focus on making America's public schools the best in the world and boost teacher salaries, help states attract and retain quality teachers, and promote the creation of innovative new public schools. He will ensure that all students — regardless of race, class, gender, or geography — are prepared to succeed in college and the workplace. He will also upgrade career and technical programs that connect education to good-paying jobs, enrolling 1 million students annually in quality apprenticeships and other work-based credential programs.

Mike's Plan:

Bolster Family Supports and Double Spending on Early Childhood Learning and Care.

- Provide 12 weeks of paid family leave and increase voluntary nurse home visits.
- Triple the number of infants and toddlers enrolled in Early Head Start and expand the reach of Head Start among more 3 to-5-year-olds.
- Increase the percentage of families receiving subsidies through the Child Care and Development Block Grants.
- Reform the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit to include the neediest families.
- Increase funding for campus-based child care services.

Raise Quality Standards of Child Care Providers and Facilities.

- Improve data collection and develop reliable and uniform ratings systems to help parents choose high-quality day care for their children.
- Incentivize entrepreneurship, infrastructure upgrades and shared back-office networks to help lower child care center costs and improve quality.
- Create pathways to higher education and higher wages for child care workers.
- Study better ways to organize early childhood education at the federal level and consider establishing a cabinet-level position to promote accountability and coordinate services.

Guarantee Access to Full-Day Preschool for All 3 and 4-Year-Olds.

- Incentivize cities and states to create innovative programs that help low-income children bridge the language gap and prepare them for success in kindergarten.
- Restore grants for states to reach universal pre-k and reward those that boost enrollment of low- to moderate-income students and increase the quality of programs.
- Offer grants to states that close the salary and benefits gap between pre-k and kindergarten teachers.

Expand Pell Grants to Help Students Cover the Full Cost of College.

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- Double the maximum Pell grant to \$12,690. This expands access for low- and moderate-income students to the public or private college of their choice.
- Help more students qualify for Pell grants by simplifying FAFSA and notifying families of Pell eligibility as part of the income-tax return process.
- Pilot a program to provide extra Pell funds for institutions that enroll and graduate large shares of Pell-eligible students.
- Extend Pell eligibility to incarcerated students and Dreamers.

Launch a Federal-State Funding Partnership to Boost States' Investments in Higher Education.

- In order to qualify for this 2:1 federal-state program, states and institutions would commit to limit tuition hikes, reverse disinvestments and meet maintenance of effort requirements and keep the full cost of attendance from rising faster than inflation.
- Fund proven and promising strategies to boost college completion.

Reform the Federal Student Loan System So No One Pays More Than They Can Afford.

- Enroll new and existing undergraduate student-loan borrowers automatically in income-driven repayment (IDR) programs, with repayment capped at 5% of discretionary income, down from the current 10%.
- Borrowers will be able to choose to repay through the paycheck withholding system used to collect payroll and income taxes. Borrowers could still opt out and enroll in another federal program.
- For borrowers in IDR plans, forgive undergrad loans up to \$57,000 tax-free after 20 years, if borrowers are making reasonable progress on their loans.

Strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

- Triple direct federal Title III funding to HBCUs.
- Invest in teacher training and preparing students for STEM careers.
- Boost funding to HBCU medical schools to increase the number of physicians of color.
- Create a grant program to help HBCUs restore and modernize infrastructure — particularly facilities used for STEM education.
- Fully fund the HBCU capital-financing program and provide one-time forgiveness of capital-finance debt for struggling institutions.
- Establish an office in the executive branch to improve minority-serving institutions' access to research funds and other federal grant opportunities.

End Legacy Preferences and Restore Fairness to the College-Admissions Process.

- Call for an end to giving children of alumni advantages in the college admissions process.
- Support legislation to require all institutions receiving federal aid to make public their comparative rates of admission for legacy and non-legacy candidates, as well as enrollment and completion rates broken out by race, income and legacy status.
- Consider stronger measures if progress isn't made toward ending legacy preferences, including limiting schools' access to federal funds.

Strengthen Career Training and Work-Based Education.

- Expand federal funding for workforce development and career-education programs.

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- Support innovative collaborations among employers and educational providers to develop industry-valued credentials and programs.
- Set a goal to enroll 1 million people annually by 2030 in college work based-degrees where students participate in paid apprenticeships and internships linked to relevant coursework preparing students for in-demand, good-paying careers.
- Help working adults upgrade skills through additional training and education.

Mike's Record

Mike has a long history of investing in programs to prepare people for the jobs of the future: As mayor, Mike created innovative high schools that combined traditional education with work experience, expanded programs to help young people learn digital skills, and [backed effective](#) community college programs. Since leaving office, Bloomberg Philanthropies has supported innovative apprenticeship [programs](#) around the United States through which over 2,000 high school students have received certifications and work experience to help them secure jobs in industries like IT, advanced manufacturing, health care, and financial services after graduation.

Donald Trump's administration proposed rollbacks would deepen equity gaps and weaken student loan protections. The president's own Trump University used false advertising to lure prospective students to the now-defunct for-profit program, according to NBC News. To date, Trump has:

- Appointed Betsy DeVos, an Education Secretary who has dismantled public education and protects predatory, for-profit colleges and universities.
- Shut down Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) student lending office responsible for returning millions in debt relief to students.
- Proposed eliminating federal subsidies for student loans and funding for student aid programs.
- Proposed cutting funds for adult literacy instruction and grants for career education.
- Proposed cutting Education Department funding by \$9B for programs working with low-income students.

GUN SAFETY

Every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, with [firearms leading as the top cause of death among children and teens in Michigan](#). Most Americans support common-sense gun safety laws, but President Trump's unacceptable deference to the NRA has allowed the bloodshed to continue. As a former mayor of America's largest city and co-founder of Everytown for Gun Safety, the nation's largest gun safety advocacy organization, Mike Bloomberg knows what it will take to keep Americans safe from gun violence. Mike's plan builds on his decades of standing up to the gun lobby and protects 2nd Amendment rights, while enacting common-sense laws that save lives.

Mike's Plan:

Mandatory Background Checks for Every Gun Purchase.

- Require point-of-sale background checks for all sales, including at gun shows and for sales arranged over the internet.
- Require every gun buyer to get a permit before making a purchase and allow issuers to deny permits to people who pose a danger to themselves or others.
- Create a notification system to alert local authorities when a gun owner becomes barred from having firearms.

Keep Guns Out of the Wrong Hands.

- Close the "boyfriend loophole," which allows many domestic abusers to have guns simply because they are not married to their victims.
- Prohibit firearm purchases by those under 21-years-old.
- Pass a federal red flag law to allow courts in all 50 states to temporarily remove firearms from people who are a danger to themselves or others.
- Prohibit firearm purchases by those under 21 years old and block possession by people with recent assault offenses.

Protect Our Children from Assault Weapons and Unintentional Shootings.

- Reinstatement of the federal ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.
- Require secure firearm storage for all gun owners, protecting the estimated 4.6 million American children who live in houses with an unlocked gun.
- Ban all guns in K-12 schools, colleges, and universities, except for law enforcement.

Tackle Daily Gun Violence With Programs that Make Our Communities Safer

- Fund local violence intervention programs at a minimum of \$100 million annually.
- Increase Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives funding.
- Fund public health research of gun violence at a minimum \$100 million annually.
- Institute a waiting period for firearm purchases of at least 48 hours.

Hold the Gun Industry Accountable for Violence.

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- Repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to remove legal immunity for gunmakers and gun dealers and make them accountable to civil lawsuits brought against them.
- Grant the federal government the ability to set safety requirements for guns by allowing the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to treat firearms like other regulated household products.
- Appoint a White House gun coordinator to mobilize the public to fight gun violence and launch an interagency hub to fight gun violence.

Mike's Record

As mayor of New York City, Mike co-founded Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a national coalition to push for stronger local, state, and federal gun safety laws. It grew to include more than 1,000 current and former mayors.

In 2013, after leaving the mayor's office, Mike co-founded Everytown for Gun Safety, which merged Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense to create a legislative, electoral, and cultural movement that has engaged millions in activism and advocacy for sensible gun laws.

Despite tens-of-thousands of Americans having been affected by mass shootings and other gun violence since he assumed office in 2017, as president, Donald Trump has been a steadfast friend to the National Rifle Association. Trump has failed to push his party to support common-sense interventions, like universal background checks, overwhelmingly supported by the American public, Democrat, Republican, and Independent alike.