



# WELCOME!

## **The First 100 Days: *Strategy & Action Webinar***

**NETWORK**  
ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE, INSPIRED BY CATHOLIC SISTERS

*Meeting the expected challenges of the 2nd Trump Administration and the 119th Congress*

# AGENDA



- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- An Economy For All (Una Economía Para Todos)
- The First 100 Days
- Looking at the Issues
- Call to Action
- Q&A

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# AN ECONOMY FOR **ALL** AGENDA

We all deserve to thrive.





# AN ECONOMY FOR ALL POLICY AGENDA

## UNA ECONOMÍA PARA TODOS

Together, we are building **an economy for all**, and demanding that our elected leaders deliver what our communities need to thrive:

- Jobs with paid leave and wages that cover our bills, retirement, and more
- Affordable housing, food, and health care
- Safe and welcoming neighborhoods
- Clean air and water
- A just tax code that ensures the wealthy pay their fair share
- A just and humane immigration system
- A politics responsive to the people, not the money



*Coming soon:  
Our "Economy for All" one-pager!*

# THE FIRST 100 DAYS: WHAT TO EXPECT

## Shock and awe: President Trump will begin with a bang!

### Administrative Action

- January 20
- Executive Orders attacking all areas of NETWORK's agenda
- Biggest focus: immigration enforcement and deportations



### Legislation in the 119th Session

- Budget Reconciliation: "One Big, Beautiful Bill"
- What's on the table?
  - Tax cuts for the rich
  - Cuts to healthcare and food programs to pay for the tax cuts
  - Cuts to clean energy incentives
  - Immigration and border militarization funding

# 119TH CONGRESS: THINGS TO REMEMBER

## Politics = Math!

- House: Passage of Bill needs 218 – Republicans can only lose 2
- Senate: Reconciliation needs 51 – Republicans can only lose 3
- All other Senate bills need 60 – Republicans need 7 Democrats

## It's Hard for Congress to Walk and Chew Gum at the Same Time.

- Reconciliation is hard (ex. Build Back Better)
- Crowded calendar of must-pass bills
  - Two Appropriations Bills (March 2025 and September 2026)
- Point of Leverage: Debt ceiling debate in early summer



**When we fight, we win.**

**What we lose on the Hill, we win back home!**



# TAX POLICY

## Challenges

- Significant parts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts may become permanent law
- Benefits for wealthy individuals and corporations face extension
- Campaign proposals could end up in legislation

## Opportunities

- Changes to the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit
- Comprehensive bill text expected in Q1, allowing for analysis and planning

# PROTECT SNAP

**The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has served for decades as our nation's most essential tool to prevent hunger. Even with SNAP, 34 million of our neighbors face hunger—including 9 million children.**

## Challenges

- Congress must hold the line against cuts to current SNAP benefit levels
- Congress must oppose new and more punishing work-reporting requirements

## Opportunities

- Congress must remove the Farm Bill's unjustifiable lifetime ban on SNAP benefits for individuals convicted of drug felonies

***Fun fact: Many food programs, like SNAP, are in the Farm Bill***

# PROTECT MEDICAID FROM CUTS THAT KILL

Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provide affordable healthcare coverage for millions of us.

## Challenge

- Congress must block efforts to cut Medicaid or change its structure through block grants, per capita spending caps, or punishing work-reporting requirements

## Opportunity

- Congress must make the ACA premium tax credits permanent so we can all afford health insurance





# CLIMATE AND CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

## Challenges

- Partisan divides
- Energy permitting stalemates: balancing clean energy & fossil fuel permitting reforms
- Critical mineral dependence: geopolitical tensions and limited domestic production

## Opportunities

- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) incentives
  - Expand clean energy adoption and manufacturing
  - Prevent the rollback of IRA's clean energy tax credits
- Energy security: Accelerate domestic clean energy production
- Economic and job growth: create jobs and drive economic development

# IMMIGRATION POLICY AND MORE

## **Keep Families Together, Protect People Fleeing Persecution, and Repair Our Immigration System**

*The Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching are clear: we are called to love our neighbor and welcome the immigrant. For decades, Catholics have been steadfast in their calls for a just reform of the nation's immigration system.*

### **Challenges**

- Criminalization of immigrants and immigration
- Mass separation of immigrant families --> devastating hardship and emotional distress

### **Alternatively, Congress Must...**

- Ensure humanitarian/asylum protections
- Ensure due process according to the Immigration and Naturalization Act
- Provide opportunities for legal pathways to citizenship

# JOIN NETWORK IN ADVOCACY!

## Drop off NETWORK materials at your Representative's in-district office

- January Recess (Jan. 27-Jan. 31) or ASAP
- Sign-up online following this webinar
- Build relationships with local staff
- Introduce NETWORK and our policy priorities
- Connect with other advocates from your district





# OTHER WAYS TO ENGAGE

## Become a Member

- Our mission is powered by the financial support of more than 5,000 members—join them today!
- Receive *Connection*, our award-winning quarterly magazine
- A gift of \$20 or more entitles you to an annual membership and all its benefits

## Join an Advocates Team

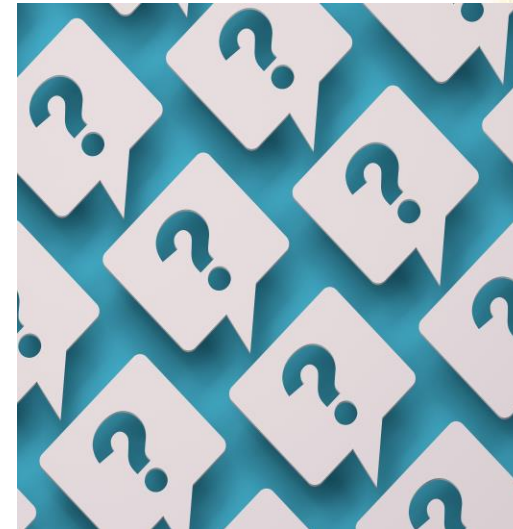
- We currently have teams of advocates in CA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MO, NJ, NY, OH, PA, TX, and VA
- Reach out to [info@networklobby.org](mailto:info@networklobby.org) for more information or to get involved!

## Follow us on Social Media

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# Q&A

*We will do our best to follow-up regarding any questions we are unable to answer during our time together today!*





# Thank You

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