



Centered & Strong

A NEW VISION FOR THE PATH FORWARD

Though America is a deeply divided nation, the majority of the country remains in the political center, not the extremes. Nevertheless, the President, having won last year's election with less than 50% of the total votes cast, seems more intent on diminishing the Constitution, dismantling the government, and dividing the American people, than on improving the lives of hardworking Americans.

In this perilous moment, the 110+ members of the New Democrat Coalition (New Dems) are stepping into the breach and helping Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Whip Clark, Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar, and the entire Democratic Caucus, resist and defeat the misguided and dangerous policies of the Trump Administration and House Republicans. New Dems are focused on lowering costs and protecting the livelihoods, safety, security, and rights of all Americans. We are committed to getting things done, and playing on both offense and defense.

In 2024, the New Dems prevailed against strong headwinds that did not favor Democrats in general — protecting 85 of 87 incumbents and adding 25 new members to our ranks. We flipped 9 districts from Republican to Democratic. We never wavered from tackling the core pocketbook issues Americans care about most. We stayed, and will stay, focused on commonsense ideas to strengthen our nation and secure our future.

New Dems **are** the voice of the center. We believe in the never-ending pursuit of “a more perfect union,” and recognize that the path forward is best achieved when we work together. We are committed to clearly demonstrating that the Democrats are the party of bold ideas, based on clear-eyed assessments of our country's challenges and our opportunities. We are not afraid to debate ideas or go against the status quo, and we are always eager to embrace new approaches to effectively governing.

We are at a critical crossroads. We must urgently stand up to reclaim our vision of America as a nation of progress—with liberty and justice for all—or we will see our nation become further divided and diminished.

Put simply, the New Dems are at the center of the Democratic Party's future, and will be at the center of moving our nation forward.

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Our New Dem vision is built on three pillars: economic growth and opportunity; healthy and safe communities; and strong national security and defense. Our Members are ready to work with everyone willing to find common ground, and will stand up to anyone who seeks to undermine our Constitution, weaken our democracy, or diminish our nation's and our children's future.

➤ **Economic Growth and Lowering Costs: Work, Wages, and Wealth**

- Raising the standard of living and helping hardworking American families achieve financial freedom — not just making ends meet, but getting ahead.
- Creating an abundance of new, well-paying jobs at all skill levels, including more union jobs.
- Keeping the promise of a secure and dignified retirement for all Americans.
- Protecting and expanding the United States leadership in innovation and technology.
- Supporting American small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Revitalizing rural America to lead the world for the 21st Century.
- Maintaining American energy independence and development and expansion of new energy sources.
- Responsibly addressing deficits and debts to leave our children a prosperous future.

➤ **Healthy and Safe Communities**

- Relieving the housing crisis by expanding the supply of quality, affordable homes.
- Helping people feel safe and secure in their homes and on their way to work, school and play by keeping their communities free from crime, violence, and decay.
- Ensuring access to quality, affordable healthcare from providers people trust, where and when they need care.
- Providing every American child the skills and lessons they need to succeed in the 21st century economy.
- Ensuring every American has clean and safe air, water, and food

➤ **Strong National Security and Defense**

- Modernizing our defense, diplomatic, and development (3D) capabilities to protect and advance American interests at home and abroad.
- Fixing our outdated and broken immigration laws and border security to protect all American citizens, while still welcoming, through legal channels, individuals and families from around the world wanting to pursue the American dream to help grow our economy and build our future.
- Responding to a changing climate with investments in new, clean energy and emission reducing/carbon capture technologies, as well as advancements in infrastructure and community resilience, and modernization of our permitting processes.

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In the 119th Congress, nine New Dems Working Groups, each having impact on all three pillars, will harness the broad experience, insights and knowhow of our 110+ members to translate our vision into actionable, commonsense policy ideas and recommendations.

<u>WORKING GROUPS</u>	Economic Growth & Opportunity	Healthy & Safe Communities	Strong National Security & Defense
<u>ECONOMIC GROWTH & COST OF LIVING</u>			
<i>Inflation and the cost of living, tax reform, trade & tariffs, manufacturing expansion, supply chains, care economy, federal budget & fiscal reform</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>WORKFORCE & EDUCATION</u>			
<i>Early education & childcare, K-12, apprenticeship and training, advanced/higher ed, college affordability & student debt, PRO Act and right to organize</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>HEALTH CARE</u>			
<i>Access & affordability, reproductive health, mental health, addiction & substance abuse disorder, public health (NIH/CDC)</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION</u>			
<i>Housing affordability, infrastructure modernization, transit & transportation</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>CLIMATE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT</u>			
<i>Clean energy development, transmission, climate resiliency, permitting reform</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY</u>			
<i>Secure borders, legal pathways, ag, healthcare and hospitality workforce</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>RURAL REVITALIZATION</u>			
<i>Rural economy, farm bill, rural broadband</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY</u>			
<i>Research & development, artificial intelligence, digital assets, intellectual property protection</i>	✔	✔	✔
<u>NATIONAL SECURITY</u>			
<i>Defense, diplomacy, development, cyber security, veterans, nonproliferation, counter terrorism</i>	✔	✔	✔