



SENATOR ROMNEY'S  
**LEGISLATIVE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



In just one month, I will reach the end of my Senate term—time has flown by. Over the last six years, we have faced many challenges. Yet, we've been able to accomplish important things for the Beehive State and our country. I'm also grateful for the tireless efforts of my team to improve the lives of Utahns.

Throughout my term, I was fortunate to meet with thousands of individuals and local businesses who helped me learn about important opportunities, as well as challenges, facing Utah's communities. I have deeply valued all of the input you shared with me, which in turn helped me fight for your priorities in the Senate. That partnership has led to expansion and improvement of our state's infrastructure, increased access to rural broadband, enhanced resources for wildfire prevention, efforts to save the Great Salt Lake, investments in Hill Air Force Base—and much more.

I'm proud of the work my team and I have done to stand up for Utahns—pushing back against federal overreach on issues impacting our rural counties, fighting for more access and greater local input in public land matters, and safeguarding Utah's role in our national security. My casework team has assisted with more than 10,000 casework claims, helping Utahns navigate the federal bureaucracy for things such as passport services, veterans' benefits, and Medicare assistance. And excitingly, after years of hard work from my team, the State Department announced it will be opening a passport agency in Salt Lake City!

My time in the Senate has been marked by divided government, and while it has provided challenges, it has also presented an opportunity for both parties to find common ground in tackling some of the biggest issues facing our country—breaking U.S. dependence on China for microchips and critical minerals, emergency COVID relief, reforms to the Electoral Count Act, bipartisan gun safety legislation, and securing religious liberty protections in the Respect for Marriage Act.

We still face big issues. The rise in authoritarianism around the world, our growing national debt, and the threats posed by AI will demand that elected officials come together, in a bipartisan manner, to find effective strategies and solutions to these great challenges.

It has been a profound honor to serve Utah and the nation, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so. I have great confidence that Utah will continue to grow and thrive, just as it has done for more than 128 years.



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# LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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# TOP TEN LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AUTHORED OR NEGOTIATED BY SENATOR ROMNEY

## 1 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

Led negotiations for the landmark infrastructure legislation to provide an historic \$550 billion investment in our country's physical infrastructure. As of October 2024, more than \$3.7 billion in funding for infrastructure projects across Utah has been announced, and the state anticipates more than \$5.2 billion in additional funding. This legislation also secured passage of the *Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act* and more than \$200 million in funding for projects to deliver clean drinking water to Utah's Navajo Nation.

## 2 ADDRESSING THE CHINA THREAT

Enacted measures aimed at countering the rising threat posed by China, including legislation that requires the administration to develop a comprehensive China strategy, to break U.S. dependence on China for microchips and critical minerals, and to promote American innovation. The *CHIPS and Science Act* brought \$1.6 billion in funding to Utah in support of Texas Instruments' three semiconductor fabs.

## 3 NEW PASSPORT AGENCY IN SALT LAKE CITY

Secured a passport agency for Salt Lake City to improve in-person and emergency passport services for Utahns. The passport agency is slated to open as early as 2026.

## 4 WILDFIRE MITIGATION & MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Helped establish a commission of federal, state and local stakeholders to study and recommend fire prevention, mitigation, management, and rehabilitation policies for forests and grasslands in the bipartisan infrastructure law. Following the Commission's final report in 2023, Senators Romney and Kelly (D-AZ) turned nearly 30 of the recommendations into legislation (the *EMBER Act*).

## 5 CURBING TEEN VAPING

Enacted a law to prohibit the sale of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21 and a provision to prohibit the online sales of e-cigarettes to children.

## 6 RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT WITH RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTIONS

Helped protect the religious freedoms of our faith-based institutions by working to secure religious liberty protections in the bipartisan *Respect for Marriage Act*, which is now law.

## 7 BOLSTERING UTAH'S DEFENSE PRIORITIES

Secured more than \$30 billion for the Air Force's F-35A program and nearly \$7 billion for Sentinel since 2018. Fought against budget cuts for Dugway Proving Ground and enacted legislation to support its chem-bio program facilities. Secured authorization for nearly \$100 million for new military construction projects at Hill Air Force Base, which is critical to our national security.

## 8 SAVING THE GREAT SALT LAKE

Raised national awareness about the need to save the Great Salt Lake by enacting legislation and securing funding to bolster Utah's efforts to protect the lake's long-term health.

## 9 BIPARTISAN COVID RELIEF ACT OF 2020

Helped lead bipartisan negotiations for the December 2020 COVID-19 relief package, which broke a months-long stalemate. The \$908 billion bill repurposed unspent funds, provided emergency relief for small businesses, and supported health care providers and vaccine distribution.

## 10 ROMNEY-NEGOTIATED MAJOR BIPARTISAN LAWS

Helped reform the outdated *Electoral Count Act of 1887* to ensure that the electoral votes tallied by Congress accurately reflect each state's vote for President. Helped enact the *Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*—legislation to bolster public safety and prevent tragedies before they occur.

# UTAH

Fighting for the needs of Utahns has been Senator Romney’s top priority since he came to Washington on January 3, 2019. During his tenure, he has met with thousands of Utahns in communities and businesses across the state to learn about their challenges and what our team might be able to do to help. Our team worked on more than 10,000 casework claims, helping Utahns navigate the federal bureaucracy for passport services, veterans’ benefits, and more.

Advocating for our state also extended to innovative policy proposals. Following a years-long effort by the Senator to improve in-person consular services for Utahns, in June 2024, the State Department announced that Salt Lake City would receive a passport agency as soon as 2026. As one of the lead negotiations of the bipartisan infrastructure law, Senator Romney also helped bring more than \$3.7 billion in funding for infrastructure projects across Utah. Importantly, the legislation funded the Utah Navajo Water Rights Settlement—securing water for Utah while delivering clean drinking water to Navajo Nation—and established a commission to modernize federal wildfire policies.

Senator Romney fought for greater local and state involvement in decision-making and management of public lands and pushed back against federal overreach on issues impacting our rural counties. He worked to bolster Utah’s essential role in our national security, fighting for provisions in every annual defense bill that supported the work being done at both Hill Air Force Base and Dugway Proving Ground.

Continue reading to learn more about Senator Romney’s legislative successes to support the needs of Utah and residents throughout our state.

## GREAT SALT LAKE

- Enacted the [\*Great Salt Lake Recovery Act\*](#) to study historic drought conditions and protect the long-term health of the Great Salt Lake.
- Enacted the [\*Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act\*](#), bipartisan legislation to fill a critical data gap that has made it nearly impossible to address a variety of problems caused by declining water levels.
- Secured funding for a feasibility study to improve ecosystem restoration and water supply in the Lake. This new federal funding will support ongoing efforts by Utah state and local leaders.



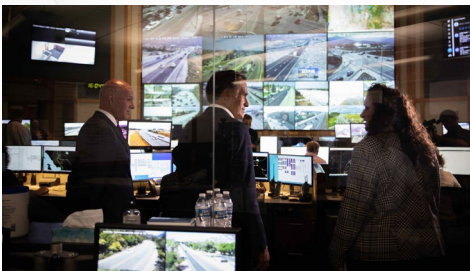
(TOP) **2022:** During historic drought conditions, Romney tours the Great Salt Lake with state and local officials. (BOTTOM) **2024:** Romney welcomes Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Rena Bitter to Salt Lake City for a series of “passport fairs” hosted throughout the state.

## SALT LAKE CITY PASSPORT OFFICE

- After a years-long effort with the State Department, Senator Romney [\*secured a passport agency\*](#) for Salt Lake City to improve in-person and emergency passport services for Utahns. The passport agency is slated to be open as early as 2026.

## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

- Negotiated by Senator Romney and nine of his Senate colleagues, the [bipartisan infrastructure bill](#) was signed into law in November 2021. It provided an historic \$550 billion investment in our country’s physical infrastructure without raising taxes or adding trillions to the deficit, and spent less than one-third of President Biden’s original plan. As of October 2024, more than \$3.7 billion in funding for infrastructure projects across Utah has been announced, and the state anticipates more than \$5.2 billion in additional funding.
- Specifically, the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#):
  - Authorized \$3 billion for Utah’s roads and highways.
  - Enacted Senator Romney’s [Smart Intersection Act](#), legislation that provided resources to state, local, and tribal governments to improve the functioning of their traffic signals.
  - Secured funding for projects throughout Utah, including:
    - The Utah Department of Transportation’s replacement, rebuilding, or repairing of [90 bridges](#) throughout the state.
    - [\\$24.5 million](#) to fund pedestrian and bicycle improvements to 10 light rail stations and 13 bus stops along the Wasatch Front.
    - [\\$60 million](#) for Utah’s Transit Authority’s Light Rail Vehicle Replacement Project.
    - [\\$70 million](#) for the I-15 South Iron County Freight, Mobility, and Safety Project.
    - [\\$29 million](#) to replace aging and capacity constrained facilities at Salt Lake City International Airport.
    - \$1 billion investment to initiate cleanup of previously unfunded superfund sites across the country—including the Superfund Site in Stockton, Utah.



(LEFT) **2021:** Romney discusses his Smart Intersections Act while touring Utah Department of Transportation’s (UDOT) Traffic Operations Center. (MIDDLE) **2023:** Romney tours a UDOT jobsite along I-80 to see how infrastructure bill funds are being used to expand Utah’s highways. (RIGHT) **2023:** UDOT Executive Director Carlos Bracerias shows Romney the deteriorating Willow Green Circle Bridge—one of the state’s 90 bridges being rebuilt using funds from the infrastructure bill.

## NAVAJO UTAH WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT

- Enacted [legislation](#) and secured funding to settle a decades-long negotiation among the Navajo Nation, federal government, and the State of Utah over water rights for Utah Navajos. The Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement was fully funded when the bipartisan infrastructure bill became law.



**2022:** Romney joins Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Utah Governor Spencer J. Cox, and Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez for the signing of the Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Agreement in Monument Valley.



## DROUGHT & WILDFIRE CHALLENGES

- Established the [Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission](#). Senator Romney authored a law to establish a commission of federal and non-federal stakeholders—including city and county level representation—to study and recommend fire prevention, mitigation, management, and rehabilitation policies for forests and grasslands.
  - The Commission’s [final report](#), released in September 2023, outlined the urgent need for an expanded workforce to mitigate wildland fires, the importance of beneficial fires—like prescribed and cultural burning—and the need for increased investment in proactive pre-fire and post-fire planning and mitigation.
  - Senators Romney and Kelly (D-AZ) turned 29 of the Commission’s findings into the [Enhancing Mitigation and Building Effective Resilience \(EMBER\) Act](#), which would help communities better assess, prevent, and manage wildfires.
- Introduced the [MATCH Act](#) to expedite wildfire disaster cleanup, save taxpayer money, and prevent further disasters.
- Enacted [legislation](#) to ensure the wide-reaching Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) forged between the seven Colorado River Basin states and Indian tribes was implemented without delay.
- Secured hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for drought and wildfire-related programs in Utah through the [bipartisan infrastructure bill](#).



**2021:** Following the 541-acre Parleys Canyon Fire in 2021, Romney meets with the Summit County Sheriff and the Park City Fire Chief to discuss lessons learned during the well-executed local response.



**2021:** Romney and Senator Bennet (D-CO) float down the Colorado River in Moab with local leaders to discuss a bipartisan approach to address drought, wildfire, and mudslides in the West.

## CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

- Secured \$160 million for this project to provide water for municipal use, mitigation, hydroelectric power, fish and wildlife, and conservation.

## RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS

- Secured [\\$317 million](#) to improve broadband technologies, including for communities in rural Utah.
- Assisted STRATA Networks in [securing](#) a USDA loan-grant combination of \$23.6 million to provide new and improved broadband infrastructure to more than 3,000 locations in the Uinta Basin.
- Secured [\\$787 million](#) to expand high-speed internet access to rural and underserved communities throughout Utah.

## RURAL SERVICES

- Helped secure funding each year for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which funds local services including road and bridge maintenance, law enforcement, and emergency medical, in many of Utah’s rural counties.
- Co-sponsored [legislation](#) to support the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, which funds essential services, like schools and infrastructure, in rural counties throughout Utah. Also introduced legislation to support the flexible use of SRS funds to expand broadband access.

## PUBLIC LANDS

- Fought the Biden Administration’s [unilateral expansion](#) of the boundaries of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments and [worked](#) with the Utah congressional delegation to find a permanent, legislative solution for the boundaries and management of Utah’s national monuments.
- Helped introduce the [PURE Act](#)—legislation to protect Utah from *Presidential Antiquities Act* abuse by returning the decision-making and management power of our public lands to those closest to the land—not Washington bureaucrats—similar to how Alaska and Wyoming are currently protected.
- Co-sponsored the comprehensive [bipartisan public lands law](#) that included 10 locally-driven pieces of legislation that directly impacted Utah.

## HILL AIR FORCE BASE

- Enacted [legislation](#) to repeal the 180-day waiting period that a military retiree must wait until he or she can enter a civilian job at the Department of Defense (DoD) for which he or she is qualified. This issue of losing quality candidates for important defense positions because of a six-month mandatory cooling off period was raised at several military installations around the country, including Utah’s Hill AFB.
- Secured more than \$30 billion for the Air Force’s F-35A program and nearly \$7 billion for Sentinel since 2019.
- [Secured authorization](#) for new military construction projects at Hill Air Force Base, including \$82 million for the F-35 T-7A East Campus infrastructure project, which would support F-35 maintenance, repair, and training facilities, in addition to a T-7A Depot Maintenance Complex; and \$14.2 million for a new open storage area for the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Hill, Utah in support of F-35 depot maintenance and the LGM-35A Sentinel programs.



(TOP) **2020:** Romney discusses the challenges facing Hill Air Force Base with Brig. Gen. von Hoffman, Col. Carroll, and Col. Behmer. (BOTTOM) **2024:** At the Roy Innovation Center, Romney meets with Northrop Grumman CEO Kathy Warden to discuss the Sentinel program’s critical role in our strategic deterrence efforts.



## DUGWAY PROVING GROUND

- Fought against budget cuts for Dugway to ensure it received necessary funding.
- Successfully removed a statutory roadblock that prevented the U.S. Army from requesting funding for military construction projects related to chem-bio program facilities like those at Dugway.

## WILD HORSE & BURRO MANAGEMENT

- Achieved increased funding for the BLM’s Wild Horse and Burro program each year—more than \$644 million from FY 2020-FY 2024.

## BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL

- Enacted the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act, bicameral legislation to enable the construction of high priority sections of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to enhance recreation opportunities near Utah’s most urban areas.

*2021: During a hearing for the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, Senator Romney delivers remarks on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act and urges his colleagues to support the bill.*



## ZION NATIONAL PARK GRANT

- Helped secure a \$33 million federal grant to replace the Park’s 20-year-old buses with new all electric shuttle buses—the first National Park to transition to a fully electric system.

## MOAB URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMOVAL

- Secured \$293 million to continue the removal of the uranium tailings pile from the entrance of Moab to improve groundwater conditions.

## UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESEARCH PARK

- Secured committee passage of legislation to preserve the University of Utah’s nearly 600-acre research park and avoid possible action by the BLM to repurpose the land.

## UPPER COLORADO & SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS

- Enacted the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act, bipartisan legislation to extend conservation programs for threatened and endangered native fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins for one year to allow Upper Basin communities the time to develop a long-term management plan. As of December 2024, the Senator was working to include a seven-year extension in end-of-year legislation.

# FOREIGN POLICY & NATIONAL SECURITY

China’s quest to become the world’s leading power—economically, militarily, and geopolitically—is the central challenge of the 21st Century. Senator Romney has served as a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee and led the subcommittee on East Asia, where he worked on solutions to address the threat that China poses to our fundamental values of freedom, human rights, and free enterprise.

One of Senator Romney’s top priorities was enacting legislation that requires the administration to develop and implement a comprehensive China strategy using a whole-of-government and industry approach. He also sought ways to safeguard our national security and supply chains, and ensure that our businesses are able to compete fairly on the global stage. He supported the *CHIPS and Science Act*—legislation to advance and solidify America’s leadership in scientific and technological innovation through increased investments in critical technology.

As Ukraine defends itself from Putin’s illegal invasion, Senator Romney has been a fierce advocate for the U.S. linking arms with allies to support the Ukrainian effort and prevent Putin from further aggression toward Europe. He has also advocated for the right of Israel to defend itself against Hamas—advocating for the delivery of weapons systems, supporting aid, and demanding the release of American and Israeli hostages. And with the rise of AI, Senator Romney worked with colleagues on mitigating extreme risks from biological, chemical, cyber, and nuclear threats posed by advanced AI models.

Continue reading for more information on Senator Romney’s efforts to safeguard our national security.

## CONFRONTING A RISING CHINA

- Enacted legislation that requires the president to develop a grand strategy to address the new era of geostrategic and geoeconomic competition. It requires the convening of an advisory board of outside experts from the private sector, academia, and think tanks to review the current strategy and make recommendations to the president.
- Worked to safeguard U.S. national security by enacting provisions to advance U.S. critical mineral independence, expose China’s defense spending, and prohibit the government purchase of drones from China and other entities identified as national security threats. The forthcoming FY2025 NDAA is expected to include two Romney provisions to shore up military supply chains in the Indo-Pacific.



**2022:** Romney tours RioTinto’s Kennecott copper mining operation in Bingham Canyon to discuss ways to reform our natural resources permitting process to make it easier to mine critical minerals in our country—decreasing our dependence on China for these minerals.



**2023:** Utah-based companies like Teal Drones play key roles in our national security. Romney visits Teal’s Salt Lake City facility to learn how they’re helping our country decrease its dependence on China for our hardware supply chains.



## CONFRONTING A RISING CHINA, CONT.

- Worked to end China’s geopolitical advantages by enacting legislation to oppose China being treated as a “developing nation” in international organizations and future treaties and a provision that required the Director of National Intelligence to monitor China’s Belt and Road Initiative.
- Worked to end China’s predatory economic practices by requiring the Department of State to consult with allies over the intellectual property violators list and ensuring that goods made with Uyghur slave labor are not sold in the U.S.
- Worked to protect Americans’ personal data by securing committee passage of legislation that would ban all biotechnology companies that are found to be owned or controlled by a foreign adversary’s government from receiving U.S. taxpayer dollars through federal contracts, grants, and loans. Senator Romney also led congressional efforts to address the ongoing threat posed by technology from foreign adversaries (like TikTok).
- Led successful efforts for the U.S. to impose a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing in response to the grave human rights abuses being carried out by the CCP.

## CHIPS & SCIENCE ACT

- Supported and secured into law measures to promote innovation and break U.S. dependence on China for microchips and critical minerals and affirm the U.S. relationship with Taiwan.
- This legislation brought \$1.6 billion in funding to Utah in support of Texas Instruments’ three semiconductor fabs, including its facility in Lehi.
- Helped secure federal investment in Utah’s critical mineral production and manufacturing industry.

## SUPPORTING UKRAINE & COUNTERING RUSSIA

- Supported critical emergency and military aid to Ukraine.
- Supported Sweden and Finland’s accession to NATO.
- Secured into law a measure that directs the Administration to develop a strategy in the Black Sea region to counter Russian aggression.

## ELECTORAL COUNT ACT REFORM

- Helped negotiate a reform of the outdated *Electoral Count Act of 1887* to ensure that the electoral votes tallied by Congress accurately reflect each state’s vote for president.

*2022: Romney meets with officials at Weber County’s Election Office to learn about efforts to ensure our election system is accurate, fair, and unable to be attacked or corrupted.*



## SAFEGUARDING U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY FROM AI RISKS

- Led congressional effort to mitigate extreme risks posed by future developments in advanced AI models by developing a framework to establish federal oversight of frontier model hardware, development, and deployment to mitigate AI-enabled extreme risks from biological, chemical, cyber, and nuclear threats.

## ADDRESSING THE MILITARY RECRUITING CRISIS

- Enacted a provision to promote military service and help address our recruiting crisis by enhancing military recruiter access to high schools and colleges—a priority for our military.
- Introduced legislation to provide military recruiters with information about individuals who have dropped out of college. This provision is expected to be included in the FY2025 NDAA.



**2019:** Romney participates in a refueling mission with Utah National Guard members. The provisions Romney secured into law to address the military recruiting crisis were top priorities for the Utah National Guard.

## KEEPING DRONES OUT OF FOREIGN TERRORISTS' HANDS

- Introduced legislation aimed at preventing foreign terrorists from acquiring drones to conduct attacks, collect intelligence, and deliver weapons or supplies. This provision is expected to be included in the FY2025 NDAA.

## INCREASING SECURITY COOPERATION WITH ALLIES

- The FY2025 NDAA is slated to include a Romney request that requires an evaluation of the Pentagon's information sharing with foreign partners in light of threats in the Indo-Pacific and Europe.



**2023:** Following the attacks of October 7, 2023, Romney and a delegation of colleagues meet with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu in Tel Aviv to discuss U.S. support for Israel's defense efforts.



**2024:** Romney meets with Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Shigeo Yamada to discuss the importance of a strong U.S.-Japan alliance for stability in the Indo-Pacific.



# HEALTH CARE

Senator Romney has served on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, where he focused on reining in out-of-control health care expenses and passing measures to end the youth vaping crisis. He advocated for policies that lowered prescription drug costs while safeguarding American ingenuity and saw his legislation to end surprise medical billing signed into law.

Continue reading for more information on Senator Romney's efforts to improve the health of Americans.

## ENDING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING & MAKING MEDICINE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR AMERICANS

- Enacted a [provision](#) to end surprise medical billing and protect Americans from the costs of unanticipated medical bills.
- Enacted the [Advancing Affordable Medicines for Families Act](#), bipartisan legislation which would direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a report on the impact that nonprofit generic drug companies—like Utah's Civica Rx—would have on lowering drug costs, addressing drug shortages, and accelerating the development of new drugs.



*2019: Romney visits Merit Medical's South Jordan headquarters to tour their facility and discuss the impact of the medical device tax with employees.*

## ADDRESSING THE YOUTH VAPING CRISIS

- Enacted a [provision](#) to prohibit the sale of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21.
- Enacted a [provision](#) to prohibit the online sales of e-cigarettes to children.
- Introduced the [ENND Act](#) to ban flavors, make cartridges tamper-proof, ban e-cigarettes from schools, and fund a massive public education campaign by applying the existing tobacco excise tax to e-cigarettes.
- Introduced the [Resources to Prevent Youth Vaping Act](#) to require manufacturers to pay user fees to the FDA to help fund stronger oversight of the e-cigarette industry and increase awareness for the danger of e-cigarettes.

## PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH

- Enacted a [measure](#) aimed at preventing a future baby formula crisis by requiring HHS to provide notification to Congress within 24 hours of initiating a voluntary or mandatory recall.
- Enacted [legislation](#) to reauthorize the Poison Control Centers Network program through 2029.

# COVID-19 RELIEF & PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Romney supported emergency efforts to provide economic stability for American workers and families, and ensure that states and localities had the needed resources to keep communities safe. When it became clear that additional relief was needed following the CARES Act, he worked with a bipartisan group of senators for months to craft the *Bipartisan COVID-19 Relief Act of 2020*. As the pandemic waned, Senator Romney led COVID relief oversight efforts—fighting pandemic relief fraud and helping recover taxpayer dollars—and worked to ensure the U.S. is better prepared for future public health emergencies.

## BIPARTISAN COVID-19 RELIEF ACT OF 2020

- After months of partisan stalemate, helped lead a bipartisan, bicameral group of colleagues who negotiated the December 2020 COVID-19 relief package. The \$908 billion bill repurposed unspent CARES funds, extended federal unemployment benefits, provided emergency relief for small businesses, and supported health care providers and vaccine distribution.



*2021: Romney tours the Davis County Health Department's COVID-19 vaccine site to better understand the operation and thank volunteers for helping their fellow Utahns get vaccinated.*

## FIGHTING PANDEMIC RELIEF FRAUD

- Led bipartisan efforts to help increase accountability of COVID-era funding, eliminate and consolidate duplicative federal programs, and prevent fraud in future emergency spending to save taxpayers money.
- Secured committee-passage of bipartisan legislation to create the Government Spending Oversight Committee, a successor to the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, to combat and prevent fraud in government spending.
- Introduced the COVID Spending Transparency Act of 2024, bipartisan legislation that would extend the term of the Treasury Department's Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery (SIGPR).

## BOLSTERING DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES

- Enacted the Medical Countermeasures Surge Capacity Act of 2022, legislation to improve our domestic manufacturing surge capacity and capabilities for biodefense and pandemic preparedness and response.

## PREPARING FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

- Helped lead negotiations for the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Response Act (PAHPA), bipartisan legislation to help prepare the U.S. for the next public health emergency. PAHPA passed out of the HELP Committee and contained several of Senator Romney's public health policies, including measures that:
  - Establish a five-year pilot program to create a real-time, publicly available website at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to track the spread of infectious disease with voluntary and de-identified data. The CDC had already established the Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology following Romney's proposal for the creation of a Center for Public Health Data.
  - Strengthen and expand the National Wastewater Surveillance System, which coordinates and builds the United States' capacity to track the presence of infectious-disease causing pathogens in wastewater.



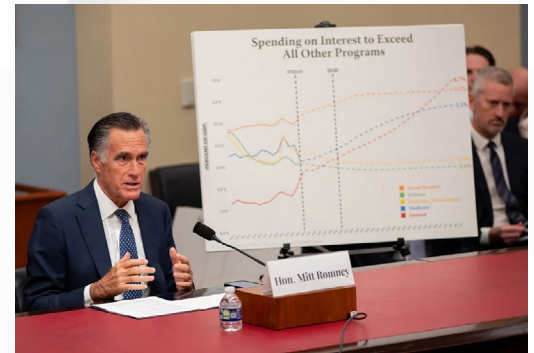
# SPENDING & DEBT

During his tenure, Senator Romney worked with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to confront Washington’s spending problem and rein in our national debt. Two-thirds of federal spending is automatic, and that spending is associated with some of our major entitlement programs—like Medicare and Social Security. These programs are headed for depletion in less than a decade without reforms, which is why Senator Romney first introduced the *TRUST Act*—bipartisan legislation to rescue federal trusts funds from insolvency.

To serve as a starting point for the next Congress to tackle our debt—which has doubled over the past decade and now exceeds \$36 trillion—Senator Romney has introduced updated legislation, the *Fiscal Stability Act*. This new legislation would create a bicameral fiscal commission tasked with finding legislative solutions to stabilize and decrease the national debt before it’s too late. Without efforts to ensure that these programs are set up for success long-term, Americans will likely see massive tax increases on the middle-class or drastic changes to safety net programs.

## TRUST ACT

- Introduced [legislation](#) to rescue federal trust funds from insolvency by creating bipartisan, bicameral commissions within Congress for each major, endangered trust fund (i.e. Social Security Old-Age and Disability, Medicare Part A, Highway Trust Fund) that would work to make the trust funds solvent over time. It [passed the Senate](#) in February 2021 as a non-binding amendment by a vote of 71-29.



**2023:** Following the introduction of his *Fiscal Stability Act*, Romney testifies in front of the House Budget Committee about the urgent need for a bipartisan, bicameral fiscal commission stabilize our nation’s finances for future generations.

## FISCAL STABILITY ACT

- Led new [legislation](#) to create a bipartisan, bicameral fiscal commission tasked with strengthening America’s fiscal health and stabilizing our nation’s debt.

## BUDGETING FOR DISASTERS ACT

- Introduced [legislation](#) that requires future disaster funding to fall within statutory budget limits. By building disaster spending into the annual budget process, the bill would both ensure that funding is available for disaster assistance and save taxpayers billions of dollars every year.

## PUSHING BACK ON BIDEN’S STUDENT LOAN CANCELLATION SCHEMES

- Introduced the *Student Loan Accountability Act*, legislation to prohibit the Biden Administration from cancelling student loan debt—projected to add \$400 billion to the national debt—at the expense of millions of Americans who chose to not go to college or worked diligently to pay off student loans.

## REPEALING THE EMPLOYEE RETENTION TAX CREDIT

- Introduced the *Employee Retention Tax Credit Repeal Act*, bipartisan legislation that would stop the processing of a COVID-era employment tax credit for claims filed after January 31, 2024. The tax credit was highly susceptible to fraudulent schemes, and Senator Romney’s bill would save taxpayers an estimated \$79 billion over 10 years.

# FAMILIES & WORKERS

When Senator Romney came to the Senate, he realized that existing federal family policies were inadequate, unpredictable, and scattered across the tax code. To help families cut through the maze of bureaucratic hurdles, he introduced the *Family Security Act*—pro-family, pro-life, and pro-marriage legislation that would modernize and streamline antiquated federal policies into an expanded Child Tax Credit for working families. The Family Security Act is fully paid for by consolidating existing federal spending and creates a new tax credit for expecting parents. With the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* set to expire in 2025, the next Congress has an opportunity to support families in a fiscally responsible manner.

Senator Romney also worked to address another issue for families in Utah and throughout the United States—paid parental leave—by allowing parents to draw forward a portion of their Social Security benefits after the birth or adoption of a child. In an effort to help hardworking Americans who are struggling in today’s economy, Senator Romney also introduced legislation to gradually raise the federal minimum wage, help unemployed workers reintegrate more quickly into the workforce, and ensure that employers are accountable for ensuring their employees are in the U.S. legally.

Continue reading to learn more about Senator Romney’s efforts to support American families and workers.

## FAMILY SECURITY ACT

- Introduced the *Family Security Act*—pro-family, pro-life, and pro-marriage legislation that would modernize and streamline antiquated federal policies into an expanded Child Tax Credit for working families. The bill is fully paid for by consolidating existing federal spending, increases the Child Tax Credit to \$4,200 for each young child and \$3,000 for each school-aged child, and creates a new \$2,800 tax credit for expecting parents.

## NEW PARENTS ACT

- Introduced [legislation](#) to create a voluntary option for paid parental leave by allowing parents to use a portion of their Social Security benefits after the birth or adoption of a child. Specifically, the bill provides parents the flexibility to use their benefits in a way that works best for their household.



At a press conference detailing how the child care provisions in Democrats’ BBB plan would negatively impact child care providers and families, Senator Romney promotes his Family Security Act and calls out Democrats for not working with Republicans on legislation that would affect how America’s children are raised.



Senator Romney unveils his paid parental leave proposal, the New Parents Act, with Senator Rubio (R-FL) and Representatives Wagner (R-MO) and Crenshaw (R-TX) in 2019.



## HIGHER WAGES FOR AMERICAN WORKERS

- Introduced [legislation](#) to gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$11, tie future minimum wage increases to inflation, and mandate E-Verify to ensure the wage increase only goes to legal workers.



**2021:** Romney tours Kenworth Sales in West Valley City to learn more about how Utah's diesel and transportation industries have been negatively impacted by record high inflation and supply chain shortages.



**2022:** Romney meets with employees at Kaddas Enterprises' thermoplastic manufacturing facility in Salt Lake City to discuss challenges facing U.S. manufacturers.

## PERMANENT & MANDATORY E-VERIFY

- Introduced [legislation](#) to require all employers to use the federal electronic E-Verify system to confirm the employment eligibility of their workforce.

## ONE DOOR TO WORK ACT

- Introduced [legislation](#) to allow states the flexibility to implement Utah's successful model of consolidating federal workforce development and social safety net programs within a single state entity—like Utah's Department of Workforce Services—to help unemployed workers reintegrate more quickly into the workforce.

## ENDING MARRIAGE PENALTIES

- Led a [letter](#) signed by 34 senators calling for Senate Democrats to remove any proposals from their reconciliation bill that would discourage marriage. The proposed changes that would have raised taxes on a couple with children who chose to get married were eventually removed from consideration.

## PROTECTING LIFE

- Co-sponsored the [Pain-Capable Unborn Child Act](#) to prohibit abortions after the 20-week mark, the point at which evidence suggests an unborn child is able to feel pain.
- Co-sponsored the [Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#), which would ensure that a child who survives an abortion receives necessary medical care, just like any other baby.

# EDUCATION

As a member of the HELP Committee, Senator Romney worked to ensure that schools and parents have the tools, safeguards, and transparency they need to keep students safe. His efforts led to the enactment of legislation to bolster school safety and prevent potential tragedies. He helped secure passage of legislation to better understand the impact of smartphones in the classroom and to protect our youth from the harmful effects that come with being online. He also worked to make college more affordable and led efforts to stop the Biden Administration’s unfair and unconstitutional student loan cancellation schemes.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN FROM HARMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

- Helped secure Senate passage of the *Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA)*—legislation to provide young people and parents with the tools, safeguards, and transparency they need to protect against online harm to minors.
- Secured committee passage of bipartisan amendments aimed at better understanding the impact of smartphones in the classroom.
- Introduced the *Smart Kids Not Smartphones Act*, bipartisan legislation aimed at reducing the usage of smartphones by children in the classroom by establishing a non-competitive, non-monetary recognition award program—administered by the Department of Education—to highlight and celebrate any school that has and enforces a policy prohibiting the use of smartphones by students during instructional hours.
- Helped introduce bipartisan legislation to require social media companies to share more data with the public and researchers in an effort to help parents and policymakers better understand the impacts social media has on society.

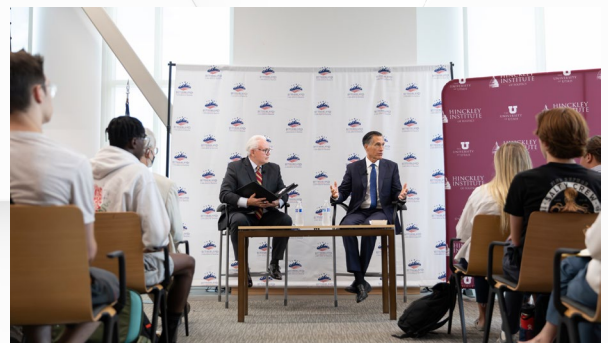
## BIPARTISAN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT

- Helped enact the *Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*—legislation to bolster public safety and prevent tragedies before they occur, including through substantial investments in mental health, improved background checks, school safety, and state-led crisis intervention programs.

## EARN TO LEARN ACT

- Introduced legislation which aims to reduce student loan debt and make college more affordable for students by establishing a college matched-saving program that helps qualifying low-income students pay for tuition, books, fees, and other education-related expenses.

*2023: Romney speaks with University of Utah students during an event with the Sutherland Institute.*



## GRADUATION REPORTING FOR ACCURACY & DECISION-MAKING ACT

- Introduced bipartisan legislation that would improve transparency and inform the decision-making of prospective students by ensuring the reporting of graduation rates accurately reflect the success of community colleges.