

Oversight That Moves Our Nation Forward

Oversight Committee Democrats' Proactive Agenda for the 112th Congress

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has one of the broadest jurisdictions of any committee in Congress, with expansive authority to oversee a wide range of governmental and private sector activities. The Oversight Committee also has tremendous potential to use its sweeping powers to improve the lives of Americans in real and meaningful ways.

Oversight Committee Democrats are focused first and foremost on issues that matter to the everyday lives of Americans across the country: their homes, their health, their jobs, and their education. Day in and day out, families grapple with these core issues more than any others. The Oversight Committee can promote economic prosperity at the local, community, and national level by addressing these fundamental issues first.

Second, we believe American taxpayers deserve a government that works for them. We have an aggressive agenda to eliminate wasteful government spending and duplication, root out fraud and abuse in federal contracting, and make agencies more transparent, accountable, and effective. We are working to put the needs of American families ahead of the demands of corporate special interests. Americans should not have to pay more at the pump, for example, when the federal government is subsidizing oil companies that already make billions in profits.

Third, Oversight Committee Democrats are committed to protecting and enhancing safeguards for service members, veterans, consumers, children, seniors, workers, and others who rely on the government to protect their health and welfare. Our efforts include vigorous oversight of programs designed to protect our air, water, food, and drugs, as well as the security of our nation.

We believe the power and resources of the Oversight Committee should always be used responsibly and fairly to serve the public's interest. We also believe that maintaining the integrity of our Committee helps us do our job more effectively. For these reasons, we will work with our Republican colleagues whenever we can to achieve our common goals.

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