



MIDTERM REPORT



When I ran for Senate, I pledged to fight for Utahns' values and priorities in Washington. It's hard to believe that I've been serving the people of Utah for more than three years now.

My time in the Senate has been marked by divided government, and while it has provided challenge, it has also presented an opportunity for both parties to find common ground in tackling some of the biggest issues facing our country—including COVID relief and a historic investment in our country's infrastructure. The rise in authoritarianism around the world, our growing national debt, and a changing climate will continue to pose great challenges to our country in the coming years – and such challenges demand that we work together to find effective strategies and solutions.

In 2021, my legislation was signed into law requiring the president to develop a grand strategy to address the new era of geostrategic and geoeconomic competition with China. Keeping our economy strong is critical to remaining competitive with China, which is why we have got to get our national debt and reckless federal spending under control. I've been working diligently to build support for my bipartisan TRUST Act, legislation which would create committees in Congress specifically tasked with developing solutions to rescue our major, endangered federal trust funds—programs like Social Security and Medicare. I've also continued to work in a bipartisan manner to find innovative and technology-driven solutions to climate change.

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. Soon after I took office, final negotiations took place regarding the a public lands package that was result of years of collaboration between Utah county commissioners and local ranchers, recreationists and conservationists. I also continue to work with my fellow delegation members to advocate for a permanent, legislative solution to the boundaries and management of Utah's national monuments.

My joint casework team with Senator Lee has worked on more than 4,000 cases, helping Utahns in need of assistance with federal agencies. I've met with thousands of Utahns from across our state to learn more about the challenges facing communities and what our team might be able to do to help. We've also responded to nearly 800,000 constituent comments, questions and requests about a variety of issues.

Each day, I remain honored to serve you in the Senate—where your ideas inspire me to work toward solutions that will improve not just the lives of Utahns, but the lives of all Americans. There is much work to be done, but over the next three years, I pledge to continue to advance Utah priorities in Washington and to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to tackle important issues—big and small. I hope you'll take a moment to read on for some of our wins over the past three years.

A handwritten signature of Mitt Romney in blue ink, located in the bottom right corner of the page.



SENATOR ROMNEY'S **MIDTERM REPORT**

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TOP TEN LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AUTHORED OR NEGOTIATED BY SENATOR ROMNEY

1 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

Provided an historic \$550 billion investment in our country's physical infrastructure (roads, bridges, water, broadband, energy research, etc.) and included several Romney provisions, including:

WILDLAND FIRE MITIGATION & MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Established a commission of federal and non-federal stakeholders to study and recommend fire prevention, mitigation, management, and rehabilitation policies for forests and grasslands.

SMART INTERSECTIONS ACT

Provides resources to state, local, and tribal governments to modernize and improve the functioning of their traffic signals.

2 NAVAJO UTAH WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT

Secures water for Utah while providing more than \$200 million in funding for projects to deliver clean drinking water to the Utah portion of Navajo Nation.

3 U.S. GRAND STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO CHINA AMENDMENT

Passed in the FY 2022 defense bill, this Romney provision requires the president to create a comprehensive strategy to confront the rise of China.

4 BIPARTISAN COVID RELIEF ACT OF 2020

Provided \$908 billion (which included repurposed unspent CARES Act funding) to rescue small businesses, provide rental assistance, ensure vaccine distribution, and support health care providers.

5 TOBACCO TO 21 ACT

Law prohibiting the sale of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21. This is one of several bills introduced by Romney to help end the youth vaping crisis.

6 JOHN D. DINGELL CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATION ACT

Comprehensive, bipartisan public lands package, which Romney ensured included:

- Consolidation of more than 100,000 acres of Utah trust lands that will generate more than \$100 million in revenue for our school kids;
- Authorization of the creation of Jurassic National Monument in Emery County;
- Authorization of land transfer to Uintah County to protect the local watershed;
- Transfer of 6,200 acres from the BLM to the State of Utah for expansion of Goblin Valley State Park.

7 BLM'S WILD HORSE AND BURRO PROGRAM

Achieved increased funding for the program—more than \$217 million—for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

8 MOAB URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMOVAL

Secured \$47.8 million to continue removal of the uranium tailings pile from the entrance of Moab.

9 CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

Secured more than \$91 million for this project to provide water for municipal use, mitigation, hydroelectric power, fish and wildlife, and conservation.

10 HILL AIR FORCE BASE

Secured more than \$22 billion for the Air Force's F-35A program; \$2.6 billion for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) in the FY 2022 NDAA; and \$114.5 million for construction and acquisition of additional land in FY 2020 NDAA.



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—including at nearly 40 town hall meetings in communities and businesses across the state—to learn more about challenges they were facing and what our team might be able to do to help. To better serve Utahns in need of assistance with federal agencies, Senator Romney and Senator Lee merged their constituent services operation. To date, the Romney-Lee joint casework team has worked on more than 4,000 cases.

Advocating for the needs of Utahns also extends to advocating for policy proposals. With two-thirds of Utah held as federal public land, Senator Romney has worked diligently to secure greater local and state involvement in the decision-making and management of public lands and push back against federal overreach on issues impacting our rural counties. This included cosponsoring the Natural Resources Management Act (now referred to as the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act), a comprehensive, bipartisan public lands package that was the culmination of years of collaboration and cooperation between Utah county commissioners and local conservation groups, ranchers, recreationists, and others. Senator Romney has also been a vocal critic of administrations using Utah’s national monuments as a political football—fighting for a permanent legislative solution for the boundaries and management of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Utah’s Hill Air Force Base and Dugway Proving Ground play essential roles in bolstering our national security. During negotiations for the national defense bill each year, Senator Romney has fought for the inclusion of provisions that support the work being done at both Hill and Dugway.

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

DROUGHT & WILDFIRES

- 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. As of spring 2022, the Commission is currently in the application phase.
- Introduced the [MATCH Act](#), legislation to expedite wildfire disaster cleanup, save taxpayers money, and prevent further disasters.



Following the 541-acre Parleys Canyon Fire in 2021, Senator Romney meets with the Summit County Sheriff and the Park City Fire Chief to discuss lessons learned during the well-executed local response and the important wildfire provisions that have since become law with the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

NAVAJO WATER RIGHTS

- Enacted legislation that settles 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 was signed into law.

(RIGHT): Senator Romney meets with Navajo Nation President Nez and other Nation leaders in 2019 to discuss the path forward on the Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act.



BEARS EARS & GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENTS

- Fought the Biden Administration’s unilateral expansion of the boundaries of these national monuments. Senator Romney is continuing to work with the Utah congressional delegation to find a permanent, legislative solution for the boundaries and management of Utah’s national monuments.
- Introduced the PURE Act with Senator Lee—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.



Prior to the Biden Administration’s announcement of unilateral plans to re-expand the boundaries of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, Senator Romney, along with state and delegation officials, invited Interior Secretary Deb Haaland to tour Bears Ears.

JOHN D. DINGELL JR. CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATION ACT

- Co-sponsored this comprehensive, bipartisan public lands package that includes 10 locally-driven pieces of legislation that directly impact Utah. For Utah, the public lands package:
 - Consolidated more than 100,000 acres of Utah trust lands that will generate \$100 million in revenue for our school kids;
 - Authorized the creation of Jurassic National Monument in Emery County;
 - Authorized small land transfers to Nephi and Hyde Park to meet city needs;
 - Authorized land transfer to Uintah County to protect the local watershed;
 - Transferred 6,200 acres from the BLM to the State of Utah for expansion of Goblin Valley State Park;
 - Implemented transparency measures to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA);
 - Designated Golden Spike site as a historical park for the 150th anniversary of the “wedding of the rails.”

RURAL SERVICES

- Supported the funding and reauthorization of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which provides funds for law enforcement and other essential county services. PILT ensures that counties with large swaths of tax-exempt federal lands have adequate essential services.
- Co-sponsored [legislation](#) to increase the PILT funding received by less populated 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.

RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS

- Secured \$300 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 \$65 billion to expand broadband access across the country in the [bipartisan infrastructure bill](#), of which Utah will receive its apportioned allotment.

HILL AIR FORCE BASE

- Introduced and passed [legislation](#), included in the FY 2021 NDAA, 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.
- Helped secure the authorization of more than \$22 billion in funding for the Air Force's F-35 program.
- Helped secure the [authorization](#) of \$2.6 billion for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) in the FY 2022 NDAA.
- Helped secure the [authorization](#) of \$114.5 million for construction and acquisition of additional land around HAFB, including \$56.5 million for various missile storage facilities.



At Hill Air Force Base in 2020, Senator Romney meets with Brig. Gen. von Hoffman, Col. Carroll, and Col. Behmer to discuss the critical role Hill plays in our country's military readiness and national security.

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND

- Secured a [provision](#) in FY 2021 NDAA to require a DoD report on potential reductions to DoD's chemical and biological defense program, which includes Dugway Proving Ground in Tooele County, and the impact of potential cuts on national security threats.

WILD HORSE & BURRO MANAGEMENT

- Achieved increased funding for the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro program—a combined total of more than \$217 million for FY 2020 and FY 2021.



BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL ADVANCEMENT ACT

- Introduced [legislation](#) to allow the construction of high priority sections of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to enhance recreation opportunities near Utah’s urban areas. As of spring 2022, this legislation is slated to be taken up by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

(RIGHT): 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 that will go towards new shuttle buses in the Park.

MOAB URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMOVAL

- Secured [\\$47.8 million](#) to continue removal of the uranium tailings pile from the entrance of Moab.

PROTECTING THE GREAT SALT LAKE

- Introduced the [Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2020](#), bipartisan legislation to facilitate an integrated regional assessment of saline lake ecosystems that would fill a critical data gap that has made it nearly impossible to address a variety of problems caused by declining water levels.

PROTECTING OUR WEALTH OF ENERGY RESOURCES (POWER) ACT

- Introduced [legislation](#) which would prohibit the president or his secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Energy departments from blocking energy or mineral leasing and permitting on federal lands and waters without approval by Congress.

SALT LAKE CITY PASSPORT OFFICE

- Requested that the Department of State consider opening a passport office in Salt Lake City to provide more convenient, efficient passport services to the thousands of Utahns who travel internationally for missions and other purposes.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESEARCH PARK

- Introduced [legislation](#) with the Utah congressional delegation to protect Research Park—a center for research and development serving both the University and the local workforce.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The bipartisan infrastructure bill, negotiated by Senator Romney and nine of his Senate colleagues, was signed into law on November 15, 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. Read more about how the bipartisan infrastructure bill will benefit Utah, [here](#).

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

- Authorized \$3 billion for Utah's roads and highways.
- Included key legislative priorities championed by Senator Romney:
 - [Smart Intersections Act](#): Provided resources to state, local, and tribal governments to improve the functioning of their traffic signals;
 - [Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission Act](#): Established a commission to study and recommend fire prevention, mitigation, management, and rehabilitation policies for forests and grasslands;
 - Additional funding for wildfire mitigation and recovery, including hazardous fuel removal, burned area recovery, prescribed fires, shared stewardship contracts and agreements, and more;
 - \$50 million for Central Utah Project Completion Act: Provided water for municipal use, mitigation, hydroelectric power, fish and wildlife, and conservation;
 - \$500 million for the Western Area Power Administration for drought-related shortfalls;
 - \$214 million to fully fund the Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement: Legislation to bring running water to the 40% of Navajo Nation in Utah who lack it;
 - \$1.7 billion for the construction and improvement of Indian Health Services sanitation facilities.
- Provided \$65 billion to expand broadband access across the country—building on Senator Romney's efforts to expand broadband access to unserved and underserved communities in Utah.
- Provided \$1 billion investment to initiate cleanup of previously unfunded Superfund sites across the country—including the Superfund Site in Stockton, Utah.
- Provided \$25 billion for airport improvement projects such as expansions, lighting and runway improvements, and air navigation facilities. Utah's airports also received more than \$1.8 million in federal grants through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).



While negotiating the bipartisan infrastructure bill in 2021, Senator Romney traveled around Utah discuss how the bill would benefit the state. (LEFT): Senator Romney discusses his Smart Intersections Act and the funding for road, highways, and transit while touring Utah Department of Transportation's Traffic Operations Center. (MIDDLE): Senator Romney meets with first responders in Draper after unveiling his Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission Act. (RIGHT): Senator Romney tours the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District in Layton to discuss how the bill would help bolster Utah's water infrastructure.



FOREIGN POLICY

Senator Romney has served on the Foreign Relations Committee since he came to Congress in 2019. He currently serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on East Asia, working on solutions to address the threat that China poses to our fundamental values of freedom, human rights, and free enterprise. Senator Romney has consistently advocated for the U.S. to link arms with our friends and allies to confront China, push the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to abandon its predatory policies, and demand that China abide by international norms and rules.

China's quest to become the world's leading power—economically, militarily, and geopolitically—is the central challenge of the 21st Century. Ensuring that our businesses are more competitive and successful will help the U.S. maintain its position on the world stage. That's why Senator Romney helped introduce the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act—legislation to advance and solidify the United States' leadership in scientific and technological innovation through increased investments in the discovery, creation, and manufacturing of technology critical to U.S. national security and economic competitiveness.

We must also enact policies—like the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act—that hold the CCP accountable for their human rights abuses and promote the cause of freedom around the world. Importantly, the U.S. must develop and implement a comprehensive China strategy—which is now mandated by law after Senator Romney's grand China strategy amendment was included in the FY 2022 NDAA. Continue reading for more information on Senator Romney's efforts to counter the increasing China threat.

CONFRONTING A RISING CHINA

- 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.
- Secured a [provision](#) in the FY 2022 NDAA requiring the president to develop a grand strategy to address the new era of geostrategic and geoeconomic competition. It convenes 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.
- Led a [provision](#), now law, to require the Director of National Intelligence to monitor China's Belt and Road Initiative and its efforts to control critical mineral supply globally.
- Introduced the [U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Act](#) to help ensure that the U.S. government and Congress are prepared to face the multiple challenges posed by China by putting into place the recommendations of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.
- Helped introduce [legislation](#), which became law, to help keep China and corporations accountable by ensuring goods made with Uyghur slave labor are not sold in the U.S.

U.S. INNOVATION & COMPETITION ACT

- Helped introduce the [U.S. Innovation and Competition Act](#)—a large package of China bills—which passed the Senate in June 2021. Included in the legislation were eight Romney [amendments](#), including:
 - Directing the U.S. Trade Representative to enter negotiations with our allies to stop the importation of goods made with stolen intellectual property into the U.S. and allied countries.
 - Deterring China from using force against Taiwan by pressing the administration and allies to develop and coordinate the significant consequences China should expect if it uses force.



HEALTH CARE

Senator Romney has served on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee since he came to Congress in 2019, where reining in out-of-control health care expenses has been one of his top priorities. In addition to advocating for policies that lower prescription drug costs while safeguarding American ingenuity, Senator Romney has introduced legislation to end surprise medical billing and a separate bill to require insurance companies to include any rebates in the prices they charge to the consumer.

With more than one quarter of high school students and 10.5 percent of middle schoolers vaping, Senator Romney has introduced several pieces of legislation to protect a new generation from addiction and serious health risks. His bipartisan Tobacco to 21 legislation prohibiting the sale of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21 became law in 2020.

ENDING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING

- Enacted a [provision](#) to end surprise medical billing to help protect Americans from the costs of unanticipated medical bills.

ENDING 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.



At a press conference in 2019, Senator Romney, joined by Senators Young (R-IN), Durbin (D-IL), and Schatz (D-HI), unveils the group's Tobacco to 21 legislation, which prohibits the sale of all tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21.



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



COVID-19 RELIEF

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Romney has supported efforts to provide economic stability for American workers and families impacted by the pandemic, and ensure that states and localities had the needed resources to keep communities safe. The first relief package, the CARES Act, included a provision he spearheaded to send direct cash payments to hardworking Americans.

When it was clear that further relief was needed, Senator Romney worked with a bipartisan group of senators to craft the Bipartisan COVID-19 Relief Act of 2020, which provided more than \$900 billion in emergency relief to American students, families, businesses, workers, and health care providers.

American ingenuity brought us life-saving vaccines in record time. Senator Romney supported efforts to ensure that we maintained strong intellectual property rights during efforts to quickly distribute vaccines around the world so that we can continue to rely on American manufacturers. He continues to advocate for increased funding and donations of U.S.-made vaccines to support countries around the world struggling to gain control of the pandemic.

CARES ACT

- Supported the [CARES Act](#), the third major COVID-19 relief bill, which included relief for America's small businesses and their employees; direct financial help for workers and families; support for patients, health care workers, and students entering the workforce; measures to stabilize the economy and save jobs; and \$340 billion in emergency funding for COVID-19 response measures in Utah and across the country.

BIPARTISAN COVID-19 RELIEF ACT OF 2020

- Helped lead a bipartisan, bicameral group of colleagues to introduce [legislation](#) that became the foundation for the COVID-19 relief package that was signed into law in December 2020. The \$908 billion bill repurposed unspent CARES funds, extended federal unemployment benefits, provided emergency relief for small businesses, provided rental assistance, and supported health care providers and vaccine distribution.



Senator 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.



Following intensive negotiations, Senator Romney and his colleagues unveil the Bipartisan COVID-19 Relief Act of 2020 at a press conference in December 2020.



SPENDING & DEBT

As a candidate for Senate, Senator Romney pledged to work to tackle our growing national debt and force Congress to balance its budget. Washington’s spending problem existed before the COVID-19 pandemic and all signs point to it continuing for the foreseeable future. While Congress took necessary measures to provide emergency relief funds in 2020, there was no excuse for the federal government to run a trillion-dollar deficit in 2019, and it makes even less sense to continue that trend in a post-pandemic world.

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 bipartisan reforms, which is why Senator Romney introduced the TRUST Act—bipartisan, bicameral legislation to create committees in Congress specifically tasked with developing solutions to rescue our major, endangered federal trust funds. Without efforts to ensure that these programs are set up for success long-term, we will likely see massive tax increases on the middle-class or drastic changes to important programs.

Senator Romney has voted against budget deals that have drastically increased spending caps, supported a ban on wasteful earmarks, and still favors a Balanced Budget Amendment that would force Congress to rein in spending and fix our debt.

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. This legislation passed the Senate in February 2021 as an amendment by a vote of 71-29.



During a 2020 Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing examining the root causes of our country’s unsustainable fiscal path, Senator Romney urges his colleagues to support the TRUST Act.

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.



FAMILIES & WORKERS

Senator Romney has been a staunch advocate for policies that protect the lives of our children, born and unborn. He has co-sponsored several pieces of pro-life legislation, including the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

Utah is one of only a handful of states where births are outpacing deaths. This means that a lot of Utah families are having children, which means added expenses for those families. Too often, support for families turns into a maze of complicated, bureaucratic programs that put power in the hands of the federal government, not parents. To help even the playing field, Senator Romney introduced the Family Security Act—legislation to modernize federal support into a monthly cash benefit that lets parents choose how best to support their family.

Paid parental leave is another important issue for families. In Utah, and throughout the United States, a majority of working parents do not get paid when they take time off from work after the birth or adoption of a child. To help families avoid depleted savings, credit card debt, or student loan defaults, Senator Romney introduced the New Parents Act, which would allow parents to use a portion of their Social Security benefits after the birth or adoption of a child.

Senator Romney has also helped introduce several pieces of legislation to help hardworking Americans, including legislation to gradually raise the federal minimum wage, help make college more affordable for low-income students, and give employees more flexibility on how to use their overtime benefits.

Continue reading for more information on Senator Romney's efforts to protect the unborn and support American families and workers.

FAMILY SECURITY ACT

- Introduced legislation to modernize federal support by consolidating existing federal programs into a monthly cash benefit that lets parents choose how best to support their family. The [Family Security Act](#) would also support families during pregnancy, promote marriage, and provide equal treatment for both working and stay-at-home parents.



Alongside his Senate Republican colleagues 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.

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.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

- Co-sponsored Lee-Ernst legislation that gives employees more flexibility on how to use their overtime benefits. The Federal Employee Flexible and Compressed Work Schedule Act provides federal, state, and local governments the ability to give their employees a choice between overtime pay or paid time off for working overtime hours.

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.

HIGHER WAGES FOR AMERICAN WORKERS ACT

- Introduced [legislation](#) to gradually raises the federal minimum wage to \$10 and mandate E-Verify to ensure that the wage increase only goes to legal workers. The bill would also index future minimum wage increases to inflation and includes protections for small businesses.

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.



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.



Senator 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 in 2021.

CLIMATE

The United States can and should be a worldwide leader in energy production and in developing solutions to climate change. As a member of the Senate Climate Solutions Caucus, Senator Romney has advocated for innovative and sustainable solutions that have support from both sides of the political aisle.

The path to dramatic improvement in global climate conditions is through private sector innovation. Senator Romney has supported funding for innovation in carbon capture, clean infrastructure, renewables development, and climate and energy research to reduce costs, accelerate commercialization and export to high-carbon-emitting nations. It's not enough to limit new global emissions; we must also manage ambient air through direct air capture technologies to remove carbon already in the atmosphere. Senator Romney has urged the U.S. to play a leadership role in the development and adaptation of these technologies.

Utah currently faces unprecedented environmental challenges, including a historic drought and a record number of wildfires. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Senator Romney helped negotiate in 2021, secured funding for the Central Utah Project Completion Act, the Western Area Power Administration, wildfire mitigation and recovery, drought contingency planning, and Utah's water revolving funds.

Continue reading to learn more about Senator Romney's efforts to find solutions to climate change.

MITIGATING DROUGHT, WATER & WILDFIRE CHALLENGES

- Enacted the [bipartisan infrastructure bill](#), which secured:
 - Establishment of a commission to study and recommend fire prevention, mitigation, management, and rehabilitation policies for forests and grasslands;
 - \$300 million to fund outstanding Emergency Watershed Program needs for post-fire recovery and wildfire mitigation;
 - \$100 million for drought contingency plan funding;
 - \$1 billion for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) program for pre-disaster mitigation, including wildfire and drought projects;
 - Authorization for roughly \$219 million over five years for Utah through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund;

More information on the drought, water, and wildfire provisions in the bipartisan infrastructure bill can be found [here](#).



Senator Romney unveils his legislation to establish a wildfire mitigation and management commission at the entrance to Neff's Canyon, the site of a recent wildfire, in 2020.

MITIGATING DROUGHT, WATER & WILDFIRE CHALLENGES, CONTINUED

- Secured \$41 million for the Central Utah Project, which provides water for municipal use, mitigation, hydroelectric power, fish and wildlife, and conservation. This amount was split between two different government funding bills, and was in addition to the funding providing in the bipartisan infrastructure bill.
- Introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation, the Making Access to Cleanup Happen (MATCH) Act, to expedite disaster cleanup, save taxpayers money, and prevent further disasters.
- Helped introduce legislation, now law, to ensure the wide-reaching Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) forged between the seven Colorado River Basin states and Indian tribes was implemented without delay.



Senator Romney visits the Central Utah Water Conservancy District in Spanish Fork to discuss how the additional \$50 million in funding for the Central Utah Project, provided by the bipartisan infrastructure bill, will help ensure families and communities across Utah have access to clean water.

GROWING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACT

- Helped introduce legislation, which passed the Senate, to incentivize farmers, ranchers, and private landowners to participate in voluntary carbon markets and strive to reduce harmful emissions from the agricultural sector.



Senator 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.



After forming the Senate Climate Solutions Caucus, Senator Romney joins Senators Coons (D-DE), Braun (I-IN), and Shaheen (D-NH) for an interview to discuss their efforts to find bipartisan solutions for addressing climate change.



IMMIGRATION

Our nation is stronger and more vibrant by virtue of a strong legal immigration system. The legal immigration system should be merit-based, giving applicants credit for such things as English fluency, having trade or technical skill, personal savings, and advanced degrees so these individuals may quickly become assets to their communities and prosper in our country.

Throughout his Senate tenure, Senator Romney has advocated for significant reforms to our immigration system to stem the tide of illegal immigration, including the completion of a physical barrier along our southern border, a mandatory E-Verify system to ensure employees are in the U.S. legally and hold employers accountable, and full enforcement of our existing immigration laws.

Senator Romney has also staunchly opposed recent proposals by the Biden Administration and Washington Democrats to extend new social benefits, like universal childcare and free community college, to illegal immigrants. These policies would only worsen illegal immigration by creating additional pull factors into our country.

PERMANENT & MANDATORY E-VERIFY

- Developing legislation to make the E-Verify program permanent by removing the termination provision that has required Congress to repeatedly act to extend the program. Making the E-Verify program permanent is the first step in making the program mandatory nationwide.



In West Jordan in 2019, Senator Romney congratulates more than 50 new Americans after participating in their naturalization ceremony.



While visiting Payson Fruit Growers in 2021, Senator Romney meets with tart cherry producers to learn more about the challenges facing Utah's agriculture industry, namely labor shortages and the H-2A visa process.