

Commitment to America's Heartland

Summary of Key Points - For the full plan, visit peteforamerica.com/rural-america

Accelerate economic transformation by investing in people to enable them to build new businesses

Expand and connect Regional Innovation Clusters in order to revitalize America's rural economy and catalyze job creation, complemented by efforts to:

- Provide support for local economic planning
- Support the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge, which will match one dollar in federal grant funding for each dollar of state or private investment (up to \$100,000 per opportunity) in the 1,000 most innovative rural businesses.
- Expand "Boots to Business" to support veterans who aspire to start a business



Double funding for small-scale manufacturing partnerships

Create a national network of apprenticeships and expand access to other "earn-and-learn" opportunities (such as traditional and virtual apprenticeships, paid internships, and career and technical education programs for high schoolers), including increased access to Internships for All

Create a local Community Renewal visa to provide opportunities for people who want to move to America and help build our economy where they are needed most and where they will do well

Invest in and empower rural communities to lead the way in combating climate change.

Support agriculture and significantly invest in R&D as a powerful solution to climate change, including through soil carbon sequestration. Pete will invest nearly \$50 billion over a decade in innovative research in soil technology, plant and animal health, food safety, nutrition and health, and natural resources, to promote a healthy environment for future generations.

Pay farmers for conservation efforts such as maximizing land conservation, biodiversity, productivity, and soil health. He will also reduce the administrative barriers that many farmers face trying to access these incentives.

Establish next-generation Resilience Hubs to provide climate resilience data, tools, and support to communities.

Support biofuels and rural America by supporting the Renewable Fuels Standard as written. Pete will work with farmers on policies and incentives that reward best practices and drive innovations that are good for U.S. agriculture and our climate.

Reduce the teacher shortage in rural areas by 50% within 15 years.

Increase teacher salaries at rural Title I schools. Provide student loan forgiveness to teachers, including rural teachers, to make it more affordable for those teachers to remain with their students. Increase funding for Personnel Prep Grants for special education teachers.

Expand Grow Your Own (GYO) programs that help community members become teachers without needing to leave their community. New funds would be targeted specifically for rural schools & allow colleges to partner with rural districts.

Increase the share of rural adults with a bachelor's degree by 25% within 10 years.

Provide free public college tuition for low- and middle-income students

Support satellite hubs for colleges

Invest \$25 billion in HBCUs and other Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), including Tribal Colleges and Universities

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Launch an "Internet for All" initiative to ensure all communities have affordable access

- Accurately map which communities lack broadband or wireless in partnership with the private and nonprofit sectors
- Invest in public and community-based options (supported logistically and financially by a Broadband Innovation Incubator office and legislation passed in Congress) to guarantee that broadband will be built out

Close the "homework gap" within the first term

Upgrade our most essential public safety network (911) to enable anyone, anywhere, to reach lifesaving help in an emergency

Restore net neutrality

Speed up next generation wireless expansion

Foster a new generation of commercial satellite networks to expand Internet access

Build the first network of "connected" rural communities by the end of the first term to enable rural Americans to have reliable, safe, and equitable infrastructure and public services

Reinvigorate antitrust enforcement to protect workers and family farmers.

Double funding for antitrust enforcement and halve the reporting threshold

Revive regional antitrust enforcement & re-invigorate the Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Launch investigations of the seed market's recent mergers for anticompetitive behavior

Amend the Utility Patent Statute to protect the right of farmers to replant seeds grown on their own farms

Ensure workers access to the wages, protections, and support they deserve.

Provide workers with paid sick leave and paid family leave - no matter where they work

Expand worker protections for farm workers and domestic workers, including overtime regulations

Pass a \$15 federal minimum wage indexed to wage growth

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Launch a Rural Opportunity Center to streamline grant processes in rural communities by providing support in identifying and applying for funds. This Center will be complemented by initiatives to:

- Create a digital tool for officials at all levels of government to understand and access federal resources available to their communities
- Simplify grant applications through a "Common Application."



Rural America is vital to our country's past, present, and future. It is the main source of food and energy for our country. Our economy depends on its abundant natural resources. Rural America is brimming with possibility.