

# MEDICARE FOR ALL WHO WANT IT

## Putting Every American in Charge of Their Health Care with Affordable Choice for All

Through Pete's Medicare for All Who Want It plan, everyone will be able to opt in to an affordable, comprehensive public alternative. It gives the American people a choice and trusts them to set the pace at which our country moves in a better direction on health care.

- Guarantee coverage through Medicare for All Who Want It. Limit what health care providers, including hospitals, can charge for out-of-network care.
- Expand premium subsidies for low-income people. Make it easier to afford and find care for mental health and substance use disorder.
- Cap marketplace premium payments at 8.5% of income for everyone. Tackle high administrative costs.
- Cap out-of-pocket costs for seniors on medicare, with a lower cap for low-income seniors. Empower the federal government to better monitor and challenge more health care mergers.
- End surprise billing.

# AFFORDABLE MEDICINE FOR ALL

## A Plan to Slash Drug Prices and Boost Medical Innovation

Pete's Affordable Medicines for All plan dramatically reduces prescription drug costs, forces pharmaceutical companies to price responsibly and pay their fair share, and encourages innovation in new medicine manufacturing, financing, and delivery.

- Cap the monthly out-of-pocket cost of prescription drugs \$250 for most and \$200 for seniors. Rein in outrageous drug price increases by penalizing pharmaceutical companies that raise prices by more than inflation.
- Make co-payments for generic drugs \$0 for people with low incomes insured by public plans. Expand public investment in the development and manufacturing of medicines.
- Bring down the cost of lifesaving prescription drugs for all payers by allowing the federal government to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies. Secure the quality and safety of drugs produced at home and abroad.

Bring transparency to drug pricing.

# A COMMITMENT TO AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

## Freedom means that all communities, including rural communities, are empowered to thrive and grow

Rural America is vital to our country's past, present, and future. It is the main source of food and energy for our country. Yet our government too often treats rural America as an afterthought. Pete's plan focuses on renewing and reimagining opportunity in rural America, to unleash its staggering potential.

- Invest in people, enable them to build new businesses & seize new economic opportunities. Ensure all communities have affordable access to broadband internet to create businesses, access health care, and expand opportunities for students.
- Empower rural communities to lead the way fighting climate change. Reduce the teacher shortage in rural areas by 50% within 15 years & increase the share of rural adults with a bachelor's degree by 25% within 10 years.
- Reinvigorate antitrust enforcement to protect workers and family farmers. Empower local governments to access critical federal development resources through technology.
- Ensure workers access to the wages, protections, and support they deserve.

# SECURING A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR RURAL AMERICA

## Where you live should not determine how healthy you are or how long you live

Rural communities help sustain our country and propel our economy. Yet rural Americans are getting sicker and dying younger than people living in cities. Opioids are ravaging a generation. Access to quality health care, including mental health care, is often literally out of reach.

- Guarantee an affordable health insurance option with Medicare for All Who Want It. Reduce maternal mortality rates by expanding access to high quality care and support before, during, and after pregnancy.
- Dramatically reduce care shortages by training hometown doctors & nurses, attracting health care workers from elsewhere, and investing in telehealth. Mobilize communities to address economic & social factors that lead to poor health and health inequity.
- Universal access to treatment for mental illness & addiction services. Grow investment in accessible, sustainable rural transportation services.
- Renew our commitment to tribal nations and expand funding for rural health initiatives for veterans.

# ENSURE FREE & FAIR ELECTIONS

## Democracy means that nothing should be overruled the vote of the American people when choosing our leaders

The American quest to build a more perfect union starts with a democracy that includes every citizen. Our democracy should work for the interests of ordinary Americans, not corporations and special interests. Voters should choose their representatives and be able to hold them accountable. Voters must not be denied their rights because of badly run elections or because some people on one side think it's better if fewer citizens are able to vote. The federal government has a responsibility to prevent voter suppression and expand voting rights to give us all a voice in our democracy.

- Ensure voters choose their electors and end racially discriminatory and partisan gerrymandering by establishing independent, statewide redistricting commissions using fair and non-discriminatory redistricting rules. Create common-sense campaign finance rules that clearly establish that corporations do not have the same political rights as people, and dollars cannot outvote human beings.
- Strengthen the Federal Election Commission. Overturn Citizens United and Buckley v. Valeo.
- Work with congress to pass a 21st Century Voting Rights Act:
  - Introduce automatic voter registration
  - Allow online and same-day registration
  - Allow early voting and vote-by-mail
  - Make Election Day a holiday
  - Restore voting rights for the formerly incarcerated
  - Provide access for people with disabilities
  - Protect voting rights on tribal lands
  - Neutralize the effects of restrictive voter ID bills
  - Increase and enforce criminal penalties for people who try to interfere with a person's right to vote
  - Protect birthright citizenship
  - Fix the harms caused by a politicized and inaccurate Census count
  - Develop policies that limit the spread of false information online
- Pete supports the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to ensure the president is chosen by the American people while we seek constitutional reform so that every citizen has an equal say in electing our president.
- Strengthen our Election security with better cybersecurity and more secure voting infrastructure. Ensure a paper trail for every vote so Americans can have confidence that their votes are counted in election results.
- Implement a nonpartisan and fully resourced election administration to prevent unfair partisan skewing of our elections.
- Make clear to foreign governments that if they attempt to interfere in our elections, there will be serious consequences.
- Create a strong public financing system that matches small donors so average citizens can run for office funded by their communities, not big donors.

# ACTION PLAN: GUNS

## Security means common-sense gun laws

Pete knows that America can protect gun rights and balance the Second Amendment with sensible gun laws. He understands that solving the gun violence epidemic requires a comprehensive approach.

- Institute universal background checks. Close the "boyfriend loophole" and hate loophole to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose the highest risk.
- Ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Close the "Charleston loophole" to allow the FBI additional time to complete every background check.
- Establish a nationwide gun licensing system. Enact red flag laws that disarm at-risk individuals and allow friends and family to intervene when they observe warning signs.
- Hold the gun industry accountable by repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to end gun industry immunity.
- Resume federal funding for gun violence research. Invest in evidence-based urban gun violence intervention programs proven to work.

# COMBATING RISING EXTREMISM

ISIS is not the only group that advances political stances through mass violence: so do white supremacist terrorists, anti-government militias, and other groups that use forms of domestic extremism. All Americans should be able to live without fear of intimidation and violence.

- Dedicate \$1 billion to prevent and combat radicalization and violent extremism. Stop the spread of violent extremism online.
- Make sure guns don't get into the wrong hands.

# A NEW DISASTER PREPAREDNESS APPROACH

Climate change has only exacerbated the need to improve our disaster preparedness. The science is clear: catastrophic weather events are increasing in frequency, intensity, and impact.

- Improve coordination with communities & federal agencies to help those in need. Create a culture of resilience, by fortifying our infrastructure right now & encouraging smart adaptations that will save money and lives when catastrophe strikes.
- Improve immediate disaster relief for after a disaster hits.

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**MEET PETE:**

Under his leadership, South Bend has reimaged its role in the global economy, spawning job growth and major investment in advanced industries such as data and technology. At the same time, Pete emphasized building a South Bend community where every resident—regardless of race, religion, gender, or orientation—could feel safe and included.

Pete has more years of government experience than the president, more years of executive government experience than the vice president, and more military experience than anybody to walk into the Oval Office since President George H. W. Bush.

Pete served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Freese and took an unpaid seven-month leave during his mayoral term to deploy to Afghanistan. For his counterterrorism work, he earned the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

A Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and a graduate of Harvard University, Pete lives with his husband Chasten in the same South Bend neighborhood where he grew up, with their two rescue dogs, Truman and Buddy.

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**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

Freedom means being able to make decisions about your reproductive health based on what's right for you.

A woman isn't free if she can't make choices about her health care. Pete's policies are aimed at ensuring reproductive health care for every woman, no matter the state where she lives and works, her insurance status, her race, ethnicity or place of birth.

Guarantee every woman affordable health coverage

Prohibit state governments from interfering in private insurance coverage of abortion.

Appointing Supreme Court and Federal judges that share Pete's vision of freedom and choice for reproductive rights.

Guarantee under contraception coverage and family planning methods with no cost sharing under Medicare for All Who Want It.

Codify the right to an abortion into law.

Ensure Title X funds only go to providers who offer comprehensive, evidence-based care.

Roll back Trump administration gag and refusal of care rules.

Abolish the Hyde Amendment.

**FOREIGN POLICY**

The next president will have to restore American credibility on the world stage and establish a new and higher standard for the deployment of U.S. military force.

Put an end to endless war & focus on reversing the rise of authoritarianism

Reverse the U.S. strategy of addressing America's strengths to address abroad while realizing democratic capitalism & our democracy at home.

Reinvigorate institutions of international engagement to address 21st century challenges & opportunities.

Increase the climate planning and regional readiness budget at the department of defense.

Priority equitable disaster preparedness and relief.

**VETERANS**

As a war veteran, Pete understands the importance of improving our VA health care system by increasing access to and quality of care, rejecting privatization of the VA, lowering wait times for all services, ending harmful staff shortages, and enhancing the disability claims system to make it easier for veterans to navigate.

Invest in veterans health care and mental health.

Support veterans as they reintegrate back into our communities as our fellow citizens, friends, neighbors, and family.

Extract a price on carbon and use the revenue to send rebates to American families.

Quadruple federal clean energy R&D funding.

Create a national catastrophic disaster insurance program.

Build three investment funds to spur clean technology development.

Use every executive authority available to reduce emissions and require resilience in infrastructure.

Build a net-zero emissions grid.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM**

Security means immigration and border policy that is compassionate and effective

We must reclaim our nation's standing as a human rights leader by implementing common sense immigration reform that will secure our values, We must remember that immigrants are an essential part of our American story.

Pass common sense immigration reform.

End the family separation crisis and ensure similar humanitarian crises

Ensure ICE and CBP practices do not reflect today's humanitarian and economic needs.

Restore our global leadership in humanitarian relief for refugees.

**RIISING TO THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE**

Climate catastrophe is on the horizon, and history will judge us for how we rise to meet this challenge

We must channel all our energies into a national project—one that unites every American, from big cities to rural communities, around this urgent threat and seizes the tremendous opportunity for a new era of climate action.

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