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A REAL AFFORDABILITY PLAN FOR *South Carolina!*

We all feel it. No matter how hard we work, no matter how much we try to skimp and save - everything just keeps getting more and more expensive. This isn't an accident - and it doesn't have to be this way. In Washington, both parties scream and shout about the latest partisan conflict or controversy of the day - but nobody does anything to actually lower our costs. Meanwhile corrupt politicians and big corporations keep raising our taxes, raising the cost of health care, raising our electric bills, raising our gas prices, raising the cost of housing, and raising the cost of ... well just about everything.

I've had enough - and that's why I'm proposing a real affordability plan for South Carolina - one that takes the best ideas from both parties, while putting our families ahead of the corporate special interests and greedy politicians that benefit while the rest of us pay more.

Democrats won't like everything I'm proposing here. And Republicans won't either. Big insurance, big tech, big pharma, and the utility monopolies definitely won't. But I think that you will probably find a lot to like. And, if elected, I'll fight every day to get politicians from both sides to come together and work on these commonsense ideas to make life more affordable for South Carolinians - and for all Americans.

CUT TAXES GOVERNMENT *waste!*

A lot of my Democratic friends seem to think that “cut taxes,” “stop waste,” and “end fraud” are four letter words. But in South Carolina, we know they’re just common sense. Hard working families pay too much to the government - and get too little back to show for it. In the Senate, I’ll work to cut taxes with this plan:



MAKE PRESIDENT TRUMP'S "NO TAX ON TIPS" AND "NO TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY" PERMANENT

When President Trump proposed ending taxes on tips and on Social Security, some Democrats automatically opposed him. That's ridiculous - a good idea can come from anybody! I was thrilled to see these middle class tax cuts signed into law last year - but, unfortunately, they're set to expire in 2028. Congress should come together now to expand these tax cuts and make them permanent so that ideologues and partisan grandstanders can't hold them hostage in two years.

SIMPLIFY THE TAX CODE TO CUT TAX RATE

When Democrats talk about tax relief, they focus too much on individual carveouts and special exemptions for favored groups. But there's a simpler solution that lets us cut taxes for almost everybody. We can simplify our tax code down to just three brackets - 10%, 20%, and 35%. Income currently taxed at 12% would see a tax cut down to 10%. Income currently taxed at 22% or 24% would come down to 20%. The highest earners - individuals or families earning more than \$400,000 would see all their income taxed at 35%.

FREE TAX FILING

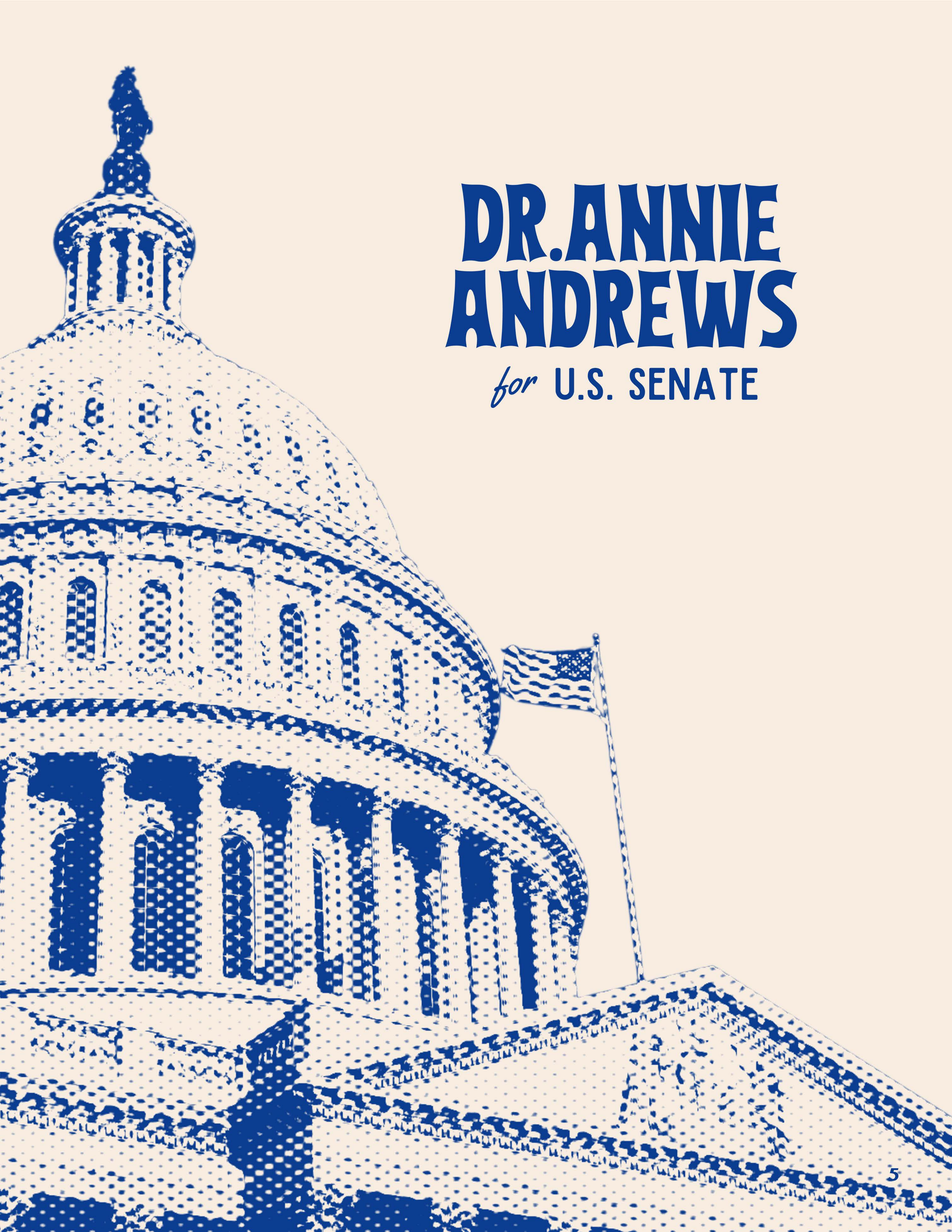
For most Americans, the government already knows how much we owe in taxes. But we're still forced to hand over hundreds of dollars every tax season to private tax software companies - that pay huge sums to lobby Congress. Last year, politicians in Washington ended a pilot program that would let most Americans file their taxes for free - without expensive software. I'll fight to restore this commonsense program and make Tax Day cheaper - and easier - for all of us.

END THE TARIFFS

Tariff is a tax. And, in 2025, tariffs were a nearly \$2,000 tax on the average American family. Washington should be focused on putting American citizens first and making sure we can get beef, coffee, electronics, and home building materials at a reasonable price - not picking personal fights with foreign countries. In Congress, I'll fight to reclaim Congress's taxing authority, end chaotic and unilateral tariffs, and bring costs down.

FIGHT WASTE FRAUD AND ABUSE

If we're serious about cutting taxes, we also need to be serious about cutting waste. One idea: five years ago, Congress brought back pork barrel earmarks after a 10-year ban. Now, members of Congress can once again steer money to special projects and cronies. It's time to end this corrupt practice that wastes our money and go back to clean spending bills. Here's another - and this might make some Democrats mad: get serious about waste and fraud. It's no secret that people take advantage of government programs - and that incompetence lets our money get wasted. I'll work to strengthen verification and enforcement so that our money gets spent - and saved - wisely.

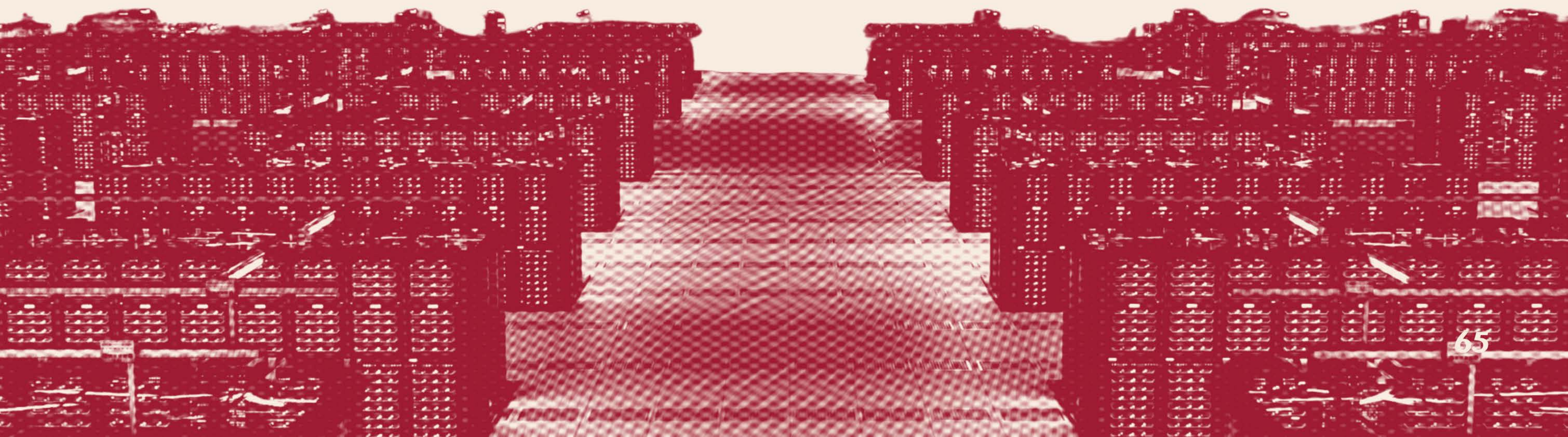


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TAKE ON BIG UTILITIES AND AI DATA CENTERS TO *lower energy bills!*

Over the past year, South Carolina's utilities have sent our energy bills through the roof. Dominion was just told they can hike our rates by 8% and Santee Cooper is trying to raise rates by 9%. It's ridiculous. Here's how we can lower energy bills.



PUT A TWO-YEAR NATIONAL MORATORIUM ON AI DATA CENTERS, STOP DATA CENTERS FROM PASSING ON COSTS, AND END THE DATA CENTER TAX BREAKS

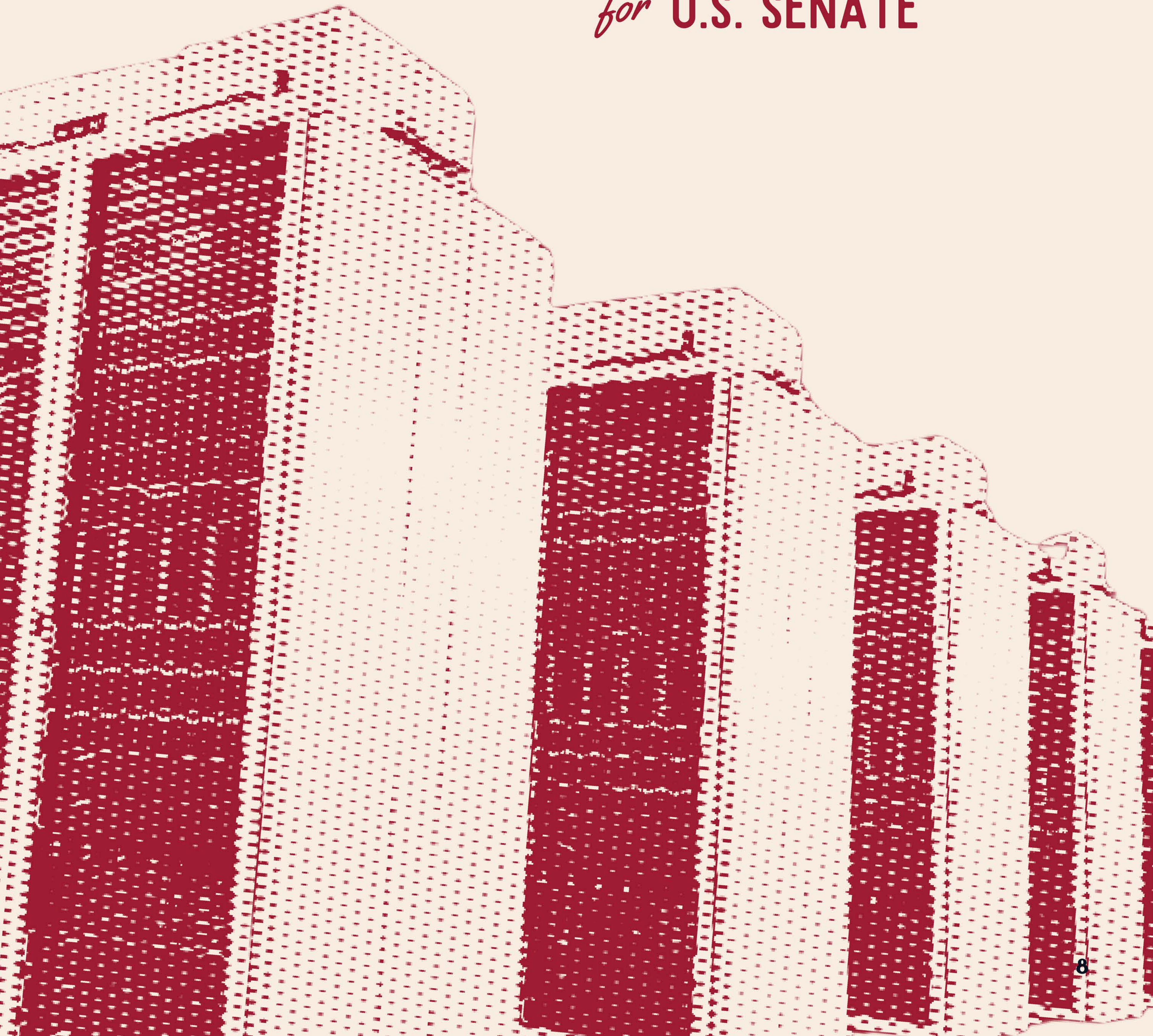
These days, it feels like AI is moving way too fast – and for no good reason. And greedy tech companies are forcing AI data centers that use up more energy than an entire city down our throats – with no regard for what our communities need or what these data centers do to our electric bills. It's time to hit pause and pass a two-year moratorium on data center construction. We also need to pass laws to make sure that data centers can't pass their costs onto our energy bills. Meanwhile, last year's tax bill was loaded up with special tax breaks for these AI data centers. I'll work to repeal those taxes so that Silicon Valley tech companies actually pay their fair share.

CUT REGULATIONS THAT RAISE OUR BILLS

For years, members of Congress from both parties have tried and failed to cut red tape that makes it harder to build new energy infrastructure that could help lower costs. Democrats think this is a good idea because it will make it easier to provide renewable energy. Republicans think it's a good idea because it gets rid of burdensome regulations that raise our costs. But nobody has the political will to get to work and pass this bipartisan plan. It's embarrassing. In the Senate, I'll work to bring members of both parties together to finally get this done.

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SUSPEND THE GAS TAX, UNLEASH AMERICAN ENERGY, AND GET GAS *prices down!*

Gas prices are through the roof - and nobody in Washington wants to help. We need to stop the wars in the Middle East that are driving up our costs - and pursue a sensible energy policy at home.



SUSPEND THE GAS TAX

Every time gas prices rise, politicians from both parties say we should suspend the gas tax. Well, it's time we actually do it! When gas can cost more than \$4 a gallon, there's no reason the federal government should make it cost \$4.18.

STOP ENDLESS WARS

We've been fighting wars in the Middle East almost my entire life - with very little to show for it. In the Senate, I'll work to reclaim our Constitutional war powers to stop administrations from starting wars in the Middle East that raise our gas prices, send our kids into danger, and don't actually make us any safer.

SUPPORT NEXT GENERATION ENERGY - WHILE KEEPING COSTS DOWN

It's time that we transition to the next generation of energy resources. It was a mistake to repeal tax cuts that helped Americans afford more efficient, cleaner, and cheaper energy - and that helped businesses develop renewables. I'll work to restore those tax cuts to help get energy prices down.

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GET HOUSING PRICES *down!*

It has become way too hard for young families to buy their first home. I was glad to see both parties come together to pass housing reform - especially to stop Wall Street from buying up single family homes - but we need to go so much further.



FURTHER RESTRICT WALL STREET HOMEOWNERSHIP

I am glad that both parties came together to stop private equity interests from buying up more than 350 homes - but we can go even further. 350 homes is still a ton! Homes should belong to families - not private equity giants. We should cut that threshold down several times to 50 homes.

STOP SUBSIDIZING PRIVATE EQUITY LANDLORDS

There's no reason the federal government should subsidize private equity companies that buy up our homes. I'll work to ban these Wall Street interests from using Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgages to buy up housing.

CUT TAXES FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

Members of Congress from both parties have proposed a \$50,000 tax cut to help first-time homebuyers offset the cost of their down payment. This is a great idea, and I'm excited to work with both Republicans and Democrats to get this one done.

BUILD MORE HOUSING

Part of the reason housing costs so much is that there's too little housing available. We should provide tax cuts to homebuilders to incentivize more construction and address our housing supply crisis. We also need to increase workforce housing and make sure housing is affordable near the economic centers where jobs are.

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CHILDCARE IS TOO *expensive!*

Childcare is hard to find and way too expensive. Without paid parental leave, too many parents are forced to go back to work just weeks after their baby is born. Far too often, their wages barely cover the cost of childcare. We should be making it easier for young people to start families - not making it harder.



GROW THE CHILDCARE WORKFORCE

There's one simple problem in our childcare system – too few providers. We should support Americans seeking training to become childcare workers, including with a national childcare worker apprenticeship program and providing federal support to increase pay for childcare professionals.

SUPPORT CHILDCARE BUSINESSES

Part of the problem in the American childcare system is that the business models of too many childcare facilities are unsustainable. We can step in to make sure childcare providers can open – and stay in business. Burdensome regulations often make it too difficult for child care facilities to operate. I'll work to pass a national regulatory framework that ensures that arbitrary rules that don't make our kids safer or better off aren't a barrier to child care businesses. We should also offer tax credits to child care businesses and the people who run them.

EXPAND THE CHILD TAX CUT

The easiest thing we can do to support young families is pass a permanent, expanded child tax credit. Republicans and Democrats in Washington have proposed expanding the Child Tax Cut to give a little extra help to young families. I agree. Young parents need their money far more than politicians in Washington do – and we should change our laws to let them keep it.

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