

THE AGENDA FOR AMERICA'S ENTREPRENEURS

2026 Federal Policy Agenda

A framework for strengthening America's economic backbone

The Agenda for America's Entrepreneurs sets forth policies that empower America's small businesses to build a thriving and equitable economy. If implemented, these policies would ensure the growth of a robust small business ecosystem, reduce barriers for entrepreneurs, and expand access to the American dream. To do this, Congress must work in a bipartisan manner to build upon the historic small business growth in recent years and create an economy that works for all.

Access to capital, resources, and opportunities for entrepreneurs

- Expand access to **transparent and responsible capital** by requiring clear and upfront disclosures on small business loan products.
- **Bolster federal resources and streamline regulations** to ensure that tools and technical assistance, including procurement opportunities, are geared towards helping the millions of our smallest businesses succeed in today's economy.
- Provide **pathways to success for women, minority and rural entrepreneurs** by strengthening loan products and business development programs with a focus on under-resourced communities.

Bolster a Main Street-friendly workforce and the creation of quality jobs

- Ensure access to affordable quality healthcare by expanding access to Medicaid and bolstering the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including strengthening the **ACA premium subsidies** needed to ensure greater healthcare enrollment by America's small business owners.
- Require more **transparency and competition in healthcare markets** by holding hospitals and other large medical entities accountable for their anti-competitive practices, which impacts the quality and cost of healthcare services for small business owners and their employees.
- Enact **commonsense immigration reforms** providing pathways to legal status or citizenship for qualifying undocumented immigrants and visa holders to bolster an essential small business workforce while limiting disruptive mass deportations that harm Main Street.
- Provide support for small business owners seeking to offer long-term benefits for their employees, such as **childcare, paid family and medical leave and retirement** options.

Foster a level playing field for American small businesses

- Enforce **antitrust and fair competition laws** to give small business owners a chance to compete in today's increasingly consolidated economy by enforcing anti-price discrimination laws and removing barriers to success for Main Street.
- Reform key **tax policies** that prioritize the needs of true Main Street enterprises, not the Fortune 500.
- Provide relief for **small businesses paying high tariff** rates by reducing or eliminating excessive fees paid on imports with key trading partners.