– Ending –
CRADLE-*to*-GRAVE DEPENDENCE

Reverse the Curse: U.S. House Budget Resolution (FY24-FY33)

The federal government operates nearly **100 different welfare programs**, costing taxpayers more than $1 trillion each year.

- Over the next decade, the federal government is projected to spend more than $12 trillion on welfare programs.
- Welfare enrollment in 2022 was even higher in many programs than at the height of the pandemic and government lockdowns in 2020.

This **comes at a time where**:

- There are 8.8 million unfilled jobs – more than 1.4 jobs for every unemployed individual who is looking to work.
- 40 percent of small business employers report job openings that are hard to fill.

We know that the **best social program is a good and stable job**.

- We want people to have the blessing and dignity of work.
- As even then-Senator Joe Biden said when voting for welfare reform in 1996: "The culture of welfare must be replaced with the culture of work. The culture of dependence must be replaced with the culture of self-sufficiency and personal responsibility."

Our budget promotes **opportunity, not cradle to grave dependence by**:

Promoting Work:

Our budget supports closing loopholes in federal law that allow many states to waive work requirements and assumes that we build on what we know works from the 1996 welfare reforms signed into law by President Bill Clinton to implement and strengthen work requirements for able-bodied adults.

Improving Program Integrity and Modernizing Programs:

Many welfare programs are decades old and have never been seriously reevaluated or modernized. Updating programs, such as through requiring Social Security numbers for all Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit payments is common sense.

Reinstating Trump's Public Charge Rule:

Longstanding immigration law states that an immigrant is "inadmissible" if he or she is "likely at any time to become a public charge." Reinstating the public charge rule gutted by the Biden Administration will protect taxpayers.