



# KEYSTONE PLAYBOOK 2025•2026







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# LET'S WIN!

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity Pennsylvania, our commonwealth's largest full-time grassroots infrastructure, we can't wait to get to work with you to create a more prosperous Pennsylvania.

To say the 2023-24 legislative session was unprecedented is an understatement. Facing a very divided government, our grassroots activists navigated new challenges to promoting policies that allow Pennsylvanians to live out their version of the American Dream. Motivated by the pain of record-high inflation, executive-driven regulatory barriers to energy abundance, and threats to free speech, our tens of thousands of grassroots activists across all 67 counties took action to scale their voice and create change.

Despite divided government, we were elated to see wins across multiple policy portfolios which allow Pennsylvanians to thrive. For instance, Harrisburg got to work to address barriers to care by passing telemedicine legislation, which makes seeing your health care provider easier than ever. With respect to free speech, Pennsylvanians no longer face the threat of intimidation for sharing their thoughts online. Anti-SLAPP legislation, passed unanimously in both chambers, is a policy win that shows that both sides of the aisle can come together to protect Pennsylvanians' constitutional rights.

While we celebrate these wins, there's still much work to do to allow Pennsylvania to compete with other states. We need to rein in regulatory barriers that keep small businesses from thriving. To avoid losing our population to greener pastures, we must promote policies that stabilize our budget, so that in volatile years, you aren't taking on a larger share of the tax burden. Finally, we need to unleash our commonwealth's energy abundance—as one of the nation's largest energy producing states, we can't afford to cap-and-tax our resources!

As we enter the 2025-2026 legislative session (albeit, with more divided government!), Americans for Prosperity Pennsylvania remains optimistic that we can work in a bipartisan fashion to make these policies a reality.

At Americans for Prosperity-PA, we serve as the taxpayer's lobbyist under the dome in Harrisburg. Join us today on the march for more prosperity and abundance here in Pennsylvania!



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# THE GAME PLAN



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## THE PLAY ECONOMY

Here in Pennsylvania, we're losing our population to states that have embraced better budgeting, regulatory reform, and other policies that allow taxpayers to keep more of their hard-earned resources. We can make Pennsylvania flourish through legislation such as comprehensive regulatory reform, which would incentivize businesses to invest in Pennsylvania, creating jobs, wages, and prosperity.



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## THE PLAY ENERGY

The resources we have underneath our feet here in Pennsylvania should be utilized, not penalized. Executive policies such as Governor Shapiro's cap-and-tax executive orders stifle energy innovation, driving up the cost of energy prices across the board. We're also home to the 3rd-highest gas tax in the nation, which unnecessarily burdens our commonwealth's motorists. Through better legislative oversight, we can promote policies that prevent Harrisburg from hindering energy abundance.



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## THE PLAY HEALTH CARE

Pennsylvania is experiencing a health care shortage, causing wait times to see primary care providers to rise. Through licensing reforms such as permitting nurse practitioners to practice to the fullest extent of their education and expertise, we can provide more opportunities for Pennsylvanians to receive high quality, affordable care.



## THE PLAY CONSTITUTIONALLY LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Privacy is for people, not government. You deserve policies in place that protect your right to privacy, free speech, and civic participation. Through our policy goals within our Constitutionally Limited Government portfolio, our goal is to right size government to prevent overreach that impacts your constitutionally guaranteed rights.





Pennsylvania  
**WE CAN  
DO BETTER.**

OF

ECONOMY

Pennsylvania is in a structural deficit and ranks #34 of 50 for tax competitiveness. We cannot afford to lose our population to states with more attractive economic environments. Through better budgeting, regulatory reform and taxpayer-focused policies, we can work towards a prosperous future.

## HOUSING

*Unleash housing opportunities through free-market zoning policies*

- **Housing Affordability Through Land Use Reforms:** Alleviates municipal zoning restrictions that impede housing affordability so that homeownership or other quality housing options are available to all Pennsylvanians.
- **Duplex, Triplex, and Quadplex Housing in Single-Family Designated Areas:** This legislation would revise the Municipalities Planning Code to require cities, boroughs, towns and townships with more than 5,000 in population to permit the use of duplex, triplex and fourplex housing in areas currently zoned for single-family residences only. This would increase the number of multi-family residential units available in Pennsylvania.

## REGULATORY REFORM

*Rein in the administrative state and ensure that Pennsylvania businesses can thrive*

- **Comprehensive Regulatory Reform:** Comprehensive regulatory reform legislation that would include the creation of an independent Office of the Repealer within the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC), implement a one-in, two-out requirement for new regulations,



require the General Assembly to approve “economically significant” regulations (those with an annual impact of \$1 million or more), allow the General Assembly to initiate the removal of any existing state regulation, and also incorporate the key provisions of Permit Transparency (SB28 of 2021-22) and Regulatory Compliance Advisor (SB29 of 2021-22).

- **REINS Act:** Gen. Assembly required to vote on any economically significant regulation, defined as having an effect on state, municipality, or business community of \$1 million or more annually.
- **Automatic Three-Year Review of Economically Significant Regulations:** Requires an automatic review of economically significant regulations three years after taking effect to measure their cost and effectiveness.
- **Regulatory Compliance Advisor:** Each state agency required to designate an employee to serve regulated community re: advisory opinions and assistance in noncompliance scenarios prior to the levying of a penalty.
- **Independent Office of the Repealer:** Establishes the Independent Office of the Repealer within the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.
- **Legislative Review of Regulations:** Would prevent the governor from vetoing legislative resolutions to overturn regulations that had been put in place by the Governor’s office, restoring power to the legislature and Pennsylvanians.
- **Fighting Chance Act:** Creates a pilot

program for red tape reduction, aiming to reduce regulations in the BPP and BPOA by 25%. Would allow every state agency to count and catalog all regulations and requirements under its authority.

## LABOR

*Empower our Pennsylvania workforce through worker freedom*

- **Portable Benefits:** Provides Pennsylvania app-based workers with access to the benefits and protections while also preserving their flexibility to work as they choose and the freedom to set their own schedule.

## FISCAL & BUDGETING

*Make Pennsylvania competitive through better budgeting practices*

- **Structural Balance:** Structural balance rules produce a single top-line cap on a year’s spending to start the budget cycle. The cap will be less than revenue during booms and higher during recessions. This smooths out economic volatility while holding spending and revenue together over the business cycle.
- **Acceleration of the Corporate Net Income Tax Reduction:** If enacted, this proposal would drop the corporate net income tax to 7.99% and decrease the CNIT rate each January 1st until a rate of 4.99% is achieved (5 years sooner than projected rates in Act 53).

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ENERGY

## Let's Unleash OUR RESOURCES

Pennsylvania boasts the title of second largest energy producer in the country.

### LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OVER CARBON TAX

Provides process for legislative approval before a carbon tax could be imposed or before PA’s entry into a binding multi- state compact with tax implications, like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).





# Pennsylvania HAS A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE.

Almost half of Pennsylvania's 67 counties are health professional shortage areas. We need policies that will provide high quality, low cost care.

- **Full Practice Authority for Nurse Practitioners:** Provides full practice authority to experienced nurse practitioners will increase Pennsylvanians' access to healthcare and help relieve healthcare provider shortages in PA. Expanding nurse practitioner's ability to meet the state's primary care needs is essential to making sure all Pennsylvanians enjoy high quality, affordable and available primary care services.
- **Association Health Plans:** Provides a mechanism for employers to join together to offer quality health insurance as a benefit for their employees.
- **Foreign-trained Physician Access:** Provides US reciprocity for foreign residency and fellowship trainings to alleviate the doctor shortage.
- **Patient Access to Health Data:** Allows patients to view and obtain copies of their own medical records, including details about their health information, as stipulated by laws like HIPAA, allowing them to actively monitor and manage their health by accessing their medical history directly from their healthcare provider.

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# HEALTH CARE





Pennsylvanians deserve protection of their individuals rights including those guaranteed by our Constitution. Preventing governmental overreach means we must right-size our state government.

We must protect  
**OUR RIGHTS TO PRIVACY,  
FREE SPEECH AND CIVIC  
PARTICIPATION.**

- **Personal Privacy Protection Act:** Prevents a public agency from requiring individuals or organizations to provide personal information except as required under law. This protection extends to any entity exempt from federal income tax under Sec. 501(c) and individuals associated with those entities. Privacy is for individuals; transparency is for government.
- **No Government Trespassing Act:** Prevents government agents from trespassing on private property without the landowner’s permission or a warrant.





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