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1. American Family First Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

To provide paid parental leave, expand childcare credits, and construct housing for veterans and working families.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “American Family First Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. TWELVE MONTHS PAID PARENTAL LEAVE.

Subchapter V of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end a new section providing 12 weeks of paid leave to each parent upon the birth or adoption of a child. States operating qualifying paid family leave programs under section 6382(d) are exempt.

SECTION 3. EXPANSION OF CHILDCARE CREDIT.

Section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking “nonrefundable” and inserting “fully refundable”; and

(2) in subsection (h)(2), by striking “\$2,000” and inserting “\$3,200 for children under age 6 and \$2,000 for children age 6 through 17”.

SECTION 4. VETERANS AND WORKING FAMILY HOUSING.

There is authorized to be appropriated \$75,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2027 through 2036 to construct not fewer than 750,000 mixed-income housing units, of which not less than 40 percent shall be reserved for veterans and post-9/11 disabled veterans.

SECTION 5. OFFSET.

Amounts under this Act are fully offset by permanent rescission of unobligated balances from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-169).

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2. Secure Borders & Legal Immigration Rewards Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Secure Borders & Legal Immigration Rewards Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. BORDER SECURITY FUNDING.

There is authorized \$25,000,000,000 for completion of the border barrier system and hiring 10,000 additional Border Patrol and ICE personnel.

SECTION 3. NATIONWIDE E-VERIFY.

Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to require mandatory E-Verify nationwide with an 18-month compliance grace period.

SECTION 4. MERIT-BASED IMMIGRATION.

Title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended to replace family-preference categories with a points-based system and cap chain migration.

SECTION 5. OFFSET.

All costs are fully offset by increased visa fees and civil penalties collected under section 274A.

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3. Lower Drug Prices Now Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Lower Drug Prices Now Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. DRUG IMPORTATION.

Section 804 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 384) is amended to authorize commercial and personal importation from Canada and other developed nations.

SECTION 3. MOST FAVORED NATION PRICING.

The interim final rule entitled “Most Favored Nation Model” (85 Fed. Reg. 76180, November 27, 2020) is permanently codified and made effective January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4. PATENT ABUSE REFORMS.

Pay-for-delay agreements and product-hopping are prohibited.

SECTION 5. OFFSET.

Savings achieved through manufacturer rebates and pharmacy benefit manager transparency reforms.

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4. Government Shutdown Prevention & Waste Elimination Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Government Shutdown Prevention & Waste Elimination Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. AUTOMATIC CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

If joint resolutions making appropriations for a fiscal year are not enacted before October 1, funding shall continue automatically at the prior fiscal year level until regular appropriations are enacted.

SECTION 3. PERMANENT WASTE RESCISSION.

There is rescinded \$110,000,000,000 annually from programs identified by the Government Accountability Office as containing waste, fraud, or abuse, with the list published 90 days prior to enactment.

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5. Tiered Retirement Savings Incentive Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Tiered Retirement Savings Incentive Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. TIERED CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

Section 402(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding:

“(11) TIERED LIMITS BEGINNING 2027.—

(A) AGI $\leq$ \$100,000 (\$200,000 joint) — \$30,000 + \$10,000 catch-up.

(B) AGI \$100,001–\$400,000 (\$200,001–\$800,000 joint) — current law limits.

(C) AGI $>$ \$400,000 (\$800,000 joint) — limits permanently frozen at 2025 levels.”

Applies to 401(k), 403(b), 457(b), and TSP plans.

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6. Tiered Social Security Fairness & Solvency Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Tiered Social Security Fairness & Solvency Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. TIERED WAGE BASE.

Section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding:

“(23) TIERED TAXABLE MAXIMUM BEGINNING 2027.—

(A) AGI $\leq$ \$100,000 (\$200,000 joint) — no taxable maximum.

(B) AGI \$100,001–\$400,000 (\$200,001–\$800,000 joint) — taxable maximum = 150% of current-law amount.

(C) AGI $>$ \$400,000 (\$800,000 joint) — taxable maximum permanently frozen at 2026 level.”

All additional revenue credited first to the OASDI Trust Fund.

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7. Veterans & Working Family Housing Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Veterans & Working Family Housing Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

There is authorized to be appropriated \$75,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2027 through 2036 to construct not fewer than 750,000 mixed-income housing units, of which not less than 40 percent shall be reserved for veterans and post-9/11 disabled veterans.

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8. End Government Shutdowns Forever Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “End Government Shutdowns Forever Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. AUTOMATIC CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

If joint resolutions making appropriations for a fiscal year are not enacted before October 1, funding shall continue automatically at the prior fiscal year level until regular appropriations are enacted.

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9. Prescription Drug Price Relief Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Prescription Drug Price Relief Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. DRUG IMPORTATION, MOST FAVORED NATION PRICING, AND PATENT REFORMS.

[Full text identical to Bill 3 above]

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10. CitizenHelton United Act Savings Certification & Debt Reduction Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “CitizenHelton United Act Savings Certification & Debt Reduction Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. CBO CERTIFICATION.

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall certify annual deficit reduction of not less than \$202 billion nor more than \$271 billion.

SECTION 3. NO TAX INCREASES UNDER \$400,000.

No provision increases income or payroll taxes on individuals with AGI below \$400,000.

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11. Bipartisan ACA Premium Relief & Modernization Act of 2026

Original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan ACA Premium Relief & Modernization Act of 2026”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this Act implements the CitizenHelton United Act, original legislation drafted by Andrew Helton of Illinois.

SECTION 2. RESTORATION OF SHORT-TERM AND ASSOCIATION PLANS.

Rules in effect January 19, 2021, are permanently reinstated.

SECTION 3. STATE AGE-RATING FLEXIBILITY.

Section 2701(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Public Health Service Act is amended to permit states to set age-rating ratios up to 5:1 or unlimited beginning plan year 2027.

SECTION 4. PRICE TRANSPARENCY AND FACILITY FEE REFORM.

All hospitals and insurers shall publish cash and negotiated rates 48 hours before service.
Facility fees prohibited for telehealth and off-campus services.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS.

Estimated \$24–\$39 billion annual reduction in federal subsidies.

END OF HELTON UNITED ACT OF 2026 — 11-BILL PACKAGE