

## A BETTER WAY TO DO THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

### *By the Numbers*

A plan to restore self-government and the separation of powers is the fourth plank of A Better Way, a bold agenda to tackle some of our country's biggest challenges.

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This plan contains more than 30 ideas to curtail executive overreach, rein in Washington regulators, impose new limits on government spending, and increase transparency for hardworking taxpayers. It is a better way to do the people's business.

#### **PUT A STOP TO EXECUTIVE OVERREACH**

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In fiscal year 2016, taxpayers spent about \$310 billion on agencies and programs for which authorizations had already expired or were about to expire. Our plan **gets a grip on unauthorized spending to improve accountability and transparency.**

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Taxpayers get an \$18 return in savings for every \$1 invested in inspectors general. Our plan **gives agency watchdogs more tools to root out waste, fraud, and abuse.**

**100,000**

The government consistently maintains a backlog of about 100,000 Freedom of Information Act requests. Our plan **strengthens FOIA and limits the government's ability to withhold information from public records.**

#### **REIN IN THE REGULATORS**

**81**

The Obama administration has averaged 81 major regulations per year. That's a 30 percent jump from the previous administration. Our plan **requires an up-or-down vote before major regulations can take effect.**

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There are 140 regulations currently under review, any number of which could become 'midnight regulations' issued by the president in his final hours in his office. Our plan **requires an up-or-down vote on all of an outgoing administration's 'midnight regulations.'**

#### **IMPOSE NEW LIMITS ON SPENDING**

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The federal budget has grown in such size and scope that roughly two of out every three dollars we spend is outside of Congress's control. Our plan **calls for restoring the power of the purse and imposing new limits on spending** so Americans know who is spending their money, what it's being spent on, where it's being spent, when it's being spent, and why it's being spent.

#### **INCREASE TRANSPARENCY FOR TAXPAYERS**

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In fiscal year 2015, grants accounted for 17 percent of all federal outlays. Yet the government does not consistently post information about who receives these grants and why they were selected. Our plan **makes Washington catch up with the times and publish more data about federal spending online.**