



BUILD BACK BETTER ACT PASSES HOUSE



On Friday, November 19th, the House passed the Build Back Better Act with a vote of 220-213. This act still needs to get through the Senate, which could potentially take weeks or even months to pass. Unlimited amendments can be made to this act in the Senate. When the Senate votes, they only need 50 votes to pass it into law.

What is currently included in the Build Back Better Act?

The Build Back Better Act includes nearly \$2 trillion in funding. Because the Senate will likely amend this bill, exact amounts will be omitted. Below shows what is included in the current legislation:

- Climate change incentives and tax breaks
- Affordable housing
- Extend and expand the monthly child tax credits
- Medicaid expansions
- Lower health care premiums for plans under the Affordable Care Act
- 4 weeks of paid family and medical leave for all workers
- Universal Pre-K funding for 3 and 4 year-olds
- Multiple tax incentives and tax cuts

To learn more more about the Build Back Better Act, click below.

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AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES RESETTLING IN IOWA

Earlier this year the United States military began pulling their troops out of Afghanistan. As a result, Afghanistan refugees are expected

to be welcomed all over the country.

The state of Iowa is currently expected to welcome over 700 total refugees. The Iowa City-Cedar Rapids area is expected to welcome almost 250 of that 700. Majority of refugees will most likely resettle in

Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. In the ICR area, the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids have been providing their services to the hundreds of refugees thus far. Learn more about Afghanistan refugee resettlement and the Catherine McAuley Center by clicking below.



United States, local chambers of commerce support refugee resettlement

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce created the [Coalition for Afghan Refugee Employment](#) in September as a response to the resettlement. This will support the newest Afghanistan refugees in finding employment to provide security and opportunity. Resettlement will give many local and national businesses more workers to assist their current needs.

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ICR LEGISLATIVE LAUNCH

Join us as we kick off another Legislative Session with cocktails and great conversation on December 13th!

A short program begins at 5:30 p.m. This event is for members of the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance, Iowa City Area Business Partnership, and invited guests.



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HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE NOW OPEN FOR 2022

Health Insurance Marketplace is now open for 2022 coverage. The 2022 Open Enrollment Period runs from Monday, November 1, 2021, through Saturday, January 15, 2022. Marketplace provides quality, affordable health insurance for many small business owners across the nation.

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The Business Partnership advocates for economic growth policies on the local, state and federal levels. We collaborate with the business community and other stakeholders and partners to develop our yearly policy agendas, to create a consistent voice for the region.

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