

A family of four is standing in a grassy field. On the left, a young boy in a blue and white checkered shirt holds a small white dog. Next to him is a woman with blonde hair wearing a white patterned dress with a yellow sash. To her right is a man in a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt, holding a young boy in a blue checkered shirt. The background shows green trees and a bright sky.

Conservative Battle Plan for CO-04

A portrait of Chris Phelen, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Friends,

Never in the history of our nation has the federal government, particularly the unchecked executive branch, been more powerful or more incompetent than its current bloated iteration. We stand at the precipice of an uncertain future, where even the most stalwart conservative leaders shrugged their shoulders and their Congressional titles as they chose retirement rather than continue in the current broken system.

True reform and returning to the Constitution's original intent is the gargantuan task before us. Past reform has been hindered by both a lack of general appetite among members of Congress and the Executive, as well as a lack of knowledge of the maze of statutes and directives across various agencies, programs, regulations, and competing state priorities.

The Do-Nothing Congress has performed a mere fraction of the body's assigned duties; most Elected Representatives remaining in office appear content to blame others and shout into the void that is social media, rather than actually legislate solutions.

Congressional leadership, however, has achieved one substantial and beneficial goal – there has never been a greater call for change or shared appetite for reform among the Right. This hard won victory of extreme stubbornness will uncover the path forward to massive changes in the way Congress functions and the reshaping of the entire federal government. For this ultimate outcome, we, the Conservative leaders of tomorrow, should all be grateful.

Regulation acts as an unseen, unknown tax on the citizens, the economy, the innovators, and the builders of the American Dream. Regulation stymies future progress, mires us in red tape, and amplifies the burdens of the ignorant masses – re-casting the righteous as villains, despite their tenacious fight for life, liberty, and justice for all Americans.

Complete repeal of major laws, not minor tweaking of the rule-making process, is the only option which will lead to victory. Intricate surgical procedures, combined with a colossal purge and war of attrition against the inept, the ineffective, and the inane must be waged against the unseemly behemoth of U.S. legal code and legions of copycat minions that constitute the federal workforce of more than 2 million.

Rising from the ashes of this catharsis, the remnant will chart a course inline with our founding principles and the original intent of our divine design for greatness. No longer will the federal government insert itself and its unwelcome opinion in matters that can be managed by the states, the people, and the unseen hand of the free market at work. We must untether ourselves from the constraints of socialist policies, the elite hypocrites and holier-than-thou liberals who tread all over our Constitutional rights.

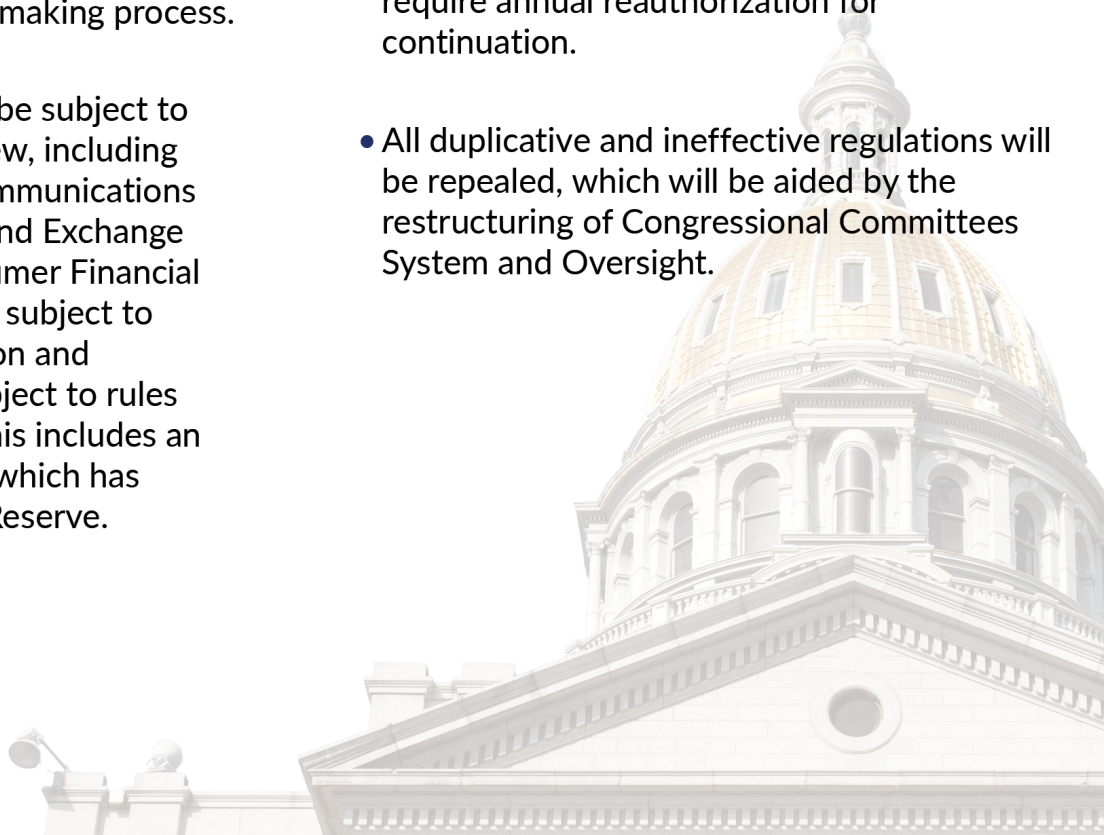
In liberty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Phelen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and 'P'.

Chris Phelen
Republican Candidate for Congress

PLAN OF ACTION FOR COLORADO'S 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

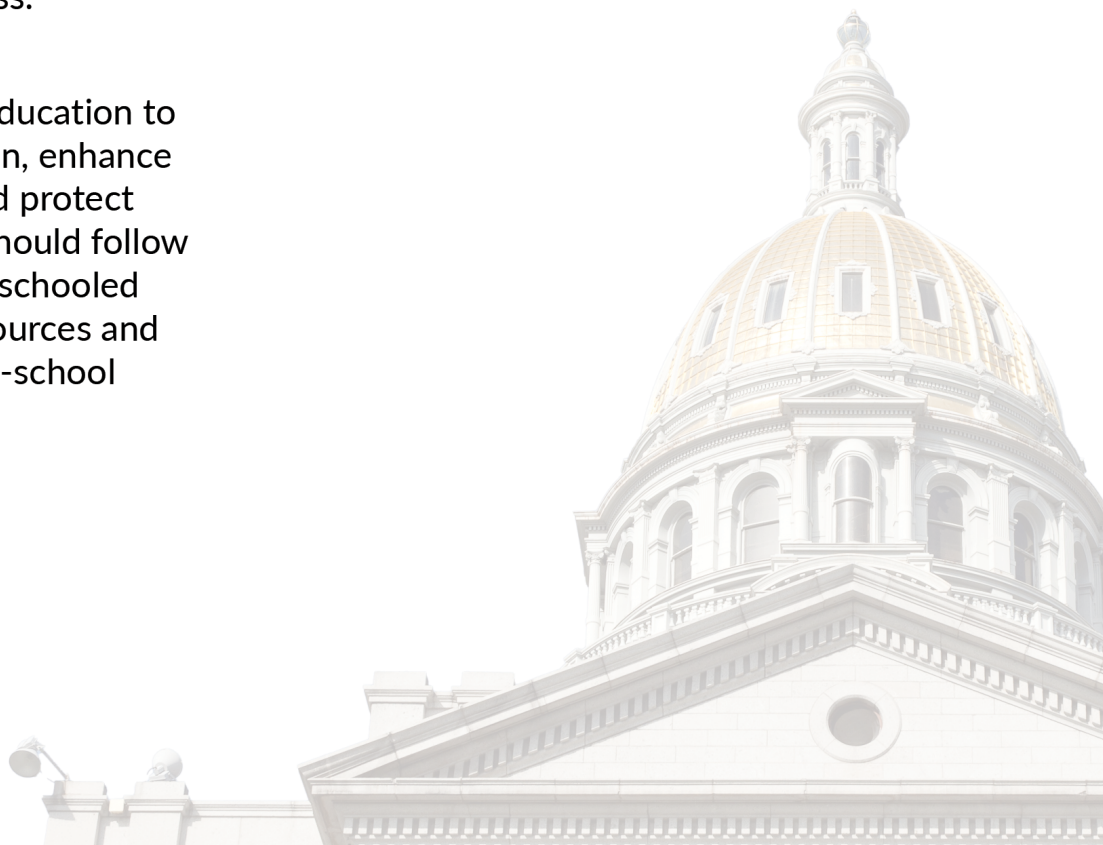
- ▶ Repeal Federal regulations, cut regulatory authority by 50%, and require Congressional approval of new major regulations issued by agencies.
 - Congress, not regulators, will reclaim its legislative responsibilities, write laws, and be accountable to the American people for the results.
 - Major regulation will not be implemented until Congress explicitly approves it.
 - As the 4TH CD representative, Phelen will work with leadership and the Rules Committee to establish new requirements for Congressional approval of rules in every bill that expands or reauthorizes any regulation.
 - Congress will rewrite all applicable statutes to include sunset provisions for all regulations.
 - Established Rules will expire automatically without explicit reauthorization by the relevant agency through the formal rulemaking process.
- ▶ Previously exempt agencies shall be subject to Executive Branch regulatory review, including but not limited to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) are not subject to review by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), nor subject to rules requiring cost-benefit analysis. This includes an audit of the independent agency which has never been audited: the Federal Reserve.
- ▶ As Federal Regulatory costs are commonly estimated to exceed \$2 trillion annually, a complete accounting of the hundreds of departments, agencies, and commissions that promulgate the estimated new 3,500 regulations each year shall be published annually in Public Record.
 - This new requirement shall be mapped and overseen by Congressional Oversight with annual recommendations for removal of redundancy and inefficiency presented as a part of the Congressional Budget Process.
 - Regulatory costs on the private sector increased to an estimated \$122 billion each FY during the Obama Administration, the total burden having grown by 97% since FY 2000. A large component of these costs is a direct result of the expansion of federal regulators—who now number an all-time high at approximately 280k.
 - These regulations and regulatory authority will halt under Congressional overhaul – as all Federal regulations will be time-limited and require annual reauthorization for continuation.
 - All duplicative and ineffective regulations will be repealed, which will be aided by the restructuring of Congressional Committees System and Oversight.



SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT 2025 IN CONGRESS

Enable the Trump Administration's Project 2025 strategy and blueprint by implementing changes to this Congress. Take decisive and structured actions to reform Congress and help prepare for the Trump Administration's Project 2025, a conservative "battle plan" for the next Republican President, including:

- Begin the process of relocating the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other federal agency offices and operations to Colorado.
- Reform the Department of Justice to effectively enforce immigration laws.
- Secure the Southern Border by halting "asylum seeking" immediate protected passage into the country, completing the construction of the U.S. Border Wall, and re-deploying technology for effective border monitoring. Mandate all applications to be completed in the region of origin. Deport illegal migrants via bus and airplane, re-establish legal channels of immigration, and incentivize compliance with immigration rules. End visa lapse abuse and immigration awards not based on merit, while creating a more secure immigration process.
- Dismantle the Department of Education to strengthen freedom in education, enhance parental rights in education, and protect taxpayers. Education Funding should follow the student and allow for homeschooled families to access the same resources and teacher compensation as public-school enrollees.
- Cut taxes, government spending, and regulations to make significant, positive changes affecting American individuals, small businesses, farmers, ranchers, local governments, and states.
- Support the re-implementation of Trump Executive Order, "Schedule F," and pass legislation to permanently codify the intent of the Executive Order. Tens of thousands of "civil servants" who currently cannot be fired for any reason will be reassigned status as "Schedule F" employees. Upon reassignment, these workers will lose untouchable employment protection, reducing the federal government size and scope by more than 50,000 workers.



LEGISLATIVE ACTION PLAN TO ASSIST PROJECT 2025

- Introduce legislation to allow for an expedited permitting process for federal lands and to allow for the sale of federal lands for critical infrastructure such as water storage in Colorado, the revenue from which shall be used for national debt reduction.
 - Repeal federal regulations and cut regulatory authority.
 - Require Congressional approval of all new federal regulations.
 - Reclaim Congress' legislative power and meet all duties and responsibilities as enumerated in the Constitution.
 - Amend all applicable statutes to include sunset provisions for all regulations. Reform the federal rule making process to stipulate all rules expire automatically without explicit reauthorization.
 - Mandate an Audit of the Independent Agencies, including the Federal Reserve.
 - Increase resources and staffing for the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) to expand the scope of OIRA's regulatory review functions to all agencies of the Executive Branch.
 - Mandate an annual accounting of the hundreds of departments, agencies, and commissions with regulations costing in excess of \$2 trillion.
 - Establish new rules requiring the creation of an Annual Congressional Budget in accord with the principles of the Balanced Budget Amendment.
 - Require the Budget Committee and the GAO to provide annual recommendations for removal of redundancy and inefficiency presented as a part of the Congressional Budget Process.
 - Pass Legislation to repeal identified redundant and inefficient government programs, initiatives, and regulations and reduce the number of Federal Regulators.
 - Reorganize Congressional committee structure and organization to align with the Federal Agency for which the committee provides oversight.
 - Pass new House rules - require a balanced budget passage annually and annual reauthorizations paired with each appropriations bill.
 - Each year, each committee will pass a single comprehensive reauthorization of all major laws under the individual agency's jurisdiction. This Authorization Act will be passed in concert with a relevant single-subject appropriations act.
 - All regulations must be re-passed with sunset provisions and require published cost-benefit analysis of the efficacy and efficiency of the law as optimal means to achieve an outcome.
 - Work with House leadership and the Rules Committee to establish new requirements for Congressional approval of rules for all bills brought to the House floor for a vote that expands or reauthorizes regulation.
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