

## RSC Family Policy Agenda Statements of Support

**Terry Schilling, President, American Principles Project:** “American Principles Project (APP) is proud to support the Republican Study Committee (RSC)'s Family Policy Agenda. Rep. Jim Banks and the entire RSC staff deserve a great deal of credit for putting this all-encompassing document together. This is what voters want from the Republican Party — a commitment to not only opposing the Democrats' radical anti-family extremism on issues like abortion and gender ideology, but also promoting a positive vision for the good. We encourage GOP House leadership to adopt these proposals as priorities in the next Congress.”

**Marjorie Dannenfelser, President, SBA Pro-Life America:** “The RSC Family Agenda makes a strong statement that Republicans are working to protect unborn lives, empower women and support families. This thorough, thoughtful proposal includes ideas for reforming the child tax credit for both born and unborn children, expanding Medicaid coverage postpartum, improving adoption and foster care to better serve children and their families, and supporting pregnancy centers. Since the Dobbs victory, more than a dozen states have taken action to protect unborn children and their mothers from abortion, potentially saving more than 200,000 lives. In contrast to the abortion lobby that only promotes abortion on demand up to the moment of birth, the pro-life movement and our Republican allies stand ready to help welcome these precious lives into the world, with compassionate solutions to address the real needs of women and families. This commonsense agenda ought to receive bipartisan support.”

**Carrie Lukas, President, Independent Women's Forum:** “We need to support families by getting government road blocks out of their way. This RSC plan respects how families' needs differ. Families don't require one-size-fits-all government subsidies and programs. We need to put power and resources in the hands of parents so that they can make decisions that are best for their children. Thank you for respecting parents and advancing policies that put power where it belongs.”

**Penny Nance, CEO & President, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee:** “Bravo to Chairman Banks and the entire Republican Study Committee for this thorough and comprehensive plan to address the issues American families are facing today. Whether it is protecting our children from radical gender ideologies in school, cyber threats online and deadly drugs or implementing policies that help single mothers and family-owned businesses, this strategy will put government on a path to help families succeed. Leadership is telling the American people what you will do if elected. We applaud the RSC releasing this agenda in advance of the election to show how drastically different the policies of a Republican led Congress will be compared to the one we've had for the last year and half. Biden and the Democrat- controlled House and Senate have led us to the brink by pushing a radical agenda. Time to put government back where it belongs, at the service of American families, and not at the service of special political, ideological, technological or financial interests.”

**Matt Schlapp, Chairman, CPAC:** “Chairman Jim Banks and the conservative members at the RSC have developed a plan which combats the Left's assault on parental rights, while protecting the most important foundation in our society; the family. With the Left's embrace of Radical Gender Theory and Critical Race Theory in our schools, it is no surprise Republicans have

become the party that parents trust most on education and the protection of their children. Likewise, as the Biden Administration's failed policies have wreaked financial havoc, forcing the average household to spend an extra \$11,500 this year, the RSC's pro-family tax relief and workforce policies would help bring our country back to economic prosperity."

**Brooke Rollins, President and CEO, America First Policy Institute:** "Parents are children's first and best teachers. Families are the heart and soul of this Nation and unfortunately, they have been under attack. There is a move to strip away parental rights, deconstruct the nuclear family, and replace the family with the government. It is time to restore an honest teaching of American history, give parents more control of their child's education, defend female athletes, end the sexualization of our children, provide safe and secure communities for America's children and families, and fight for American workers and their wages. Putting policies in place to protect the American family should transcend ideological lines. We applaud the Republican Study Committee for boldly defending America's families and prioritizing a family policy agenda."

**Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council:** "Americans could not have a clearer choice going into November. The Republican Study Committee's Family Policy Agenda puts a spotlight of contrast on the two very different governing ideologies being offered to Americans. The RSC agenda builds on the [Republicans' Commitment to America](#) by citing specific bills that Republicans have introduced—bills that Family Research Council has supported—to protect children from gender ideology, protect women's sports, and reaffirm the definition of 'woman' in federal law. RSC Chair Jim Banks is be commended for staking out a bold agenda for the next Congress - one that resonates with parents, people of faith, and Americans of all walks of life who value the family and want to see it strengthened rather than undermined by their government."

**Craig DeRoche, President and CEO, Family Policy Alliance:** "The Biden Administration and their allies in Congress have made clear that they will fight for their woke agenda at the expense of American families every time. The Republican Study Committee's (RSC) commitment to honor and protect families in their 2022-23 Family Policy Agenda is a breath of fresh air in Washington, D.C. Their efforts to ensure vulnerable children struggling with gender dysphoria receive help, not harm, come at the perfect time as the vast majority of Americans are horrified by gender transitions on children that are exposed almost weekly. Democrat leadership and their allies work to undo progress for women in Title IX, returning to the same debates in America from 50 years ago when President Biden was running for Senate. Thankfully, the RSC is stepping up again with a third of states who have acted to protect women's sports. Through this Agenda, the RSC has also made clear that they understand and respect the rights of parents and their irreplaceable role in the lives of their children. Hats off to the RSC for prioritizing American families with an agenda as deep as it is broad. To the Biden Administration, American families are expendable. At the RSC, families get their portrait on the mantle, an invitation to Sunday dinner, and a place to call home."

**Star Parker, President, Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE):** "The Republican Study Committee's Family Policy Agenda proposes creative reforms to economic, education, health care and labor policies and strongly affirms the right of parents to guide the

education and upbringing of their children. These concrete legislative proposals will bolster our workforce, protect unborn life, safeguard our children and their future, and support faith and family. With so many problems rising at alarming rates, impacting families and burdening hardworking Americans, we need to embrace this positive agenda. Working together, we can reclaim the future by bolstering the bedrock of our nation – the American family.”

**Jordan Sekulow, President & CEO, ACLJ Action:** “Thank you to the Republican Study Committee for your tireless work on behalf of families across America. We look forward to working with you to enact and implement a robust pro-woman, pro-child, and pro-family agenda in the 118th Congress.”

**Brian Burch, President, CatholicVote:** “Rep. Jim Banks and the Republican Study Committee have laid out an agenda that puts parents and families first at a time they are under unprecedented attack by the Biden administration and their cohorts. Republican Leadership would be wise to adopt this agenda to both win and keep a pro-family majority in the next Congress.”

**Will Estrada, President, [ParentalRights.org](https://www.parentalrights.org) & Parental Rights Foundation:** “We strongly support this. I know I missed the deadline, but if there's still time, you can include some or all of this quote: “We applaud the Republican Study Committee's Family Policy Agenda. This common-sense policy agenda makes clear what every parent already knows: the best way to protect children is by empowering parents. Parental rights are fundamental, as the U.S. Supreme Court has declared for the last 100 years. The RSC Family Policy Agenda will put in place concrete, practical policies that will better protect the fundamental rights of parents to direct the education, upbringing, and care of their minor children.”

**Brad Wilcox, Institute for Family Studies:** “The Republican Study Committee’s new family policy agenda takes important steps towards renewing our two most important institutions: marriage and parenthood. By tackling the marriage penalties in our nation’s welfare programs, the RSC aims to revive the fortunes of marriage in working-class and poor communities across America. By advancing laws to turn Big Tech’s hold over our teens back to America’s mothers and fathers, where they belong, the RSC will help protect our nation’s kids from malevolent forces online that seek to distract and depress them. This new family policy agenda from Jim Bank’s RSC is one more sign that the Republican Party is moving to become the parents’ party for America.”

**Patrick T. Brown, Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center:** “The RSC Family Policy Agenda includes a wide-ranging list of recommendations aimed at stabilizing and supporting the family as the cornerstone of a healthy society. Expanding parents’ choices and giving them more ability to raise their families the way they deem best recognizes the importance of the family as a cultural and economic institution. And building on the ideas included in this agenda will make the cost of raising a family more affordable and strengthen the GOP’s status as the party of parents.”

**Jennifer Popik, Director of Federal Legislation, National Right to Life:** “National Right to Life applauds the Republican Study Committee's commitment to protecting unborn children and

their mothers. The *Family Policy Agenda* recognizes the need for Congress to protect the lives of unborn children and to support their mothers. The Republican Study Committee has long worked to advance pro-life policies, and we thank them for their commitment to preventing taxpayer funded abortion. In addition, this agenda lays out a vision to connect expecting mothers with federal resources and would also build on the critical work of pregnancy resource centers.”

**Paul Teller, Executive Director, Advancing American Freedom:** “For American freedom to flourish, our highest priority must be to continue the work of the Trump-Pence administration in preserving, renewing, and strengthening the families on which our nation is built. That means defending the unborn; empowering parents to raise the next generation; keeping leftist ideology out of the classroom; protecting our children from predators and pornography; and root-and-branch reforming the welfare state that has locked American families into generational poverty for far too long. We at AAF stand ready to work with the RSC to force votes this year on as many of their Family Policy Agenda proposals as possible, and to help deliver them onto President Biden’s desk for enactment next year.”

**Patrick Purtill, Director of Legislative Affairs, Faith and Freedom Coalition:** “The family is the building block of all community because it exists before the state, and it constitutes the foundation of freedom, security, and fraternity within society. Children raised in families perform better on standardized tests, are more likely to graduate high school, and are less likely to be arrested or incarcerated, commit suicide or use drugs. There is no argument that the married family is vital for healthy communities and a free people. However, for too long, we have presumed the family would always be there to strengthen society while spending little effort supporting its health. With the Family Policy Agenda, the Republican Study Committee seeks to change that for the better by identifying policies that empower parents, protect children, and support working families. The RSC is leading the way to support the family and to combat the social problems most on Americans’ minds—educational failure, poverty, and crime.”