

SAVE for ALL

Strengthening America's Values and Economy for All



SAVE's Principles

Since 2011, the SAVE for All campaign has fought for these four principles:

Protect low-income and vulnerable people.

Increase revenues from fair sources.

Promote job creation and strengthen the economy for all.

Seek responsible savings from wasteful spending in the Pentagon and elsewhere.

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As we enter this new decade, the SAVE for All campaign has been working for nine years to educate the public and advocate for these principles with Congress. Over the years we've had many successes, though challenges remain. Thanks to the help of our broad coalition of advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based organizations, policy experts, labor, and civil rights groups, we're more energized than ever. Here's what we've done recently, the challenges we face in 2020, and how we'll meet those challenges head-on.

What We've Done

The SAVE for All Lobby Working Group has met with scores of Congressional offices to demonstrate that support for these principles is strong with national and state organizations all across the country. **The combined voice of our SAVE signers is a powerful tool for advocacy on behalf of low-income people.**

Late last year, the Lobby Working Group pushed especially hard for the inclusion of improvements to the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit as part of an end-of-year tax plan. This pressure, along with the efforts of thousands of grassroots activists who called on their senators to press for the EITC/CTC improvements, brought us awfully close to making these improvements a reality. These improvements would have helped millions more working families and individuals provide for basic needs such as food and housing. Unfortunately, this fell through at the last minute. But we're optimistic we've laid the groundwork for these improvements in the future. SAVE also pushed for increased funding for low-income programs in the final FY 2020 spending bills, and we were pleased to see progress in child care, Head Start, Census funding, education and training, housing, and certain public health services. SAVE also opposed harmful and wasteful anti-immigrant detention measures and the border wall. Congress did limit funding, but it remains disappointingly possible for the Administration to shift funds to anti-immigrant purposes.

The Challenges We Face

Standing up for our principles won't get easier in 2020. Just before Christmas, the Department of Agriculture approved a rule to deny SNAP to recipients without dependents after only 3 months if they can't work 20 hours per week. The Pentagon's budget is still well above the post-World War II average, yet the Pentagon is the only federal agency that has never passed a basic financial audit. And while powerful special interests get funds from Congress for programs and weapon systems that even the Pentagon has not requested and does not need, many critical human needs programs are still funded below their FY10 spending levels.

What Comes Next

We expect President Trump will release his proposed 2020 budget on February 10, kicking off the budget process. While we don't expect Congress to reach a budget deal during an election year, the President's budget is still critical because it signals the Administration's priorities. In previous versions, this included cuts to many major program that assist people who are low-income, while proposing wasteful increases in the Pentagon and anti-immigrant enforcement. Once the budget is released, SAVE for All will begin to show lawmakers how the programs the President will propose to cut serve millions of Americans, and the work we need to do to restore many of these programs to their pre-FY10 spending levels. SAVE will also continue pressing for an improved Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit as part of a potential tax package.