

# President Donald J. Trump to Address a Joint Session of Congress for the First Time



President Donald J. Trump will be delivering his first address to a Joint Session of Congress on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Be sure to tune in as the President will be sharing his vision for the country.

**When:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 9 p.m.

**Where:** The United States Capitol in the House Chamber, also known as the “Hall of the House of Representatives.”

**Who:** The President will address Members of both the House of Representatives and Senate in his first address to a Joint Session of Congress.

**The Speech:** President Trump is keeping the tradition of previous Presidents by delivering a formal address to a Joint Session of Congress during his inaugural year, and will deliver his first State of the Union address in 2018. The President will deliver his speech from the Speaker’s rostrum.

**How to watch:** The address will be streamed live at <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

**How to participate:** Follow along live on Twitter [@WhiteHouse](#) and [@POTUS](#) for real-time information before, during and after the speech. The speech will also be live streamed at [facebook.com/WhiteHouse](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteHouse).



“This will be an opportunity for the people and their representatives to hear directly from our new President about his vision and our shared agenda.” – Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Paul D. Ryan

During his first Joint Address to Congress, the President will communicate his vision for the future of the country directly to the American people as he moves forward with his plans to take on the many challenges facing this nation. Building on his [inaugural address](#), President Trump will continue to lay out his agenda to Make America Great Again.

In just one month, President Trump’s Administration has already accomplished so much, including the following:

- Reviving key job-creating energy projects such as the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines.
- Eliminating costly Obama-era regulations such as the “Stream Protection Rule.”
- Minimizing the economic burden of Obamacare while clearing the path

toward repeal and replace.

- Directing the Department of Defense to develop a plan to defeat ISIS.
- Standing with American workers by withdrawing from the disastrous Trans-Pacific Partnership.
- Enacting common sense regulatory reform by ordering any new regulations be offset by the repeal of two other regulations.
- Building his Cabinet and Administration with the highest quality individuals to help implement the President's vision for the country.
- Establishing new ethics commitments for all executive branch appointees to enforce a five-year lobbying ban and a permanent ban on lobbying for foreign governments.

[Find out more about the President's Executive Actions](#)

[View the legislation President Trump has signed into law](#)

[The President's Cabinet](#)

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## [President Donald J. Trump's First Month: Achieving Results for the American People](#)

After one month in office, President Donald J. Trump is already achieving results for the American people.

Jump starting Job Creation: President Trump is looking out for American workers that Washington has left behind.

- Signed a Presidential Memorandum ordering the United States to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and agreement
- Hosted the CEO of Intel to announce Intel's plan to invest \$7 billion in a United States factory that will create 10,000 American jobs
- Signed a Presidential Memorandum to clear roadblocks to construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline Signed a Presidential Memorandum declaring that the Dakota Access Pipeline serves the national interest and initiating the process to complete construction
- Signed a Presidential Memorandum ordering that all new pipeline construction and repair work use materials and equipment from the United States
- Signed legislation, House Joint Resolution 38, to block the burdensome

Stream Protection Rule from causing further harm to the coal industry

- Signed legislation, House Joint Resolution 41, to eliminate a costly regulation that threatened to put domestic extraction companies and their employees at an unfair disadvantage

Saving Taxpayers Money: President Trump is fighting to save Americans' hard-earned tax dollars.

- Saved Americans \$700 million on a new batch of F-35 fighters
- Capped the cost of Boeing's next-generation Air Force One fleet at millions below that which was agreed to by the Obama administration

Restoring Public Safety: President Trump will work to reduce the threats of crime and illegal immigration to public safety.

- Signed an Executive Order to enhance the safety and security of the United States by, among other things, constructing a wall on the southern border
- Signed an Executive Order to make sure Federal immigration laws are faithfully enforced throughout the country and that Americans' tax dollars do not go to jurisdictions that obstruct the enforcement of immigration laws
- Signed an Executive Order that directs the Attorney General to develop a strategy to more effectively prosecute people who engage in crimes against law enforcement officers
- Signed an Executive Order that establishes a task force, led by the new Attorney General, to reduce crime and restore public safety in communities across America
- Signed an Executive Order that re-focuses the Federal Government's energy and resources on dismantling transnational criminal organizations, such as drug cartels

Getting Government Out of the Way: President Trump understands that excessive regulations stifle job-creation and harm our businesses.

- Signed an Executive Order instructing Federal agencies "to minimize the burden" of the Affordable Care Act Required that for every new Federal regulation, two existing regulations be eliminated
- Directed the Commerce Department to streamline Federal permitting processes for domestic manufacturing and to reduce regulatory burdens on domestic manufacturers
- Signed an Executive Order expediting the environmental review and approval processes for domestic infrastructure projects

An America First Foreign Policy: The President's first priority is the safety and security of the American people.

- Department of the Treasury sanctioned 25 entities and individuals involved in Iran's ballistic missile program
- Signed a Presidential Memorandum directing the Secretary of Defense to work with other Cabinet members to develop a plan to defeat ISIS
- Called or met with more than 30 foreign leaders

Draining the Swamp: President Trump has taken action to ensure that all members of his Administration are working for the American people.

- Signed an Executive Order establishing new ethics commitments for all Executive branch appointees, putting in place a five-year lobbying ban and a permanent ban on lobbying for foreign governments, so appointees serve the American people instead of their own interests
- Put in place a hiring freeze for Federal civilian employees to stop the growth of a bloated government

Keeping His Promise to Defend the Constitution: President Trump promised a Supreme Court justice in the mold of the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

- Nominated Judge Neil M. Gorsuch to the Supreme Court because of his consistent record defending the Constitution

Helping Women Succeed in Business: President Trump knows the country cannot reach its potential unless every American has a chance to prosper.

- Launched the United States-Canada Council for Advancement of Women Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders

President Trump has spent the last 30 days fulfilling promises and helping the American people. He's looking forward to the many more successful months and years of action to come.

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## [President Trump: Putting Coal Country Back to Work](#)

Today, President Donald J. Trump signed [House Joint Resolution 38](#) to stop the costly Stream Protection Rule from further harming coal workers and the communities that depend on them. H.J.Res. 38 blocks an overly burdensome regulation that threatened the coal industry with millions of dollars in compliance costs, reduced coal production, and fewer jobs.

Since 2009, the coal industry has declined, leaving workers and communities without a lifeline. Over 36,000 jobs have been lost without any relief in sight. From 2009 to 2015, American coal production has declined by over 177,000,000 tons, and over 600 coal mines have closed. H.J.Res. 38 will give coal country relief from these harmful regulations created under the Obama Administration.

During the campaign, President Trump promised coal workers he would support them and reverse the harmful actions of the past administration. Since taking

office, President Trump has been steadfast in his commitment to reducing the regulatory burden on all Americans, their pocketbooks, and their businesses. President Trump has required that for every new Federal regulation, two existing regulations be eliminated.

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## [Empowering Female Leaders](#)

President Trump promised to make women's empowerment a priority. Earlier this week, President Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau took the first steps toward making that a reality by creating the United States-Canada Council for Advancement of Women Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders.

"In order to create economic growth and lots of very good, well-paying jobs, we must ensure that our economy is a place where women can work and thrive."

President Trump wants to pave the way for women to bring their unique perspectives and strengths to the business world, and to harness the full potential of female entrepreneurs in our economy to make America great again.

[Stand with President Trump and Prime Minister Trudeau to support empowering female leaders.](#)

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## **ICYMI: Former Law Clerks Herald Supreme Court Nominee Neil Gorsuch's Independence**



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□ *USA Today*  
By Richard Wolf

One thing you can say about Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch: He inspires loyalty among his former law clerks, no matter their politics.

Every one of them who worked for Gorsuch since he became a judge in 2006 – with the exception of two now clerking at the Supreme Court – signed a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday heralding his independence that “will never waver.”

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In their letter, the former law clerks stressed Gorsuch’s strict adherence to the Constitution and the rule of law, regardless of his opinions. “As law clerks who have worked at his side, we know that Judge Gorsuch never resolves a case by the light of his personal view of what the law should be,” they said. “Nor does he ever bend the law to reach a particular result he desires.”

“He has never feared staking out a principled position ... even if he had to do so alone,” they wrote. “If confirmed, we are confident that Judge Gorsuch’s independence – grounded in the limited powers granted to the judiciary by the Constitution – will never waver.”

[Read USA Today’s article about the letter here.](#)

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