

News Release

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CED Issues Comprehensive Policy Plan to Navigate Current Crisis & Power Post-COVID-19 Economy

Washington, DC, September 9, 2020...Today, the Committee for Economic Development of The Conference Board (CED) issued a wide-ranging compendium of succinct analysis and reasoned solutions on the top 2020 business and economic issues in this election year, designed to address the immediate challenges posed by the pandemic's public health and economic shocks. At the same time, the recommendations position the US to excel in the post-COVID-19 global economy, driving increasing levels of prosperity and opportunity for all Americans.

"In the run-up to the upcoming elections, we launched the 2020 Solution Briefs series to help inform what promised to be a year of crucial choice," said Lori Esposito Murray, President of CED. "COVID-19's devastating impact on Americans' lives and livelihoods, combined with the swell of protests for social justice, has only underscored and heightened the truth of that premise. This compendium compiles 13 issue briefs on the most important business and economic issues facing the nation today, offering sensible, bipartisan solutions for moving forward as a nation."

The report, <u>Sustaining Capitalism: 2020 Solutions Briefs Election Series</u>, provides well researched analysis and non-partisan solutions in the nation's interest. The recommendations address:

- **Reopening and reorienting the economy, and upskilling the workforce:** Six briefs cover issues including meeting the nation's upskilling challenges; the importance of technology and innovation solutions in the post-COVID-19 recovery; instituting a smarter, more nimble regulatory framework; the importance of cutting-edge infrastructure in the future economy; how to handle the US-China trade challenge; and, how to guide the resumption and regulation of business activity in a public health emergency.
- Improving remote schooling and revitalizing our education system to ready the future workforce: Three briefs cover important challenges to early education and child care; the need for K-12 reform; and, how to drive innovation in postsecondary education and job training to better serve students and prepare workers for the post-COVID-19 economy.
- **Reforming health care to protect against pandemics and improve individual health:** Two briefs cover improvements in the readiness and resilience of American health care in the face of extraordinary public health events, and how to activate the private market to aggressively improve the current health care system and outcomes.
- Meeting needs in a fiscally responsible manner: Two briefs cover the need to responsibly finance an appropriately robust response to the COVID-19 challenge, while also ensuring that the US course-corrects for long-run fiscal stability when the crisis has passed.

Read the full report <u>here</u>.

About CED

The Committee for Economic Development is the Public Policy Center of The Conference Board that delivers wellresearched analysis, and non-partisan, reasoned solutions in the nation's interest. <u>www.ced.org</u>.

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