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This issue—the first in 2026—marks the 25-year anniversary of AMERICAN FREE PRESS, an important milestone for this Washington, D.C.-based national print newspaper.

Right from the very start in 2001, this newspaper has demanded that the government put the best interests of the United States and its citizens before any other country in the world. This is a perfectly rational sentiment that's only become popular in the modern era at a national level with the election of Donald Trump in 2016.

That being said, with two-and-a-half decades of honest, candid, truthful reporting under our belt, now would be a good time to weigh in on what our leaders' priorities should be in the coming year as midterm elections loom large this November.

One of the most important things Mr. Trump and the Republican majority in Congress could do for the good of the country and the people is to stop attacking populist and America-first politicians like Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.).

When it comes to the biggest issues that affect us all—including, among other things, foreign wars, out-of-control spending, and fraud, waste, and abuse—we're all on the same side here. Time is advancing rapidly, and divisions are slowing progress and benefiting our foes. That means, if Re-



publicans want to hold onto control of Washington, they must come together now to advance the America-first agenda that Trump promised us all on the campaign trail for the benefit of all Americans.

The Deep State is on its heels. Neo-conservatism and globalism are effectively dead. As this newspaper goes to press, only a tiny minority in the United States supports U.S. taxpayer dollars and the U.S. military being used for regime-change wars and to prop up foreign puppet despots.

Now is the time for the White House and the Republican-led Congress to stop wasting taxpayers' dollars on the Russia-Ukraine war. Too many young Russians and Ukrainians have already lost their lives in the

senseless fighting. It's time for peace, and there can be no better way to ensure that than to stop funding this catastrophic war of the Western world.

In addition, Washington should immediately stop supporting Israel financially and militarily. According to recent polls, only 20% of Americans support giving more aid to Israel. Let the Israelis know they will have to fight their own wars and, sure enough, we will be celebrating peace in the Middle East.

With that in mind, there should be no more military strikes authorized by the president on countries that have not attacked the United States. In the last year, Trump has given the go-ahead to bomb six countries across Africa, the Middle East, and South America—a colossal waste of taxpayer money that does nothing to help struggling Americans.

From now on, the focus should be on putting Americans first:

- Support an industrial policy that builds factories and brings jobs home to the United States. Back pro-growth congressional legislation that brings down prices for struggling Americans.
- Cut more waste, fraud, and abuse from the federal budget, and work on balancing the budget.
- Keep the U.S. border closed and ensure that criminal illegal aliens are rounded up and deported. Pass immigration reform that will prevent future presidents from reopening the border and ignoring the law.
- End corporate welfare, and use tax revenue to build infrastructure that benefits all Americans, not just the billionaire class.

As long as we've been at this, we've never seen a president who has the potential to do so many great things. Now it's time to get them done. The mandate the American people have given the GOP is simple: Put America first or pay a heavy price at the polls in 2026. ★

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