



# A BETTER WAY

## OUR VISION FOR A CONFIDENT AMERICA

### A Better Way to Keep Us Safe and Free

#### *Fact Sheet*

**Republicans have laid out a plan that charts a better course for America's national security and foreign policy.** It is our vision for a Confident America that keeps its people safe, and keeps the peace in a dangerous world.

#### **WHY DO WE NEED A BETTER WAY?**

- Our foreign policy is failing at nearly every turn. The Obama administration's experiment with a new foreign policy concept—leading from behind—has been an unambiguous failure.
- Our enemies no longer fear us and our allies no longer trust us. Terrorists and rogue regimes are stepping up to fill the void, as evident by the rise of ISIS in Iraq, Syria, and beyond.
- We must do whatever is necessary to protect our homeland from terror, and we must take the fight to the enemy. A confident America does not threaten the peace. A confident America keeps the peace, and keeps its people safe a free.

#### **WHAT DOES THIS PLAN DO?**

Our plan contains 67 recommendations for Congress and the president, including ideas to:

- **Protect the homeland.** Our first duty is to keep Americans and their families safe. Today, we have to carry out that responsibility in the face of evolving threats. We must keep terrorists out of America, secure our borders, and stop cyberattacks.
- **Take the fight to the terrorists.** We are at war. Terrorists are on the march, and this administration has allowed radical Islamic groups to gain new momentum. We must make it our top national security priority to prevail in the war against radical Islamic extremism.
- **Tackle new threats.** We owe everything to the men and women who serve our country at home and abroad—our law enforcement officers, service members, intelligence professionals, and diplomats. We also owe them the tools to tackle the threats of our time and beyond, so that they—and the country—can stay safe.
- **Defend freedom.** America is strongest when it is a force for liberty and free enterprise around the world. Nations that respect fundamental human, civil, and religious rights of their people are less likely to engage in hostility or serve as terrorist breeding grounds. And nations integrated into the global economy are less inclined to erect barriers to free markets that are the basis of peace and prosperity. We must restore American influence, advance free enterprise, and expand the community of free nations.

**ABOUT A BETTER WAY.** A Better Way is a bold policy agenda to address some of the country's biggest challenges. It takes our timeless principles—liberty, free enterprise, consent of the governed—and applies them to the problems of our time. Developed with input from around the country, it starts the debate now on what we can achieve in 2017 and beyond. It is our vision for a Confident America, at home and abroad. Now we are taking these ideas to the people, so you have a clear choice about the direction of the country.