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## **American Edge Project Releases Economic Policy Agenda for Supporting Innovation and Strengthening America's Technological Edge**

**Washington, DC** – The American Edge Project (AEP) today released a comprehensive economic policy agenda to secure U.S. leadership in technology innovation.

The policy framework, *An Economic Policy Agenda to Accelerate Innovation*, is written in collaboration with some of the nation's most respected public servants, including former **U.S. Senators Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)** and **Kent Conrad (D-ND)** and former **Governor Susana Martinez (R-NM)**. It offers a comprehensive roadmap for sustaining and strengthening America's global leadership in technology and innovation.

### **BACKGROUND**

Innovation is the lifeblood of America's economy and the underpinning of our national prosperity and security. For generations, the United States has led the world in pioneering the innovative technologies that create opportunity, improve quality of life, and foster economic growth and prosperity.

However, America's global leadership in this critical space is being challenged by foreign adversaries, namely China. Nations around the globe are implementing campaigns aimed at overtaking America in producing the innovative technologies of tomorrow. At the same time - right here in America - many of our elected officials in Congress are pursuing shortsighted policies that threaten to undermine our technological edge and weaken the ability of our businesses and creators to compete on the world stage.

AEP's Economic Policy offers a comprehensive, bipartisan roadmap for strengthening and securing America's global leadership in technology and innovation.

The Agenda hinges on three pillars: **1) strengthening American leadership in innovation policy, 2) promoting dynamism in the tech industry that will strengthen the startup ecosystem, and 3) sharing the benefits of the innovation economy more broadly across geography and demographic groups.**

With these pillars in place, we will ensure America's history of technological innovation does not only define our past, but also serves as the foundation for generations of sustained economic growth and prosperity.

To read the policy agenda in its entirety, please [click here](#).

## QUOTES

***“Technological innovation is the backbone of America’s economy. For more than 80 years, the United States has led the world in pioneering the breakthrough technology that has improved quality of life, created opportunity and fostered economic growth and prosperity,”*** said former New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez. ***“However, the future of American leadership in innovation and technological development is now being called into question. Foreign nations are working hard to supplant us as the world’s most innovative economy. We cannot allow that to happen. This policy paper lays out clear steps America must take to strengthen its technological edge and pave the way for decades of economic growth and prosperity.”***

***“America’s tech innovators are driving economic growth and creating jobs in every corner of the country. Technology is not just a sector of our economy, it is a key foundation of our national economic growth and prosperity,”*** said former U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss, ***“If America is to harness the opportunity of the 21st century, we must strengthen our capacity to innovate and pioneer the breakthrough technologies of tomorrow. This policy agenda puts forth a clear, a-political roadmap for doing just that.”***

***“Technology is the engine of America’s economy. Millions of jobs and countless businesses across this country rely on the innovative services, products and tools created by our technology companies.”*** added former Senator Kent Conrad. ***“We can’t afford to stand idly by as global technological leadership could pass from the United States to one of our strategic competitors. We need a whole-of-government strategy for supporting and strengthening American innovation and technology. That is exactly what this policy agenda provides. ”***

***“America is fortunate to be home to the most innovative technology sector in the world. The products and services they create play a crucial role in strengthening our national security and supporting economic growth and opportunity,”*** said Doug Kelly, CEO of American Edge. ***“Our adversaries – China and Russia in particular – are working hard to supplant America’s technological leadership and overtake us as the global leader in technological innovation. This agenda puts forth a roadmap to bolster our domestic tech industry and foster the innovation we need to succeed in the 21st century.”***

This study, *An Economic Policy Agenda to Accelerate Innovation*, was published by the American Edge Project along with the following authors and supporters:

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- Former U.S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND), Co-Chair, AEP Economic Advisory Board
- Former Governor Susana Martinez (R-NM), AEP Board Member
- Asheesh Agarwal, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; former Assistant Director, FTC
- Doug Kelly, AEP Chief Executive Officer
- Women Veterans Business Coalition
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council
- National Black Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce
- U.S. Minority Chamber of Commerce
- The Latino Coalition
- National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce

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