National Taxpayers Union Foundation’s Cost Analysis of the President’s State of the Union Address

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| **Item** | **Issue (quoted in text)** | **Annual Net Spending Increase/Decrease (in millions)** |
|  | **Total:** | **$125,751** |
| **1** | Pass a real Patients Bill of Rights | **$85** |
| **2** | Quality preschool and after-school | **$1,000** |
| **3** | Best trained teachers in every classroom | **$1,750** |
| **4** | College opportunities for our children | **$791** |
| **5** | Sent Congress a reform plan for school accountability | **$184** |
| **6** | Double our investment to help states and school districts | **$100** |
| **7** | Ask for $1 billion for Head Start | **$1,000** |
| **8** | Lower class sizes in the early grades | **$120** |
| **9** | New teacher quality initiative | **$1,000** |
| **10** | Help meet our goal of 3,000 charter schools next year | **$30** |
| **11** | Help 5,000 schools a year make immediate, urgent repairs | **$740** |
| **12** | double our bipartisan GEAR UP program | **$125** |
| **13** | Make low-income parents eligible for insurance | **$200** |
| **14** | Let people between 55 and 65 buy into Medicare | **$1,560** |
| **15** | Must strengthen and modernize Medicare now ($300 billion over 10 years) | **$30,000** |
| **16** | Extending to all seniors the lifeline of affordable prescription drugs | **$39** |
| **17** | Expand access to mental health care | **$3,267** |
| **18** | Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit ($21 billion over 10 years) | **$2,100** |
| **19** | Reduce the marriage penalty for the EITC ($45 billion over 10 years) | **$3,855** |
| **20** | Providing the resources to enforce present equal pay laws | **$10** |
| **21** | Training more women for high-paying, high-tech jobs | **$17** |
| **22** | Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act | **$48** |
| **23** | More than double the number of housing vouchers | **$690** |
| **24** | Child care initiative | **$817** |
| **25** | Retirement Savings Accounts ($54 billion over 10 years) | **$5,400** |
| **26** | Help 40,000 fathers … be more responsible | **$225** |
| **27** | Continued support for hiring more police | **$120** |
| **28** | Strengthen gun laws and better enforce laws on the books | **$280** |
| **29** | Fund research in Smart Gun technology | **$10** |
| **30** | Promote economic development in the Mississippi Delta ($110 million) | **$110** |
| **31** | Native American communities ($1 billion) | **$1,000** |
| **32** | Strengthen the farm safety net | **$11,000** |
| **33** | Expanding our program for bio-based fuels and products | **$2,821** |
| **34** | Connecting classrooms and libraries to the internet ($8 billion over 10 years) | **$800** |
| **35** | All new teachers are trained … in computer skills | **$1,000** |
| **36** | Protecting our vital computer systems | **$715** |
| **37** | Developing a system to defend against new missile threats | **$440** |
| **38** | Expanded aid to foreign countries | **$19,000** |
| **39** | Proposed a strong two-year package to help Columbia | **$988** |
| **40** | Reduce the debts of the poorest countries | **$5,700** |
| **41** | Invest $150 million more to fight diseases in foreign countries | **$150** |
| **42** | Raise salaries for our servicemen and women | **$489** |
| **43** | Protect our veterans | **$1,500** |
| **44** | Pay our United Nations dues and arrears | **$1,300** |
| **45** | Pass a national security budget | **$18,666** |
| **46** | Create a permanent conservation fund (Lands Legacy endowment) | **$652** |
| **47** | Help major cities around the Great Lakes protect their waterways | **$50** |
| **48** | $3 billion increase in the 21st Century Research Fund | **$3,000** |
| **49** | Do more to help Americans help each other - Job Corps, AmeriCorps, etc. | **$336** |
| **50** | Invest more to teach immigrants civics and English | **$50** |
| **51** | Largest ever investment to enforce America's civil right's laws | **$421** |
| **Source: National Taxpayers Union Foundation's BillTally, the White House** | | |

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|  | **Non-Defense Discretionary Spending (in billions)** | **Defense/Homeland Security Spending (in billions)** |
| President Clinton’s 1999 SotU | $305 | $22 |
| President Clinton’s 2000 SotU | $119 | $21 |
| \*Historically Presidents do not give State of the Union addresses their first year in office. | | |