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. |