THE SCOREBOARD

# HOLD ME TO IT

**Talk is cheap. You can draw up the prettiest play in the world, but sooner or later somebody has to snap the ball.**

So here is the scoreboard for this book: where Alabama starts, where we'll take it, and when. It starts with your family's bottom line. Hold me to it.

## THE ONLY SCOREBOARD THAT MATTERS IS WHAT IS LEFT IN YOUR FAMILY'S POCKET AFTER PAYING YOUR BILLS.

### THE FAMILY SCOREBOARD

**Most of this passes in one bill in the first session: the Family Affordability Act.**

| WHAT WE MEASURE | TODAY | TARGET | BY |
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| **State tax on groceries** | 2% | **Eliminated** | First session |
| **State income tax** | 5% | **Lower** | First term |
| **State tax increases** | | **None** | Every year |
| **Family power bills** | Base rates frozen until 2029 | **Freeze extended, and not a cent for data centers** | First session |
| **Property tax increases on a senior's home** | Can rise every year | **Frozen** | First session |
| **Annual cap on property tax increases** | Runs out in 2027 | **Improved** | First session |
| **Child care help when a parent gets a raise** | Cut off all at once | **Phased down, so every raise counts** | First session |
| **Health care costs** | Competitors can block new care | **Certificate of need reformed around need, and prices posted** | First session |
| **New agency fees** | | **Frozen** | Day One |

### THE FULL SCOREBOARD

| WHAT WE MEASURE | TODAY | TARGET | BY |
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| | **JOBS** | | |
| **Alabamians in the workforce** | 56.8%, 47th in America | **60%** | First term |
| **New investment built and hiring** | $14.6B announced last year | **$20B realized** | First term |
| **SNAP payment error rate** | 9.5% | **Under 6%** | First year |
| | **EDUCATION** | | |
| **Four year olds in First Class Pre K** | About 40% | **100% capacity for those enrolling** | First term |
| **Eighth grade national rank, math and reading** | 49th and 47th | **Top 25** | First term |
| **Third graders meeting the state reading bar** | About 88% | **95%** | First term |
| **Students with a career interest identified** | | **Every student, by eighth grade** | First term |
| **Students on a chosen path** | | **Every student, by tenth grade** | First term |
| **A to F accountability** | | **Enforced in every school** | First session |

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| **School choice** | Limited by income | **Every family** | 2027 |
| **SMALLER GOVERNMENT** | | | |
| **Agencies with a strategic plan and public metrics** | | **Every one** | Day 90 |
| **Agencies merged into larger departments** | | **At least 12** | First term |
| **Boards and commissions** | 450+ | **Every one audited, justified or gone** | First term |
| **State Workforce Reduction** | About 30,400, up more than 1,000 since 2021 | **Significantly Smaller / Teachers not touched** | First term |
| **Full efficiency review of state government** | | **Done, ready for the 2028 session** | Year one |
| **Audited savings** | None counted | **$150M to $200M a year** | Once fully in place |
| **SAFE STREETS AND SAFE HOMES** | | | |
| **Violent crime, four largest cities** | Today's level | **Down 20%** | First term |
| **inmates waiting on transfer from county jails** | 694 | **None waiting over 30 days** | First term |
| **Public registry of convicted child abusers** | None | **In place** | First session |
| **INFRASTRUCTURE** | | | |
| **Interstate 65 with three lanes each way** | Some stretches | **A funded plan and budget** | Year one |
| **More major interstates - three lanes each way** | Only some stretches | **More every year, in priority order** | Every year |
| **Homes and businesses waiting on broadband** | About 92,000 | **Zero** | First term |
| **Containers through the Port of Mobile** | 521,431 last year | **A new record** | First term |
| **HEALTH CARE** | | | |
| **Federal rural health dollars** | $203M this year | **Every dollar spent on care** | Every year |
| **Medicaid fraud recovered** | | **Every state dollar back into care** | Every year |
| **Counties with a primary care doctor shortage** | 62 of 67 | **Fewer every year** | Every year |
| **Rural hospital closures** | 8 in fifteen years | **Zero** | On our watch |

Wherever we can, we keep score with numbers we don't control, like federal labor data and the national report card. By Day 90, every line on these pages goes on a public scoreboard, updated as the numbers come in. Every State of the State after that will be a report card on this book.

If a program doesn't work, we'll fix it or end it. If somebody can't do the job, we'll find somebody who can. And if I fall short, you'll hear it from me first.

I hope you'll read this plan, measure it against what matters to your family, and join our team on Election Day.

**God bless you, and God bless Alabama.**

