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## ICYMI: Donalds Attends 2026 State Of The Union Address

WASHINGTON – Last night, Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) attended President Trump's 2026 State of the Union Address alongside House colleagues, United States Senators, Presidential Cabinet members, Supreme Court Justices, military officials, and invited dignitaries.



Before and after the address, Congressman Donalds participated in media availability across the United States Capitol Complex:

**ABC News Special Coverage:** "Look, I think first and foremost, we're going to a situation where the economy is going to continue to improve. A lot of people [are] about to file their taxes. They're going to get much larger tax refunds... Prices have stabilized from the outrageous inflation created by Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. That is a fact. Inflation has stabilized. Second thing, gas prices in America are down all across America. Third thing, wages. What people are having to take home, what they're earning adjusted for inflation, is actually up. You combine that with no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, the largest tax for social security recipients in America's history."

**CNN News Central AM:** "I think that what the President has always done is been committed to the policies and looking forward, having a vision for the future of this country. And last night, he laid that vision out. He not only talked about the economic successes, and really one of the biggest turnarounds in American history if you want to talk about economically, from the Joe Biden years that saw no real GDP growth but massive inflation crippling every family. He has turned that around. GDP growth is up, wages are up, inflation rates are coming down, [and] stabilizing in a lot of areas."

**CNN News Central PM:** "Wages adjusted for inflation, one of the most important measures in our economy, is up and rising steadily. The GDP is growing. The inflation rate has stabilized. And so you are starting to see some of those downward pressure on prices. The gas at the pump, gas prices, they are down all across America... So, I think President Trump is right. We're at the beginning of a hot three-year run in our economy. It's because of his economic policies."

**Fox Business Network The Bottom Line:** "Joe Biden's economic policies created the worst in 40 years. A stagnant economy and Americans fell behind. Donald Trump's been on the job for 13 months, the second time around, and this economy is really picking up steam."

**Fox Business Network Varney & Co.:** "I think the Democrats have really lost the plot. I guess for them, Trump derangement syndrome has fried every cell in their brains because it's the lack of common sense to acknowledge our primary responsibility as elected officials. When we win elections, and we take an oath, it is to uphold the Constitution and to protect this nation for all of our people. And if they can't stand for that, they're just lost it."

**Newsmax Carl Higbie Frontline:** "Look at our economy [and] where it is today versus what Joe Biden did over four years. It's not even close. Wages adjusted for inflation are up in the United States of America. Under Joe Biden, wages adjusted for inflation were down, way down. People were struggling, prices out of control, border wide open, conflicts around the globe were all over the place. Donald Trump has been back in the White House for thirteen months, and we're seeing a stable economy where prices are actually stabilized, starting to come down, wages are up, GDP growth is higher, and we have much more work to do... We have a really strong economy that's only going to get stronger over this summer, and that is because of Donald Trump and his policies."

**Newsmax National Report:** "Look, I think it's been a great year so far. The President has moved incredibly fast, fixing all the problems that were left to him by Joe Biden and the Democrat Party... Inflation was rampant. Our economy was not growing. Wages were down. Not secure border. Crime in our streets. The world was a mess. I could go on and on and on."

**NewsNation Special Coverage:** "I think the President laid out a clear contrast to the Democrats, who really are the creators of the inflation that have harmed so many families over the last five years in America."

**NBC News Special Coverage:** "I think President Trump should lay out all the work that his administration has been able to accomplish the last 13 months, and it deals with our economy. The GDP growth is up. Job growth in the private sector is growing. Government jobs are down. Tax cuts for the American people. People going to get their tax refunds this year are going to see large tax refunds. Larger than they've probably ever seen because of President Trump's agenda. And then you get to wages adjusted for inflation are up in the United States. Compare that to the economic track record under Joe Biden and the Democrats. And then I think you're going to talk about our border. Mission accomplished. Our border is secure."

**The Benny Show:** "I think it's going to be a tour de force, man. I think the President is going to lay out everything that's happened in this country over the last 13 months since he's come back to lead the place. And I think it's going to be epic... Wages are up, gas prices are down, inflation is steady. We got more work to do, but this is way better than what the Democrats do when they're in control. Way better. It's not even close."

**Real America's Voice Special Coverage:** "He's going to remind the country, and I think he should remind the country of how Joe Biden was systematically destroying America, him and the Democrats, by not securing this nation and letting illegal aliens just come into our country... I think that the President is going to hit all the high notes of all of his work that has been done, and it's going to be a great speech tonight."

**Real America's Voice The Charlie Kirk Show:** "The President hit a home run last night. Let me put it this way. This is my sixth State of the Union. What I saw last night was really a speech that unified America. It talked about America's greatness. It didn't talk about America's political divides... It was a unifying speech."

**Fox News Podcasts Will Cain Country:** "Let's be clear, President Trump gave a great speech last night. It was a unifying speech last night. It talked about the successes he's had and the rebuilding that's had to occur. It did contrast between what Joe Biden and Kamala Harris left this country in. That's what people soundly rejected. That's why Donald Trump won a political mandate and swept the battleground states and won the popular vote because of how terrible a job they had done."

More:

- See full transcript of President Trump's 2026 State of the Union Address [HERE](#)
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