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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means  
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Dear Chairman Brady:

Since 1981, the Committee on Ways and Means has published the *Green Book*, which presents background material and statistical data on the major entitlement programs and other activities within the Committee's jurisdiction. Over the decades, the *Green Book* has become a valuable resource and standard reference on American social policy. It is widely used by Members of Congress and their staffs, analysts in congressional and administrative agencies, members of the media, scholars, and citizens interested in the Nation's social policy.

Committee staff who oversaw preparation of the 2018 *Green Book* include Anne DeCesaro, staff director of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, assisted by Cheryl Vincent and Krista White of the subcommittee staff. Numerous committee staff reviewed individual chapters.

The Committee staff who worked on this version of the *Green Book* want to acknowledge the following CRS analysts and information professionals who actively contributed to the project: Katelin Isaacs, Julie Whittaker, Zhe Li, Gene Falk, Jessica Tollestrup, John Topoleski, Barry Huston, Will Morton, Benjamin Collins, Patricia Davis, Karen Lynch, Emilie Stoltzfus and Sarah Caldwell. Melinda Gish was the overall project manager for CRS.

On behalf of all those who worked on this, the 24th edition, I am pleased to transmit the 2018 *Green Book* to you and other Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Andres  
Staff Director