

NETWORK

Protecting SNAP,
Medicaid, and
Families: We are
not finished!

Welcome!



AGENDA



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- **Political dynamics at play**
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Budget cuts to programs that help the needy contradict values of justice, compassion

Keeping the faith

Thanks to Inquirer reporters Julia Terruso and Katie Bernard for their article about Sen. John Fetterman being [wooded by the right-wing Club for Growth](#) to support the GOP tax cuts for the wealthy and drastic cuts for those on Medicaid and food stamps. Although Fetterman claims he will never vote for the bill, many who voted for him now have doubts about him being the spokesperson for everyday working people. I haven't lost faith in Fetterman, but it's time he used his notoriety and big voice to highlight what a rotten deal for the working class the Republican budget is: Get a pittance for a tax cut ([under \\$300](#) for someone making less than \$50,000) in exchange for losing valuable health insurance for the working poor, decent healthcare for the sick elderly and those with disability, and food from your table. Maybe Fetterman won't get invited to Mar-a-Lago anymore if he speaks up, but he will be welcomed among Pennsylvanians — including the three million who need Medicaid, and the two million who need food stamps.

Tom Volkert, Philadelphia

Guest Column: Indiana's addiction recovery progress under threat with Trump's budget bill

By Dana Simons | Guest Commentary Jun 12, 2025

Law, decency under attack

Having taught foreign languages at Bowling Green High School for almost 30 years beginning in 1971, my students and I were fortunate to have immigrant and refugee students as well as exchange students appear from time to time and share their cultural perspectives.

My students and I also traveled several times outside the U.S. making memories and connections that broadened our minds and hearts, and will be with us forever.

My teaching career coincided with the opening of the International Center of Bowling Green and over these last 45 years has resettled 10,000 refugees and immigrants while boosting our local economy, increasing tax revenue, and adding vibrancy to this tapestry we all now call home. If you've attended the International Festival full of color, music, and love, you understand what I mean.

That is why it is disgusting, heartbreaking, and dangerous to watch a militarized

force abduct both immigrants and citizen members of society, some having been here decades, without regard for the law, decency, or common sense.

As a former teacher and a grandmother of 4, one of whom just graduated high school, I cannot imagine the terror of Ernesto, a recent BGHS graduate, who was approved Special Immigrant Juvenile status picked up and sitting in a prison outside the state away from friends and family. Waitresses, busboys, roofers, strawberry pickers, restaurant owners, students, children — not gang members, not terrorists, not murderers!

Please urge Senators Paul and McConnell to vote no on more spending for military-like immigration enforcement that terrorizes our communities and instead chooses to keep families together! Please continue to protest. "Power concedes nothing without a demand" - Frederick Douglass.

Diane Lewi
Bowling Green

LETTERS

Tax cuts for rich

When a baby is born, the community shares the joy of this miracle. But what if that joy then faces not being able to pay the medical bill?

Two of every five births in the U.S. are covered by Medicaid, and many of the other three births are covered by the Affordable Care Act.

Both of these programs are targeted in the budget resolution package that was passed by the House of Representatives.

According to the Tax Policy Center, this budget resolution gives more than \$300,000 on average in annual tax breaks to households earning more than \$5 million per year. This same budget resolution requires the committees covering health programs, such as Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act to cut \$880 billion from their programs.

Tax cuts for millionaires will be paid for by the medical dollars of those most needing medical assistance. A family of four at the federal poverty level of \$32,150 would need to work 10 years to come close to one year of that tax return.

This is an example of the growing gap between the rich and the poor. Is this the United States that you want to live in?

Contact Senators McCormick and Fetterman and tell them to vote no on the reconciliation budget bill that wants to reward rich campaign donors with money that covers the health care costs of those who earn so little that they qualify for Medicaid or other

Power Dynamics at Play

- Hyper-partisan polarization
- NO Congressional Republican opposition to the Trump agenda
- The power of framing and messaging
- Strategic use of legislative deadlines
- Republican willingness to erode institutional norms to achieve Trump's goals
- Disconnect between policy impacts and voter priorities
- Accumulation of debt

Big, Bad Bill: What happened?

- The Senate passed the House budget reconciliation bill (H.R. 1) by 1 vote.
- The House then passed the Senate's version on July 3rd.
- President Trump signed the bill into law on July 4th.
- **This bill was Congressional Republicans and President Trump handing billions in tax breaks to their ultra-wealthy backers, at the expense of our health care, food, and safety.**
- NEXT: Let's break down the impacts of this budget reconciliation law...

Impact on Medicaid

Key Take-Aways

- Reduced federal Medicaid spending by **ONE TRILLION DOLLARS.**

**EXPANDING
MEDICAID
IS HOLY WORK**



By...

- Mandating that adults who are eligible through the ACA expansion meet work and reporting requirements (\$326B)
- Repealing Biden rule simplifying Medicaid eligibility & renewal process (\$167B)
- Establishing a moratorium on new/increased provider taxes (\$191B)
- Restricting state-directed payments to hospitals, nursing facilities, & other providers (\$149B)
- Increasing the frequency of eligibility redeterminations (\$63B)

Impact on the ACA Marketplaces

- **Reduced Enrollment**
 - Eliminates enhanced premium credits
 - Leading to higher premiums & fewer people enrolled
 - Impacting **more than 22 million people** who buy marketplace plans
- **Changes to make ACA Enrollment more difficult**
 - Shorter open enrollment period
 - Restricting special enrollment period
 - Increases administrative burdens

Impact on Medicare

- Paves the way for bigger Medicare rollbacks
- Triggers massive cuts (\$500 BILLION/year)
- Strips away coverage from current enrollees with lawful immigration status
- Halts rules that would make nursing homes safer
- Cuts and reduces beneficiary access to cost-assistance programs
- Ends prescription drug negotiations which makes drugs more affordable

Impact on SNAP



- **22.3 million U.S. families will be affected.**
 - At least 5.3 million will lose at least \$25 in benefits per month
 - ***This includes 3.3 million families with children***
 - 1.7 million are families with full-time, full-year work

How did they do it?



- Gutted the Thrifty Food Plan
- Added MORE work requirements
- Slashed State Matching Funds Requirements
- Restricted eligibility of many noncitizens

Impact on Immigrant Communities



- Prior to the enactment of big, ugly bill, U.S. law already dramatically restricted immigrant access to federal programs.
 - **This bill strips immigrants' access to health and nutrition access programs**
- Noncitizens who remain eligible for Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, SNAP, and premium tax credits under the ACA:
 - Lawful permanent residents
 - Certain Cuban and Haitian nationals
 - Some residents in a small group of U.S. Territories

Child Tax Credit

The Child Tax Credit permanently increased to \$2,200 per child per year.

- **Limitations and Exclusions**

- At least one parent or guardian must have a Social Security Number in order to qualify.
 - **Approximately 2.7 million kids who would have qualified in 2025 will lose access next year**
- An estimated 19 million children are **now blocked** from receiving the full credit

If you owe zero federal taxes, you will only receive \$1,700 per child.

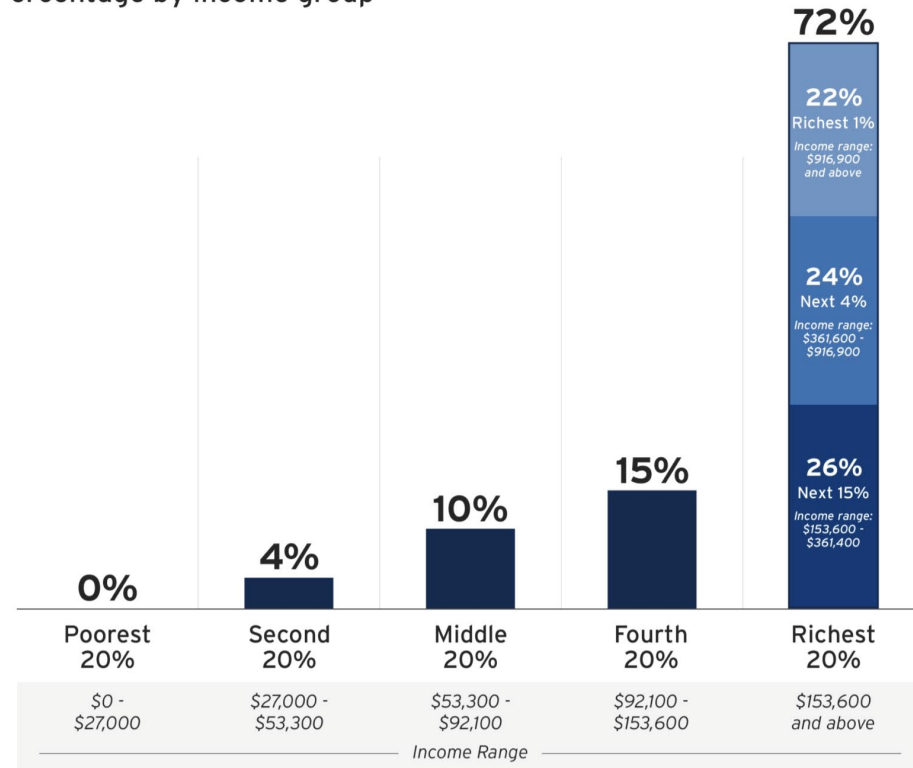
Benefits for the Richest: Rapid Fire Round

- The wealthiest 5% will receive 45% of the net tax cuts next year.
- The wealthiest 1% will receive an average net tax cut of \$66,000.
- The wealthiest 1% will receive a total of **\$117 Billion** in tax cuts in 2026.

The middle 20% includes 20x as many taxpayers as the wealthiest 1%

Share of Tax Cuts from Trump Megabill in 2026 in the U.S.

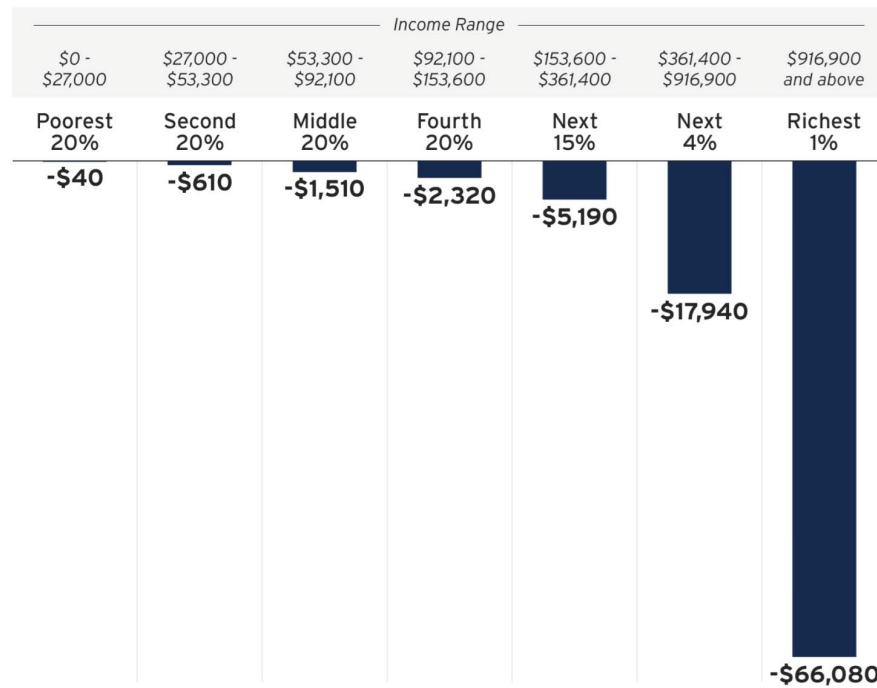
Percentage by income group



Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy Tax Microsimulation Model, July 2025

Average Net Tax Changes from Trump Megabill in 2026 in the U.S.

Average change by income group



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Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy | [ITEP.org](https://itep.org)

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Elimination of IRA Climate Tax Cuts

- **Immediate rollback of clean energy tax credits** will gut affordability and momentum for wind, solar, EVs, and energy-efficient homes
- **New barriers targeting “prohibited foreign entities” (PFEs)** add extreme complexity and compliance burdens that could deter investment in clean energy supply chains and stall U.S.-based manufacturing
- The law simultaneously **expands tax breaks for oil, gas, coal**, and even metallurgical coal—while cutting support for clean fuels
- **These changes risk raising electricity prices and stalling clean energy projects across the country**—costing jobs, stifling innovation, and making it harder for vulnerable communities to access the benefits of the clean energy transition

Immigration Provisions

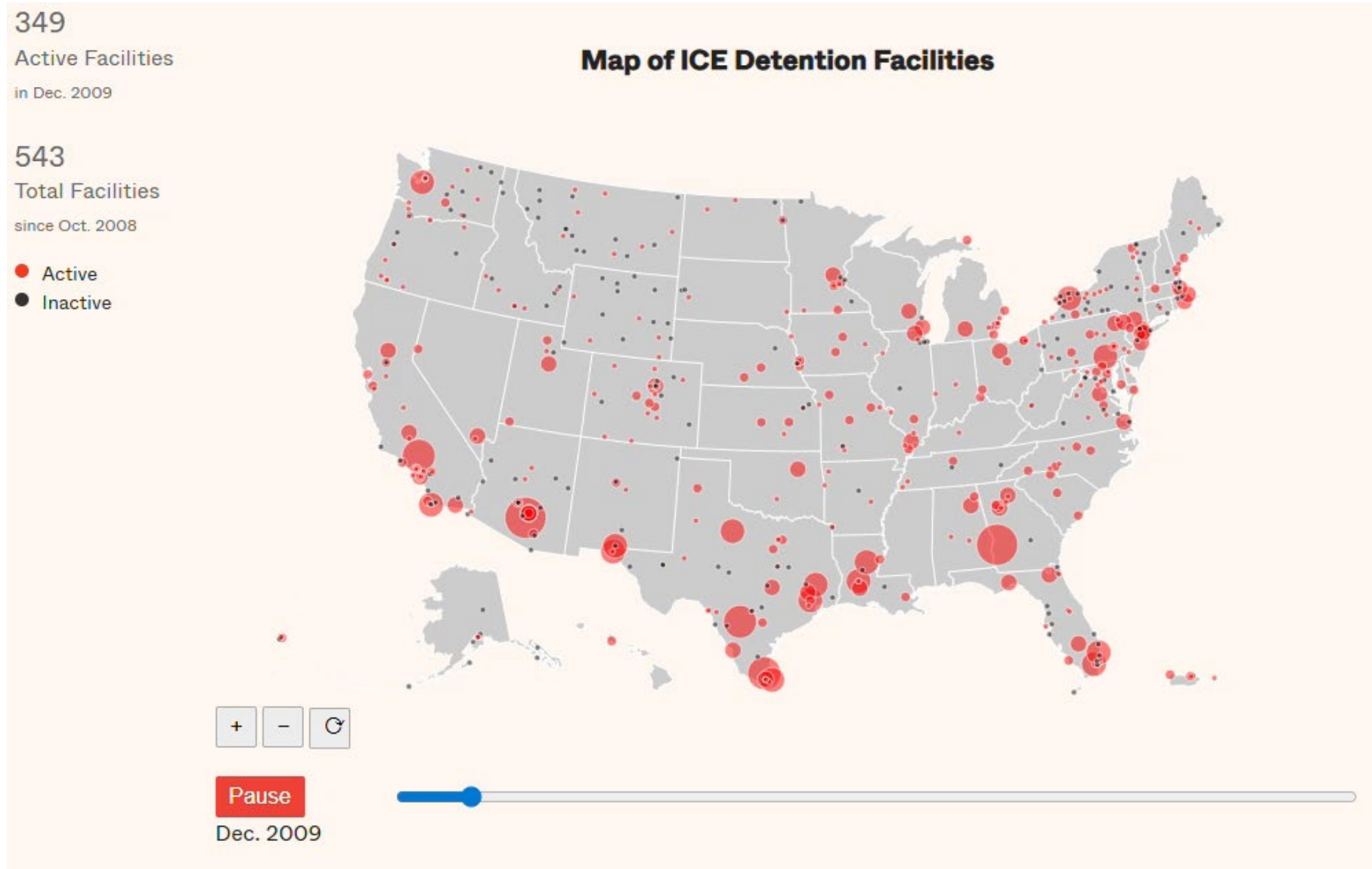
What's in the Big Bad Bill?

- Funding for immigration enforcement; expansion of immigration fees; and severe exclusions to vital programs for certain immigrants
- **The total is \$170.7 billion** for immigration and border enforcement over 4 years

Moral clarity lies in recognizing the undue harm this will cause our neighbors—and in embracing our responsibility to act to change it.

Map of Detention Facilities

Vera Institute



Source: Vera Institute of Justice

ICE Raids

ICE arrests are growing more aggressive and frequent, fueling fear and distress in communities across the country.

- On June, ICE had **58,000** people in custody, made a record number of arrests throughout the month, and saw a 16-fold increase in arrests of people with no criminal history
- The detention apparatus includes **436** federal and for-profit detention centers, county jails, and other facilities where adults and families have experienced subpar conditions and treatment
- Some states have begun opening their own facilities—like we've seen in the Everglades detention camp with room for **3,000 adults**
- Reprogramming of existing funds is already a concern

ICE Raids

Increasing ICE enforcement will devastate our communities.

- The bill provides:
 - \$45 billion for **detention**—more than the budget of the entire federal prison system for three-times the current detention beds
 - \$29.9 billion for **ICE** hiring and bonuses, immigration enforcement and deportations, expanding 287(g) and more
 - \$3.32 billion for the **DOJ** for no more than 800 judges and for increasing prosecutions
- A big share expands state-federal collusion:
 - \$3.5 billion for a state reimbursement fund **“Bridging Immigration Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide”** (BIDEN) Reimbursement fund
 - \$2.055 billion for ICE to expand state-federal enforcement and **deport unaccompanied children**



Impact at the border

Militarizing the border is both deadly and expensive.

- The bill provides:
 - \$46.5 billion for 2,300 miles of border walls
 - \$10 billion for a border enforcement fund for reimbursing states for border costs
 - \$450 million for Operation Stonegarden
 - \$4.1 billion for Border Patrol personnel
 - \$1 billion for DOD border operations and detention



Key Takeaways

Effective Date

Enforcement Funds_____ **imminently**

Congress allowed funds to be used imminently and without significant guardrails for border militarization and interior enforcement.

Immigration Fees_____ **immediately**

Congress required fees to go into effect in the current fiscal year 2025 and signaled increases coming either via regulations or on a yearly basis.

What Can We Do?

1. **Demand accountability**
2. **Amplify real stories**
3. **Support fair legislation & just policies**

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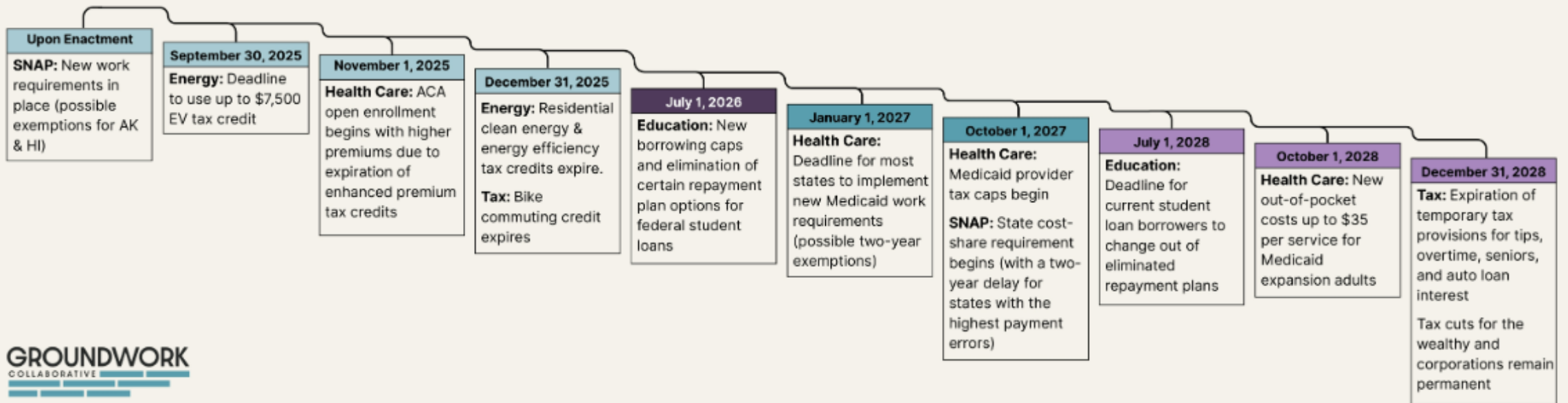
Support Rises For Giving Most Undocumented Immigrants A Pathway To Legal Status vs. Deportations, Quinnipiac University National Poll Finds; More Than 9 In 10 Voters Say Politically Motivated Violence In The U.S. Is A Serious Problem

More Citizenship, Less Enforcement

In addition to supporting increased or stable immigration levels, more Americans now favor offering undocumented immigrants pathways to citizenship, while fewer support stringent measures to deter or reverse illegal immigration.

What's ahead FROM the Big, Bad Law?

Rising Costs for Families as a Result of the Budget Bill:



On the Legislative Horizon

- **Recissions Package** this week
 - This Friday, July 18 deadline
- **FY 2026 Appropriations Process** is in full swing
 - September 30 deadline
- MAYBE... Second budget reconciliation process later this fall

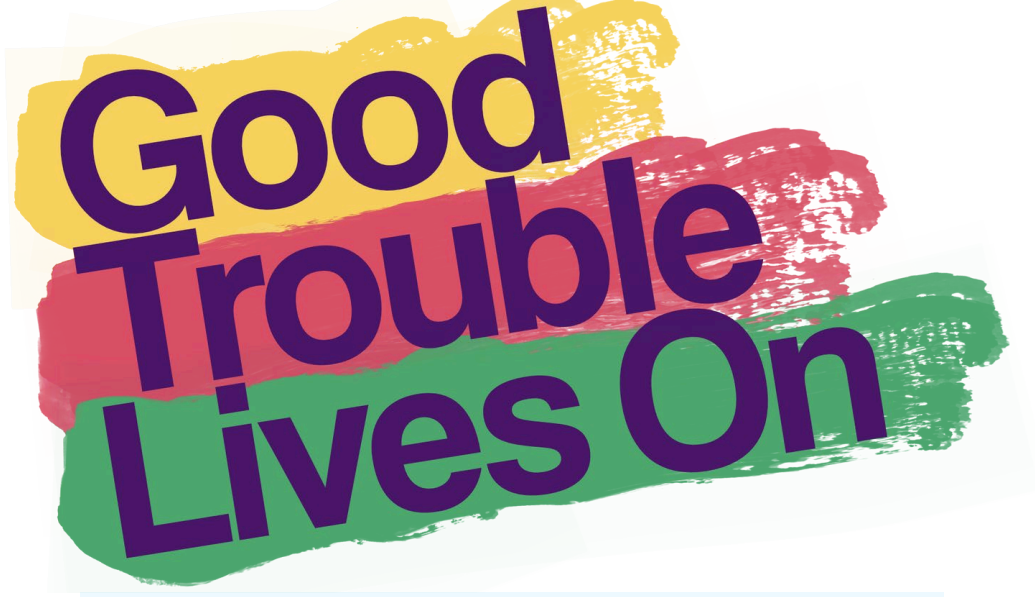
The Administration isn't finished with their agenda...
And neither are We!

Take Action with NETWORK!

- **Email** your Representative and Senators' offices about their votes
- **Write** LTEs about the impacts of the bill and name your Members of Congress if they voted the wrong way
- **Talk** to your friends, family, and neighbors about what's in this bill and why you're worried
- **Print** NETWORK signs and take them with you to protests, rallies, and vigils!



Save the Dates



July 17



July 26

Support Our Work!

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Q&A

We will do our best to follow-up regarding any questions we are unable to answer during our time together today!

