

How The Big Bad Budget Law Hurts Our Communities

and what we can do next

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed into law the Republican budget reconciliation bill (H.R. 1). This law is the largest transfer of wealth from working people to the ultra-rich *in history*.

The law will make life harder for us, separate families, and drive up the cost of our health care, food, utilities, and more. Across the country, **we're coming together to demand better.**

How does this law hurt us?

1 It kicks millions of us off our health insurance and raises care costs for everyone.

- The bill's \$1 trillion cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act will mean that **17 million people will lose their health insurance** – causing a flood of uncompensated care.
- The cost of this will get passed on to us. **All of us will see our premiums and care costs skyrocket.**
- This will also force **hospitals and nursing homes to close**, especially in rural areas.

2 It scales up ICE's separation of families and imposes harsh new fees.

- This law diverts billions of our taxpayer dollars to inflate ICE's budget to conduct raids, militarize our neighborhoods and the borderlands, and **abduct and detain our immigrant neighbors, coworkers, and family members.**
- It makes it **harder for people and families** to get and maintain lawful status, by drastically hiking the cost of certain applications, work permits, and humanitarian protection.
- *This is because many of the bill's drafters are backed by private prison corporation executives who profit off of detentions and deportations.*



3 It takes food from families and pushes millions of kids into poverty.

- The law cuts nearly \$186 billion from SNAP, making it harder for 40 million people – **including 16 million children** – to get enough food to eat.
- It locks 19 million children out of the **Child Tax Credit (CTC)**, simply because one of their parents is an immigrant or their parents' income is too low.



4 It raises our utility bills and poisons our air and water.

- The law repeals nearly all clean energy tax credits, **raising household electricity prices by hundreds of dollars per year** and eliminating 760,000 clean energy jobs.
- Meanwhile, the bill expands tax breaks for oil, gas, and coal – **lining the pockets of the ultra-wealthy fossil fuel executives** who backed this bill.



5 It hands enormous tax giveaways to the richest 1%.

- This law gives the wealthiest 1% \$117 billion in tax giveaways in 2026, and **\$1 trillion over the next decade.**
- Meanwhile, the law gives those who make up to \$53,000 **less than \$2 per day**, and refuses to extend other tax credits that help us.

Billionaires pushed for this bill because it lets them hoard wealth at our expense and avoid paying what they owe our country.

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This law robs us of what we have built over generations to care for each other, from Medicaid and the CTC to SNAP and school lunches.

WHY?
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To pay for billions in tax giveaways to the law's ultra-wealthy backers.



People of faith and goodwill agree: this greed is immoral and hurts all of us. That's why **the vast majority of Americans across parties oppose this law.**

We deserve a future where we all have food on the table, quality health care, and safety in our neighborhoods – no matter who we are or where we live.



What's the timeline?

Some aspects of the law will go into effect **immediately**. Other impacts, such as the Medicaid cuts, may not be felt until **2027 or later**.

Note that the lawmakers behind this bill made sure that its seeming benefits – such as the savings accounts for kids and the tipped income tax exemption – **expire in 2029**.

Yet, they set tax handouts for wealthy individuals and corporations as **permanent**.

What can we do?

This isn't the end of the story. We are in this together!

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