

## **Oppose Harmful Budget Reconciliation Legislation**

Protect Hispanic Working Families

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The budget reconciliation legislation currently advancing through Congress would take our country in the wrong direction — slashing essential programs that families rely on, while delivering massive tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy and expanding unchecked immigration enforcement. At a time when families are asking for relief from rising prices, stable jobs and a fair shot at the American Dream, this bill does the opposite.

[Polling](#) confirms that Latino voters prioritize economic issues — especially the cost of living, jobs, housing affordability and health care. Yet the current bill would make life harder for millions already stretched to the brink. Below are some of the most harmful provisions:

### **1. Stripping families of health care and nutrition**

- Medicaid and ACA cuts in the reconciliation bill would leave at least 15 million people uninsured — including many with serious, chronic conditions — while more than 25 million Latinos currently rely on Medicaid or ACA health insurance for basic care from prenatal visits to elder care.
- The largest cuts in SNAP's history would end food assistance for millions of people and cut benefits for most who remain in the program.
- Over 10 million Latinos — half of them children — rely on SNAP to pay grocery bills. The bill would deepen hunger and poverty for many Hispanic families and working-class people nationwide.
- WIC access would be disrupted as an unintended consequence of Medicaid and SNAP terminations. Millions of pregnant women, infants, toddlers and preschool children would lose targeted nutrition services.
  - Without Medicaid or SNAP, many families would no longer qualify as financially eligible for WIC. The resulting added paperwork burdens would cause many to lose nutrition assistance at precisely the point in life when that help is most crucial.
- The bill targets Medicare beneficiaries, despite promises to leave that program untouched.

- 1.4 million low-income seniors could see premiums and out-of-pocket costs skyrocket after being pushed out of the Medicare Savings Programs due to the bill's increased paperwork.
- The bill would also terminate Medicare for lawful permanent residents who came here fleeing oppression abroad.
  - These permanent residents have paid into the program for decades. But after raising families, starting businesses and building their community, this bill cruelly takes away their health care when old age or disability makes it impossible for them to work.
- The bill will have steep financial penalties on states that use their own funds to cover immigrants, most of whom are children, senior citizens and pregnant women.

## **2. Raising taxes on working families, rewarding the ultra-wealthy**

- Raises taxes on 40 million families who earn less than \$30,000 a year, per the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation.
- Eliminates the Child Tax Credit for 4.5 million U.S. citizen children if one or both parents has no Social Security number.
- Introduces huge tax penalties on those who receive mistaken advance premium tax credits due to factors outside the family's control, such as a job loss or surprise promotion, a spouse's death or separation or agency error.
- Adds burdensome new "pre-certification" systems for the Earned Income Tax Credit, using paperwork to terminate working families from this vital anti-poverty, pro-work tax credit.
- By 2035, 82% of tax breaks in the reconciliation bill will go to the highest earners — not those struggling to make ends meet.

## **3. Undermining education, opportunity and dignity**

- Adds new restrictions on federal Pell Grants, eliminates interest-free student loans and eliminates affordable repayment options for student borrowers.
- Rolls back funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, weakening a key safeguard against predatory financial practices.

## **4. Exploitation, overreach and economic fallout**

- Blocks states from protecting children from AI-generated harms such as deepfakes and exploitative content.
- Grants the executive branch sweeping power to ignore court orders — threatening judicial independence.

- Massively expands immigration enforcement, destabilizing industries reliant on immigrant labor, from agriculture and construction to elder care and hospitality.
  - Mass detentions and deportations threaten to disrupt local economies, separate families and drive millions of workers out of the formal economy — undermining tax bases and increasing poverty.

This bill is not about fiscal discipline — it reflects distorted priorities. It harms children, working families, immigrants and seniors — all to benefit the wealthiest few. Members of Congress must oppose this legislation.