

Federal Fightback!

Threats to Healthcare and SNAP, Tax Giveaways, and the Impacts on Working Families in Pennsylvania

Overview of the Issue

Donald Trump and Republican leaders in Congress want to extend and expand the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) – a tax giveaway to billionaires and wealthy corporations – which is set to expire at the end of 2025. ***They want to pay for this by making drastic cuts to federal spending for Medicaid, CHIP, and SNAP.***

Medicaid provides critical health care support to millions of Pennsylvanians, including seniors, kids, students, and people seeking mental health care or treatment for substance use disorders

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also known as “food stamps”) helps more than two million Pennsylvanians put food on the table by helping to pay for their groceries.

What’s at risk?

In Pennsylvania, Medicaid provides health care to:

- more than 2 million adults.
- more than 1.4 million children (including 200,000 served by CHIP, the Children’s Health Program).
- more than 1.4 million people who need mental or behavioral health care.
- more than 400,000 seniors who receive care in nursing homes, assisted living facilities or, in some cases, at home.
- more than 300,000 Pennsylvanians in treatment for a substance use disorder.

And more than two million Pennsylvanians rely on SNAP to pay for their groceries.

Cuts to Medicaid and CHIP spending could pose a serious threat to the Pennsylvania state budget by creating a multi-billion-dollar shortfall, jeopardizing priorities like public education funding. Cuts like those proposed would reduce federal support for the Pennsylvania budget \$2 billion to \$5 billion each year. That would leave our state government with the difficult choice of trying to replace some federal dollars with funds raised from Pennsylvania taxpayers or drastically reducing eligibility for or coverage by Medicaid.

Reminder: What happened with the 2017 tax scam?

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA) was unpopular in 2017. And it remains so today, for good reason.

- The Trump tax scam did not pay for itself but ***increased the federal deficit by \$2 trillion.*** An extension of the TCJA would be even worse! The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget says it would ***increase deficits by about \$7.5 trillion over 10 years.***
- The proponents of these tax cuts said big corporate tax cuts would trickle down, raising wages for workers; ***but the typical worker got nothing from it.*** Instead, the ultra-rich and corporate executives ***received huge stock buybacks, saving them even more in taxes.***

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- They said the tax cuts would create new investment and jobs; **but the evidence shows that didn't happen.**

The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy found that extending and expanding the TCJA would lead to **"a tax cut for the wealthy multi-national corporations and richest 5 percent of Americans—much of which goes to the top .1%—and a tax increase for the other 95 percent."** Taxpayers like us would pay for the public investments that wealthy businesses use.

All while cutting funding for critical programs like Medicaid, CHIP, and SNAP to pay for the tax cuts!

What YOU can do!

Sign the petition! →

Call your senators and member of Congress!

Talk to your friends!

Share your story!



Who is Pennsylvanians Together?

Pennsylvanians Together is a nonpartisan campaign of diverse Pennsylvanians from every corner of the state. We are rich and poor, Black, brown, and white. We are native-born and we are immigrants, both documented and undocumented. In a series of community conversations, we found we all have the same goals. We work to mobilize our fellow Pennsylvanians, in our communities and our government, to support this agenda. We work in partnership to amplify our voices above those of the rich and powerful to create public policies that ensure we can all thrive, not just survive.



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