

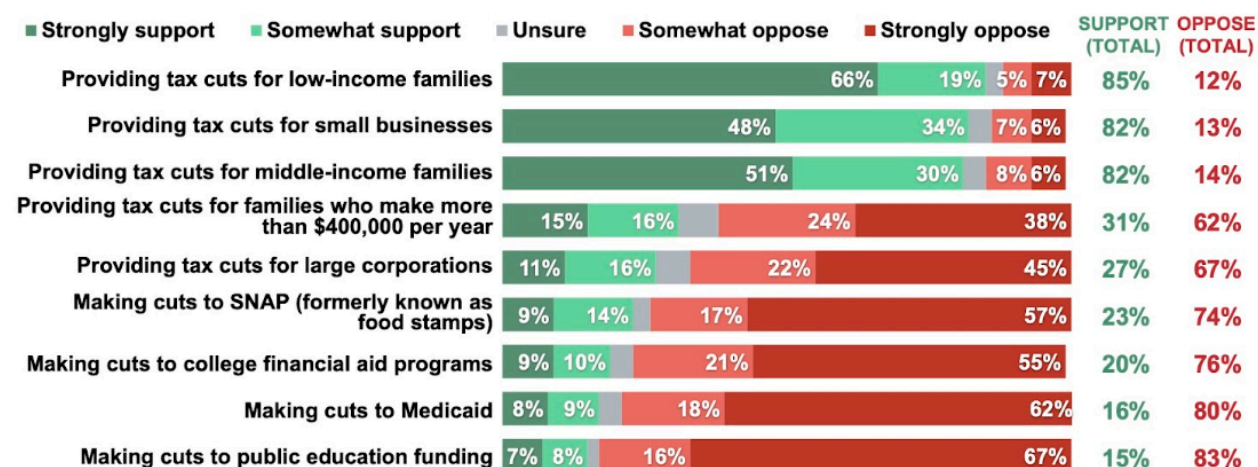
The Big Beautiful Bill = UGLY for Kids and Families.

The Cost of These Changes are too High for Hard-Working American Families.

The House reconciliation bill poses a direct threat to the health, well-being, and educational opportunities of millions of American children and families. If passed, it would slash essential programs like Medicaid, SNAP, and Pell Grants—undermining everything from access to school meals to special education services. It would squeeze state budgets and cripple the essential programs that serve your most vulnerable constituents. Meanwhile, the bill would also deepen the national debt and redistribute wealth upward, serving as the most regressive transfer of wealth in American history.

Most parents of K-12 public school students oppose cuts to education funding, Medicaid, and SNAP

Q. Would you support or oppose Congress doing each of the following as part of a new budget bill?



Survey of 1,516 Parents of K-12 Public School Students, conducted June 1–3, 2025



MEDICAID CUTS WOULD LEAVE MILLIONS UNINSURED AND THREATEN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

More than 37 million children rely on Medicaid for access to healthcare. Overall, **this bill could strip coverage from at least 16 million people—disproportionately harming children, childcare workers, and pregnant women.** While children make up roughly half of all Medicaid enrollees nationwide, the percentage is significantly higher in some states like Texas, where 75% of enrollees are children. New work requirements, paperwork burdens, and shortened renewal timelines would force many families off of their coverage.

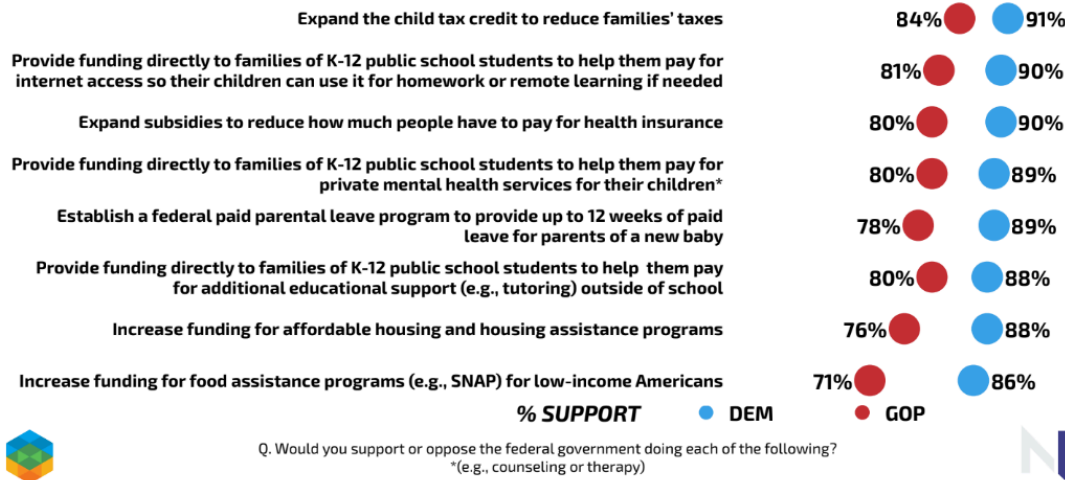
Medicaid is also the fourth-largest source of federal funding for public schools. It covers school nurses and counselors, physical and mental health services, and therapy for students with disabilities. It's especially crucial for funding IDEA Part C services, which provide early intervention programs that dramatically improve school readiness. In fact, 42% of young children served by these programs did not need special education by the time they reached kindergarten. Cutting this funding would both eliminate vital early intervention programs as well as increase special education costs down the line, as more children would enter school without the services they need to succeed in general education classrooms. Cuts to Medicaid won't just harm individual families; they'll strip schools of vital resources, reduce support staff, and compromise children's ability to learn and thrive.

THERE IS BIPARTISAN PARENT SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT.

Expanding the child tax credit is a big step, but it's not enough.

The National Parents Union has been a long-time supporter of the Child Tax Credit, and we commend House Ways and Means Leadership for the temporary expansion of the credit. However, paired with higher consumer costs and reduced social services, **the proposed tax structure would leave most low- and middle-income families at a net loss every year.** Under the bill, families earning below \$50,000 would receive less than \$300 in tax cuts, while those earning more than \$1 million annually would receive roughly \$90,000 in tax breaks – contributing to a \$3.8 trillion increase in the federal deficit.

Both GOP and Democrats are most supportive of expanding child tax credit to reduce families' taxes



TAKING FOOD OFF KIDS' PLATES ISN'T A BUDGET SOLUTION.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps over 40 million Americans afford food – including **17 million children**. The House reconciliation package would cut \$267 billion from SNAP by adding punitive work requirements, shifting costs to states, and limiting eligibility for parents of older children. These changes would mean an estimated **4 million children losing access to food assistance.**

The ripple effects on schools are massive. SNAP enrollment is used to directly certify students for school meals, meaning their families do not have to face the burden or stigma of completing additional applications. Direct certification also supports the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which enables high-poverty schools to offer free meals to all students. Due to SNAP changes alone, **at least 18.3 million students could lose access to free school meals.** Many families rely on this food as the only nutritious meal that their children receive all day, and reducing access would have devastating long-term consequences for both public health and educational outcomes.