

HOW THE BIG UGLY BILL HARMS WORKING PEOPLE and PUBLIC SERVICES in WASHINGTON

The so-called “Big Beautiful Bill,” passed by yes-men in Congress and signed by President Trump, will inflict serious harm on working families and public services across Washington.

That’s because the new law makes the biggest cuts ever to the services that families in Washington depend on — all to pay for huge tax cuts for billionaires and greedy corporations who don’t need another dime.

Working families and retirees are already facing a cost-of-living crisis, and this law makes it worse by driving up health care, grocery and energy costs. It also directly threatens AFSCME jobs by slashing the funding that supports our work.

The top 0.1% will receive a tax cut of ~~\$286,440~~ on average.

Here’s how they’ll pay for it:

268,000
Washingtonians
will lose health
coverage

57,000
Washingtonians
could lose food
assistance

1% higher energy bills

196,200
will face 75%
higher health
care premiums
on average

26,500
jobs cut in
health care
and the food
industry

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And for the AFSCME members who keep Washington running? This Big Ugly Bill threatens all public service workers in Washington.

The new law's massive cuts will force the state to make tough decisions for everything it funds, whether it's corrections, education or any other public service. That means no services will be immune to cuts and could lead to:

- POTENTIAL LAYOFFS or FURLOUGHS**
- A WORSENING STAFFING CRISIS IF HIRING FREEZES or PAUSES ARE IMPLEMENTED**
- EMPLOYERS FAILING to INVEST in RECRUITING and RETAINING PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS**
- WEAKER CONTRACTS IF EMPLOYERS POINT to the NEW LAW'S CUTS to SAY THEY ARE UNABLE to PAY for COLAS, ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASES or RISING HEALTH CARE and OTHER BENEFIT COSTS**

To fight back against the threat this devastating billionaire giveaway poses to our communities and our jobs, we have to get organized.

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