

THE FAIR SHARE CONTRIBUTION

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California's Path Forward on Health Care

THE CRISIS:

Washington Cut Health Care to Pay for Corporate Tax Breaks

President Trump and Republicans in Congress passed H.R. 1, which Trump calls "the Big, Beautiful Bill", making the deepest cuts to health care in American history. Big corporations are benefiting from a trillion-dollar federal tax break — funded by the same health care dollars millions of Californians depend on to survive.

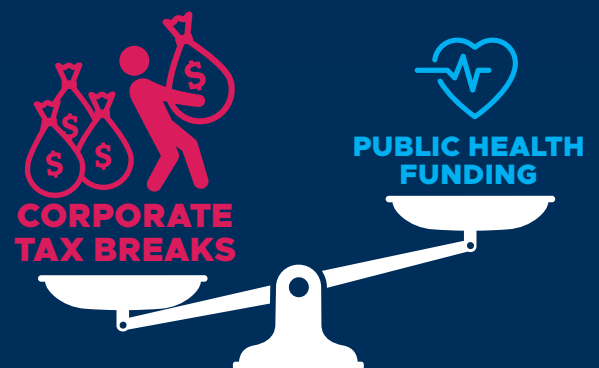
THE CORPORATION COST SHIFT:

Corporations Profit While Taxpayers Pick Up the Tab

H.R. 1 didn't just cut health care — it exposed a deeply unfair problem hiding in California's state budget. **California taxpayers will pay an estimated \$28 billion next year to cover 3.6 million working people whose employers pay too little and fail to offer health benefits workers can afford.** 42% of Medi-Cal enrollees are full-time workers and are eligible because of low wages, insufficient hours, or lack of access to affordable employer-sponsored coverage. Many of the same corporations now cashing in on record federal tax breaks are the ones shifting their workers' health care costs onto the rest of us. When large, profitable corporations can offload those costs onto working families and responsible small businesses, everyone suffers, except corporate shareholders.

CALIFORNIA IS FACING DEVASTATING IMPACTS:

- » Nearly **3 million Californians**, including seniors, children, pregnant individuals, people with disabilities, and those fighting serious illnesses, are expected to lose health coverage.
- » An estimated **2 million Californians could lose Medi-Cal**, and an additional 660,000 could lose Covered California coverage since Congress allowed federal ACA subsidies to expire with no replacement.
- » **217,000 California jobs are at risk.**
- » When hospitals close, emergency rooms become overwhelmed and costs rise, 100% of Californians feel the impact.



THE SOLUTION: A Medi-Cal Fair Share Contribution

The California Senate has responded directly to this crisis with a Fair Share Contribution Plan: a requirement that large corporations benefiting from the federal tax windfall in H.R. 1 contribute to protecting the health care system that same bill is dismantling.

Congress cut health care to fund corporate tax breaks. California families are racing toward a health care cliff. It is time to hold corporations accountable.

WHAT'S AT STAKE IF CALIFORNIA DOESN'T ACT

Medi-Cal covers nearly 15 million Californians, including children, older adults, people with disabilities, and working families. It is a foundational source of economic and health security, and a critical funding pillar for doctors, clinics, hospitals, In-Home Supportive Services, and other care that everyone in the state depends on. Dismantling health care access the way H.R. 1 does doesn't just hurt the people who lose coverage. It strains emergency rooms, forces hospitals to close, drives up costs for everyone, and leaves Californians sicker and deeper in medical debt.

Without a bold state revenue solution, California faces a public health care crisis — in clinics, emergency rooms, and households in every district in the state.

To be effective, the final budget solution must:

- » **Keep Californians covered and healthy** — funds generated must be directed to the people enrolled in Medi-Cal and public services.
- » **Be long-term and structural** — with no commitment from Congress to reverse H.R. 1, California needs a multi-year revenue solution that sustains Medi-Cal and the state's commitment to universal coverage
- » **Be targeted and progressive** — crack down on the most egregious corporate abusers of the safety net while protecting working families already under assault from the Trump Administration
- » **Be non-discriminatory** — employers must not be permitted to penalize, exclude, or retaliate against workers because they rely on Medi-Cal or other public benefits

THE MOMENT CALLS FOR BOLD ACTION

The California Senate has shown us the way forward. Generating revenue to preserve health care access must be the top priority in this year's final budget. The revenue raised from corporations profiting from federal tax cuts must ensure that millions of Californians will get the care they need.

California can show the nation what it looks like to hold corporate America accountable and to guarantee that life-saving coverage remains available even when the federal government turns its back.

Fight for Our Health is a campaign led by SEIU California, Health Access California, and the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network.

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