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## FEDERAL FOCUS: REJECTING LARGE CUTS TO THE SAFETY NET

Minnesotans have long supported the role of public services in building a future of shared prosperity and supporting families and neighbors to get through tough times, like the loss of a job or a long-term illness. Most folks appreciate the web of federal, state, and local governments, and nonprofits, that keep food in fridges, roofs overhead, older folks in their homes, and much more.

But Minnesotans risk losing those public services if federal policymakers go forward with proposals that would slash funding. Given the dramatic and fast-moving proposals coming out of Washington, D.C., we helped mobilize a large coalition of health care advocates to defend against the proposed harmful funding cuts and policy changes to Medicaid.

In December, the Minnesota Budget Project was one of more than 130 health care organizations and advocates that sent a letter to our Congressional delegation warning them of what large cuts to Medicaid would mean for the health care of nearly 1.4 million Minnesotans. Minnesota received about \$12 billion in federal Medicaid funding in 2023. We understand that if federal policymakers substantially cut that funding, it creates a large hole in Minnesota's budget and puts pressure on other vital state services.

Also targeted for cuts are food assistance through SNAP, cash assistance so our most struggling neighbors can afford the basics, and other federal safety net services. Neither the state of Minnesota nor the nonprofit sector can fully make up for the billions of dollars in cuts being considered.

We're urging nonprofits and Minnesotans across the state to raise their voices to protect the basic public services Minnesotans value. Working together and explaining the harm of proposed cuts to our representatives in Congress, Minnesotans can help ensure all of us can continue to get medicines they need, that children have full bellies at home and at school, and our communities can thrive.

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**Your donation today will help ensure we have the resources to continue advocating for everyday Minnesotans**, regardless of who they are or where they call home. With your support, we can continue building toward communities where our neighbors, friends, and families can all thrive.

### GET INVOLVED: PROTECT MEDICAID

For nearly 60 years, Medicaid (also called Medical Assistance) has meant Minnesotans can get the health care they need to build healthy and thriving lives. Today, more than one million of us, from infants to older adults, who do not get employer-sponsored health insurance or cannot afford to pay for private health insurance can get the care and services we need, when we need them. Learn more about how you can get involved on our website:

[mnbudgetproject.org/  
get-involved](https://mnbudgetproject.org/get-involved)

### TAKE ACTION TODAY

Send a letter to your representatives in Congress and ask them to reject harmful funding cuts or policy changes to Medicaid:

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## STATE FOCUS IS ON HEALTH CARE, CHILD CARE, AND TAX POLICIES

Along with our federal work, Minnesota Budget Project analysts are tracking Minnesota House and Senate bills and working to educate policymakers in our policy priority areas, including health care, child care, and taxes and tax credits.

For more than 25 years, using trusted analysis and advocacy, we've informed policymakers, partners, and donors about the impacts of tax and budget policies on everyday Minnesotans. As one example of that work, our Director Nan Madden recently testified against a bill (House File 4) that would put a constitutional amendment before voters requiring that state budget surpluses over a certain level be used to cut taxes for some Minnesotans. We have had a long-standing position that budget and tax decisions should not be made in the constitution.

That position is informed by the harm caused in other states that have such limits, and by the harm done to communities and public services when Minnesota's state revenues were constrained during a decade of frequent state budget deficits in the 2000s.

The Legislature already has the authority to use projected budget surpluses for tax rebates or tax cuts, and to do that in a public debate that weighs the alternatives and implications of those decisions. A constitutional amendment takes away the ability of Minnesotans to influence the tax and budget decisions that impact their lives. It circumvents meaningful public debate and makes it difficult for the public to hold elected officials accountable for tax and budget outcomes.

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## WHAT COMMUNITY PARTNERS SAY

"The Minnesota Budget Project is an incredible resource for nonprofits that want to support the constituencies they serve through policy changes at the state level. This is such important work, and nonprofits can make an even bigger difference in our community through policy advocacy."

## MINNESOTA TAX CREDIT CHANGES FOR 2025

Recent tax changes in Minnesota could provide you with additional funds to better afford what you need to raise thriving kids or to pay for your rent and utilities. The new advance payment option for Minnesota's Child Tax Credit and changes to the Renter's Credit are important to understand in 2025. Learn about what's new this tax season and find free tax prep:

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