



STATEMENT — From Minnesota Budget Project Director Nan Madden:

The Minnesota Budget Project is extremely disappointed that the U.S. House of Representatives passed the budget reconciliation bill (H.R. 1) that would dramatically cut essential public services and increase hardship in our communities, while extending large tax cuts that primarily benefit high-income Americans.

We had urged Minnesota's representatives in Congress to reject any federal budget and tax package that cut health care, food assistance, and other public services that Minnesotans rely on to get and stay healthy, keep food on their tables, and ensure they can meet their basic needs. Instead, our representatives supported a bill that:

- Deeply cuts Medicaid, putting the health and financial well-being of more than one million Minnesotans, as well as our health care system, at risk;
- Makes massive cuts to SNAP and other nutrition services, meaning more Minnesotans would go hungry and pay more when buying their groceries; and
- Blocks our refugee and immigrant neighbors from accessing basic needs services, creating hardship and weakening our communities.
- These and other harmful budget cuts would be used to pay for large tax cuts that give the biggest benefits to the wealthy, while essentially leaving out lower- and moderate-income folks.

Minnesota's U.S. senators should reject this incredibly harmful bill instead and take a different path. They should put everyday Minnesotans first by protecting and strengthening basic needs services that our families and neighbors count on to get by, and focus tax policy decisions on everyday Minnesotans, rather than extending expensive, large tax cuts for the wealthiest.

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