



STATEMENT — From Minnesota Budget Project Director Nan Madden

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The Minnesota Budget Project is extremely disheartened by the passage of the U.S. Senate reconciliation bill that will take health coverage and food assistance away from millions of people, in part to pay for trillions of dollars in tax cuts skewed to the wealthy.

Senate Republicans chose to strip away health care from nearly 17 million people, erect barriers to food assistance for millions of families, and increase overall hardship for communities across the country. This legislation is being passed through a special process that allows it to pass with a simple majority of votes.

The next likely step in the process for this bill to become law, would be for Republicans in the U.S. House to pass the same bill and send it to President Donald Trump's desk for his signature. Republicans' self-imposed deadline is later this week.

This massive package of budget cuts and tax cuts represents the largest upward transfer of wealth in our nation's history. The harm will be felt far and wide, with the harshest effects landing on our neighbors facing the greatest barriers to well-being, including those struggling to make ends meet and those who have come to our country seeking a better life.

These federal actions represent an unprecedented setback to everyday Americans having what they need to build the lives they want for themselves and their families. Millions of us will lose accessible and affordable health care. They make massive cuts to basic food assistance and other public services millions rely on to get by. And they cut billions of dollars to states, which will not be able to fully make up for the loss of funding.

In state capitol buildings across the country, policymakers will face extremely difficult decisions, and they must prioritize protecting the health and well-being of their communities.

For more than 25 years, the Minnesota Budget Project's work has been driven by the understanding that state and federal budget, tax, and economic policies are an essential component in bringing about the more prosperous and equitable future we envision. The choices that governments make about how they raise and spend tax revenue have a strong influence on the well-being of Minnesotans and their families, including whether they have access to strong public services in their communities.

When Minnesota policymakers face these tough choices – as soon as this fall – the Minnesota Budget Project and its partners will call on them to prioritize the basic needs of their residents and to raise revenues to support essential services that Minnesotans count on.

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