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Help Stop the Big Beautiful Bill TODAY: A Threat to Millions

Republicans are pushing a massive tax and spending bill that delivers permanent tax breaks to the ultra-rich while slashing Medicaid, SNAP, and clean energy programs. Middle- and working-class families would see little to no benefit—or even a decline in income—while the wealthiest 1% walk away with thousands in new tax cuts. If passed, this bill would add up to \$5 trillion to the national debt.

Right now, the bill is moving through the Senate, and we have a rare opportunity to influence the outcome through a process known as vote-a-rama—when senators offer amendment after amendment, each of which must be read and voted on. This can dramatically slow the bill down and give our outside strategy time to work: sharing personal stories, posting on social media, showing up at town halls, and making noise in the press.

Also at play is the application of the Byrd Rule (named after former Senator Robert Byrd), which requires the reconciliation bills to remain focused on fiscal issues, must not increase the federal deficit outside a 10 year window, and may not make changes to social security. A nonpartisan parliamentarian reviews the legislation to see if it meets these criteria, if not it must be removed or modified. If this cannot be achieved the bill cannot be passed by

a simple majority and is subject to the filibuster (requiring 60 votes to pass).

The Democratic senators have been successful in lobbying the parliamentarian to remove the following from the budget bill:

- SNAP payment shifts to the states
 - Medicare changes
 - Auctioning of federal lands
 - REINS Act to expand congressional control over federal policy
 - Expanded state level immigration enforcement powers
 - Several pro fossil fuel industry provisions
 - Allowing the executive branch to reorganize federal government agencies
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Top Action: Call Your Senators TODAY OR TOMORROW

- Flood senate offices with calls (over and over again)
- Use 5calls.org or call the Capitol switchboard: **202-224-3121**
- Encourage friends, family & coworkers to call
- Post your story or message on social media

Phone Banking Opportunity

- [Phone Bank to save Medicaid](#): Monday, June 30 to Wednesday, July 2 from 6-8 pm ET
A national phone bank to Medicaid recipients urging them to call their Senators ahead of the upcoming budget vote to stop the cuts and save Medicaid!
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More Volunteer Actions:

- Trump launched unauthorized airstrikes on Iran—[tell Congress](#) to block further escalation and reclaim war powers.

- Join the [Swing Blue Alliance Book Club to explore books](#) on resisting authoritarianism and upholding democracy.
- Use your skills to help craft and edit our volunteer newsletter. Join the team and make an impact—[contact us to get involved!](#)
- Join Swing Blue Alliance, Red2Blue, and Rural GroundGame to [call rural Virginia Democrats](#) who didn't vote in 2024, listen to their concerns, and help shape 2025 campaigns.
- Help drive Swing Blue Alliance and Rural Freedom Network's newly launched Postcard/Messaging Study uniting our Research, Phone Bank and Mail teams to build data driven messaging strategy. Register [here](#) to learn more about becoming a Mail Host/Distributor or contribute [here](#).

Thank you for standing with Swing Blue Alliance. Together, our voices and actions can protect democracy and build a better future. Keep calling, volunteering, and speaking out—because when we organize, we win!

Best regards,
Julia and Katie from Swing Blue

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