

HEALTHCARE TOWN HALL

Hosted by Congressman DeSaulnier

With Special Guests Dr. Grant
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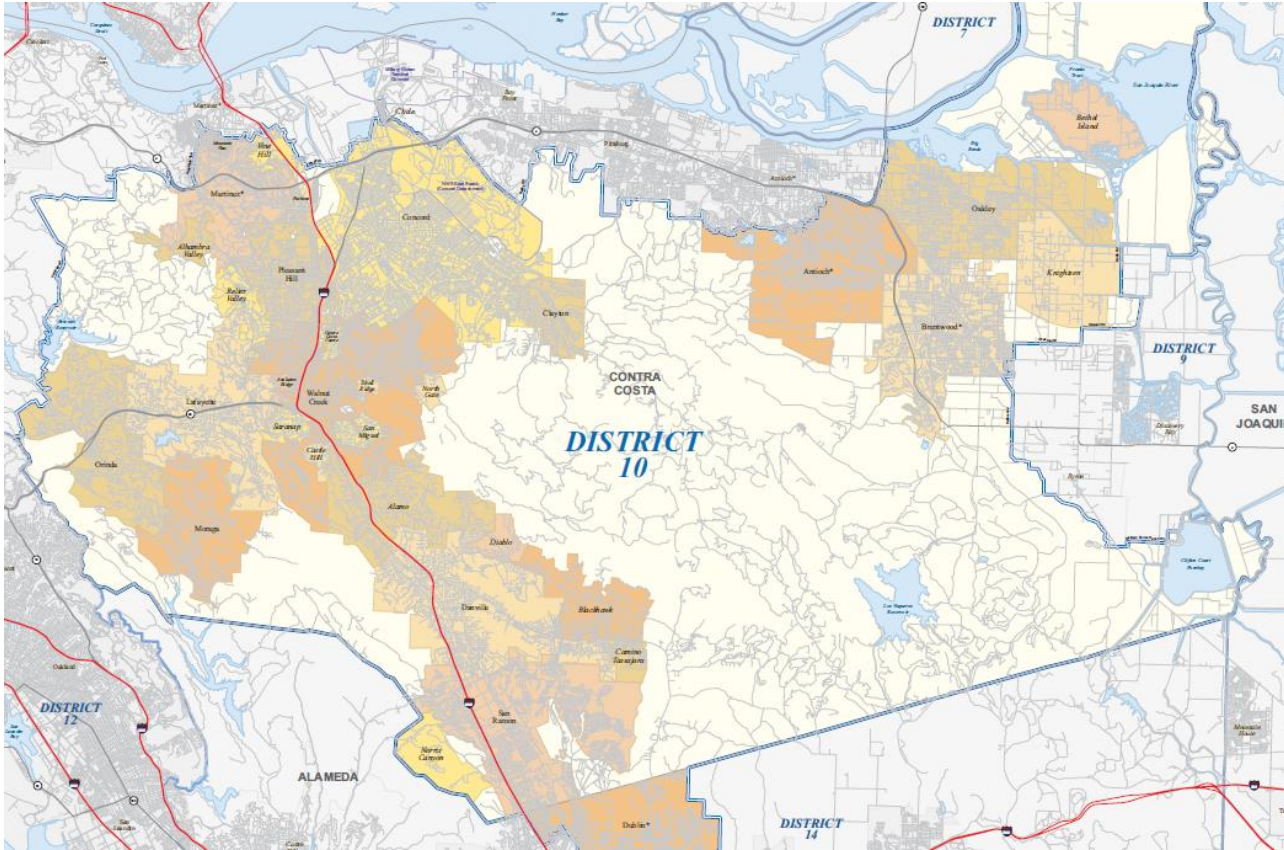
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COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES

COMMITTEES:

- Ethics Committee – Ranking Member
- Education & Workforce Committee
 - Ranking Member of the Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development
- Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
 - Subcommittees on Highways, Aviation, Water Resources and Environment, and Railroads

CAUCUSES:

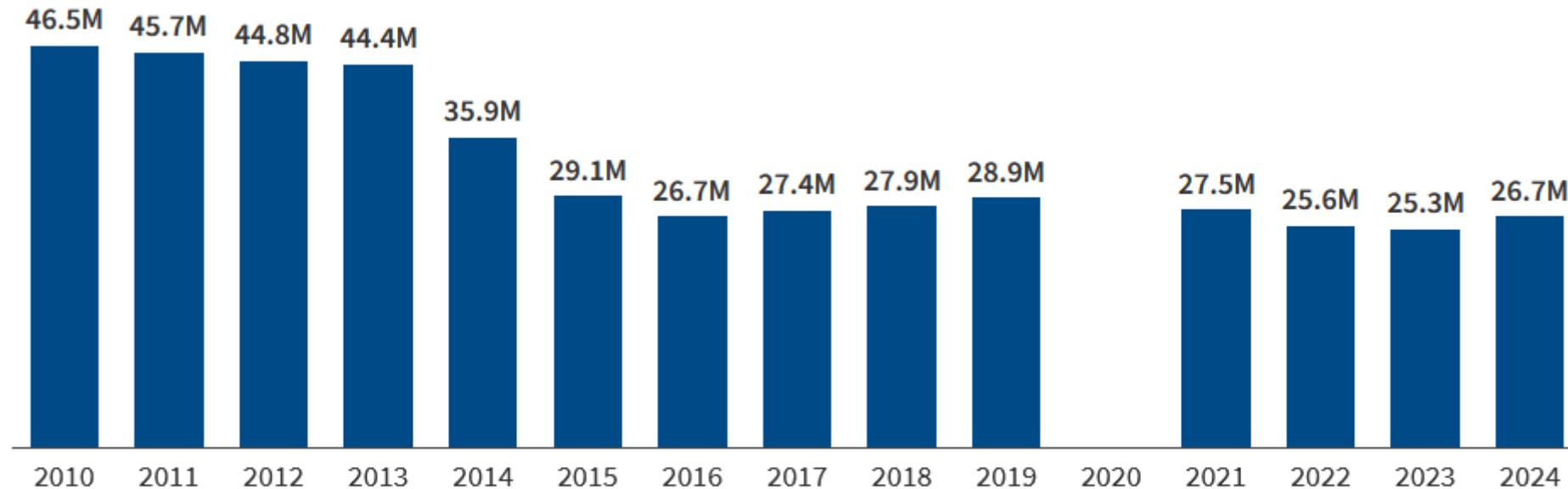
- Congressional Progressive Caucus
- Bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus – Co-Chair
- Urban Regional Studies Caucus – Co-Chair
- Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition
 - Climate Jobs Task Force – Co-Chair
- Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Reproductive Freedom Caucus

OUR BROKEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

- Healthcare spending in the U.S. reached \$14,775 per capita in 2024, which was 17.2% of our gross domestic product (GDP) that year.
 - Comparable countries spend around 11.2% of GDP on healthcare each year.
- Despite such high spending, life expectancy at birth for Americans is 4.1 years shorter than that of comparable countries.
- In addition to challenges related to cost and quality, we also face the problem of access - nearly 27 million Americans did not have health insurance in 2024.

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Number of People Ages 0-64 Who Were Uninsured, 2010-2024



Note: Due to disruptions in data collection during the first year of the pandemic, the Census Bureau did not release ACS 1-year estimates in 2020.

Source: KFF analysis of 2010-2024 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)

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The Affordable Care Act has helped millions get covered, but more needs to be done.

TRUMP ATTACKS ON HEALTH CARE

Since the beginning of his second term, President Trump's policies have further harmed our health care system:

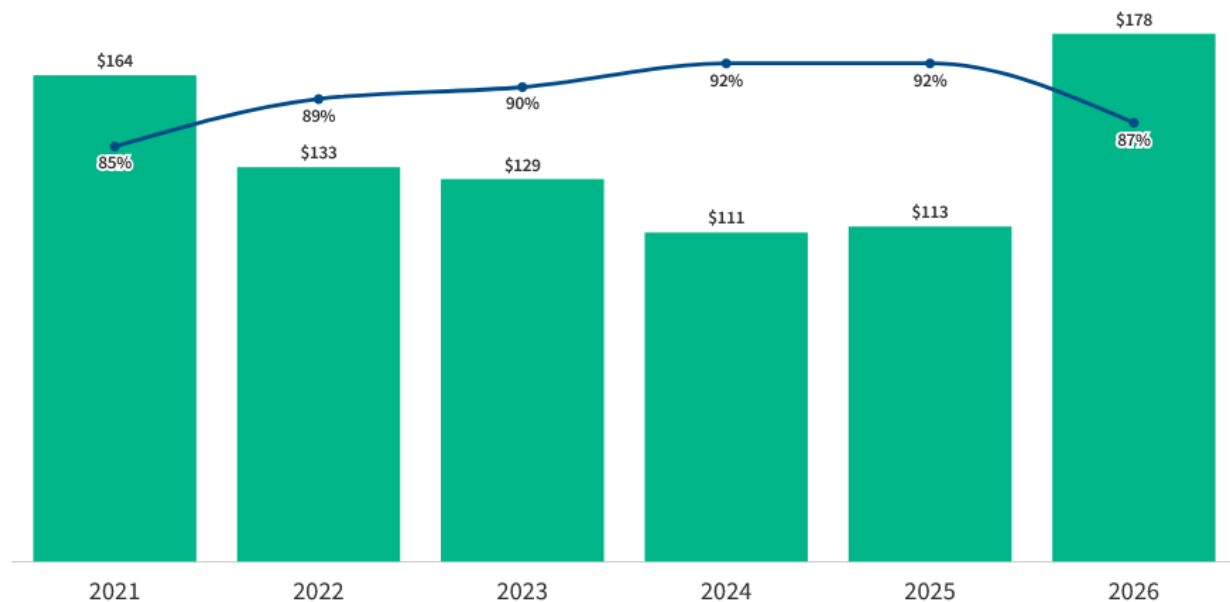
- Passing the Big Ugly Bill, which will cut Medicaid by \$1 trillion and kick around 1.5 million Californians off Medi-Cal.
- Failing to extend the enhanced Premium Tax Credit, which will result in nearly 700,000 Californians losing health insurance they purchase on Covered California.

Last year, an analysis by the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University School of Public Health's Center for Infectious Disease Modeling and Analysis found that over 51,000 people a year will die due to Trump's health policies.

RISING INSURANCE COSTS UNDER TRUMP

Average Monthly Net Premium Payment (All Consumers) and Share of Plan Selections Receiving Premium Tax Credits, 2021-2026

■ Share of Consumers Receiving Premium Tax Credits
■ Average Monthly Premium Payment



Source: [Marketplace Open Enrollment Period Report](#)
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Between 2025 and 2026, the average insurance premium on the exchange rose 58%.

HEALTH DISPARITIES

Historically, minorities have faced worse health outcomes than White Americans.

- The average life expectancy in 2023 was 78.4 for White Americans, 74 for Black Americans, 70.1 for Native Americans and Alaska Natives. Life expectancy was higher for Asian Americans and Hispanic Americans, at 85.2 and 81.3, respectively.
- Maternal mortality rates in Black women are three times higher than those of White women, and Black infants have a mortality rate more than twice that of White infants.

Socioeconomic status also plays a big role in health outcomes.

- Those in the top 1% of income live approximately 10-15 years longer than those in the bottom 1%.

HEALTH DISPARITIES (CONT)

President Trump and Congressional Republicans are widening health disparities.

- Medicaid expansion (made possible by the Affordable Care Act) reduced mortality of the low-income population by 2.5%. The Big Ugly Bill's Medicaid cuts will reverse this trend.

Congressional Democrats support efforts to increase access to health coverage, lower healthcare costs, improve access to clinical trials for historically underrepresented populations, and other efforts that would actually reduce health disparities.

MARK'S WORK ON HEALTHCARE

Mark is the Ranking Member (top Democrat) on the Education & Workforce Committee's Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

- This Subcommittee has jurisdiction over employer-based health insurance, which covers about 165 million Americans.
- In this capacity, Mark has authored legislation to tackle our nation's mental health crisis (Mental Health Matters Act) and address rising rates of claims denials by insurance companies (Consumer Health Claim Assistance Act).

MARK'S WORK ON HEALTHCARE (CONT.)

- In recent years, prescription drugs costs have risen sharply (8.6% per year from 2020-2023).
 - Mark sponsors the Lowering Drug Costs for American Families Act (H.R. 6166) to allow all Americans to take advantage of reduced drug prices negotiated by the Medicare program.
- Around 22 million Americans were impacted by the expiration of the enhanced Premium Tax Credit that helped them buy health insurance.
 - Mark sponsors the Health Care Affordability Act (H.R. 247) to permanently extend the enhanced tax credit.
- To permanently end the lack of healthcare coverage for millions of Americans, Mark sponsors the Medicare for All Act (H.R. 3069).

THANK YOU!

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