Town Hall: Countdown to Republican Shutdown

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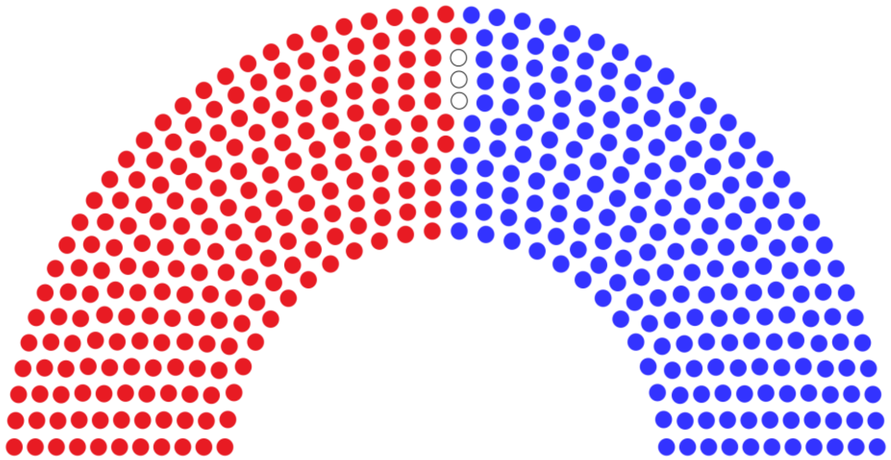
Republicans Hold Majorities in Both Chambers of Congress

U.S. House

219 Republicans, 213 Democrats

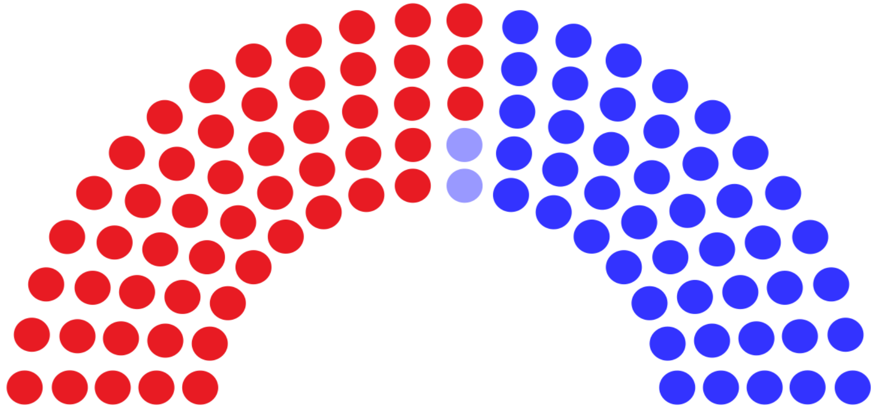
3 vacancies (AZ-07, TX-18, and TN-07)

**AZ-07 has a Member waiting to be sworn in*



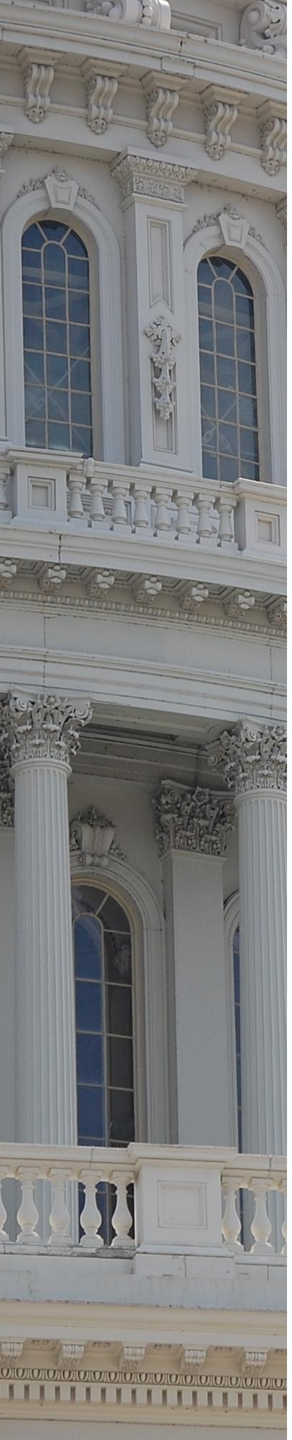
U.S. Senate

53 Republicans, 47 Democrats and Independents



Being in the minority means Democrats do not have the power to decide which bills are voted on or debated, or to call hearings.

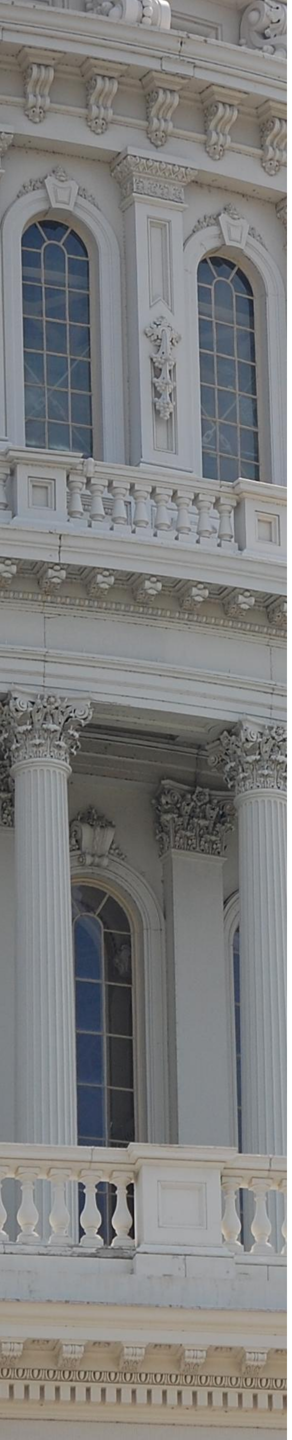
But that doesn't mean we aren't taking action.



Republican Budget Mismanagement

- Fiscal Year 2025 ends today. As no law has been passed to provide funding for the next fiscal year, the federal government will shut down at midnight ET tonight (9pm PT).

- With Republicans in charge in the House, Senate, and White House, if they are unable to pass a budget, they hold all responsibility for a shutdown.
  - President Trump did not submit his discretionary budget request until May, which is three months late.
  - Congressional Republicans have not passed a single one of the 12 necessary spending bills into law, risking a government shutdown at the end of the month.

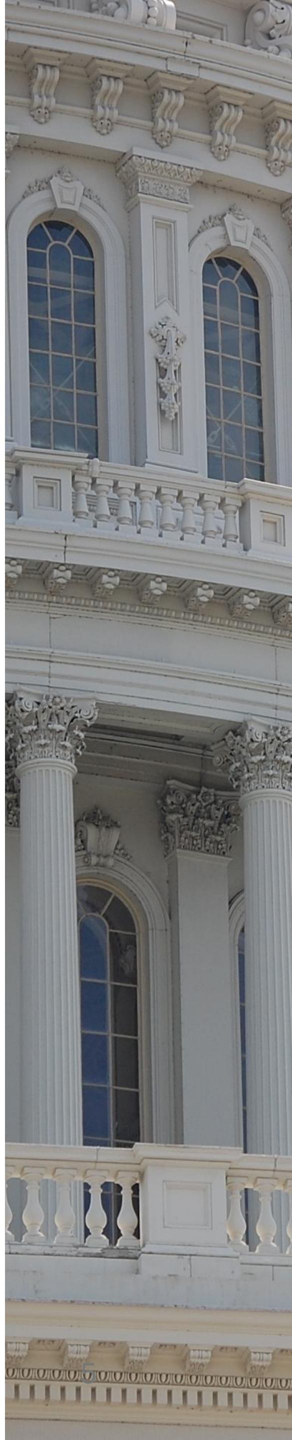


Republican Budget Mismanagement (cont.)

- Republicans have chosen not to negotiate with Democrats to craft bipartisan spending bills that could pass in the House and Senate.
- Abandoning bipartisan negotiations, Republicans are attempting to ram through a partisan short-term funding bill that would:
  - Fail to avoid steep hikes in health insurance premiums for all Americans;
  - Result in the loss of health care coverage for millions; and
  - Hand even more tax cuts to billionaires.

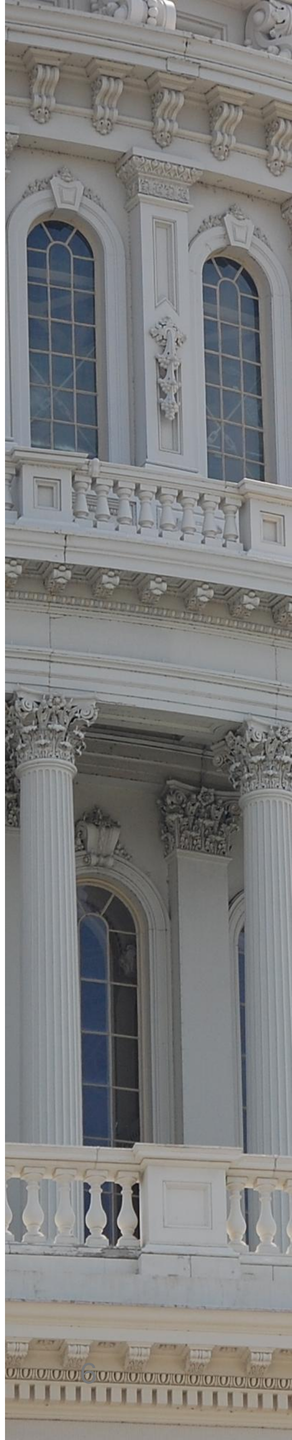
Health Insurance Affordability

- The Affordable Care Act created the Premium Tax Credit, which helps low- and middle-income individuals and families afford health insurance purchased through the exchange (Covered California in our state):
  - In February 2025, nearly 2 million Californians had health insurance through Covered California.
  - The generosity of the PTC was increased in President Biden's American Rescue Plan and extended through the Inflation Reduction Act.
  - The enhanced PTC ensures that low-income households can afford health insurance through Covered California, and that no household spends more than 8.5% of its income on health insurance premiums.
  - Without further action by Congress and the President, the enhanced PTC will expire at the end of 2025, making it harder for ordinary Americans to afford health care coverage.

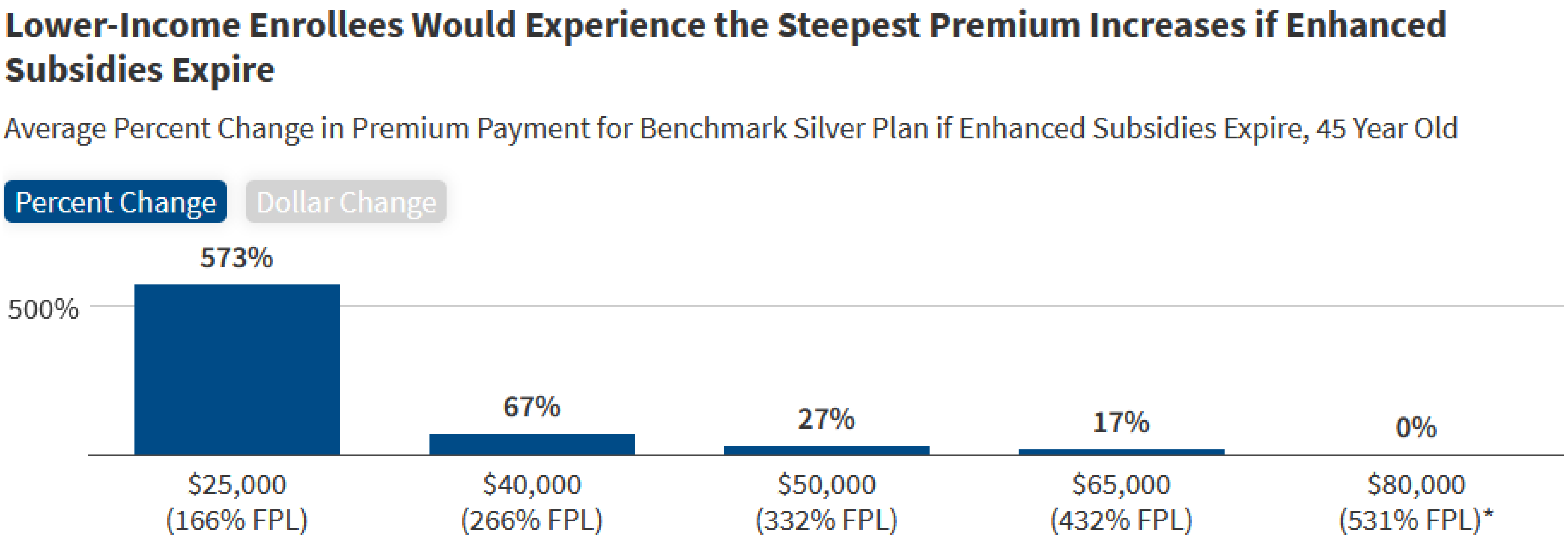


Looming Health Care Crisis

- **If the enhanced PTC is allowed to expire at the end of 2025, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the uninsured population would increase by 2.2 million next year.**
- **According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, health insurance premiums are expected to increase by an average of around 18%, raising serious concerns about affordability.**
- **Against this backdrop, the One Big Ugly Law also makes steep cuts to Medicaid, largely beginning in 2027, which are expected to kick 7.5 million Americans off Medicaid.**

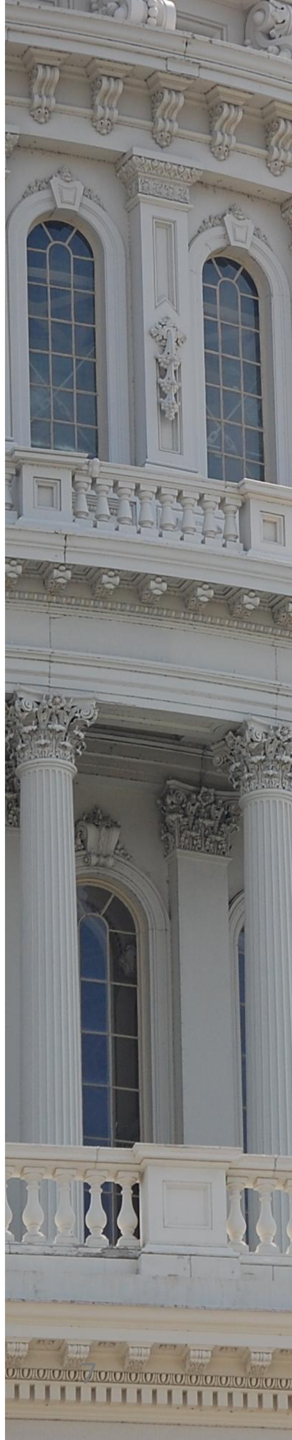


Rising Health Insurance Premiums



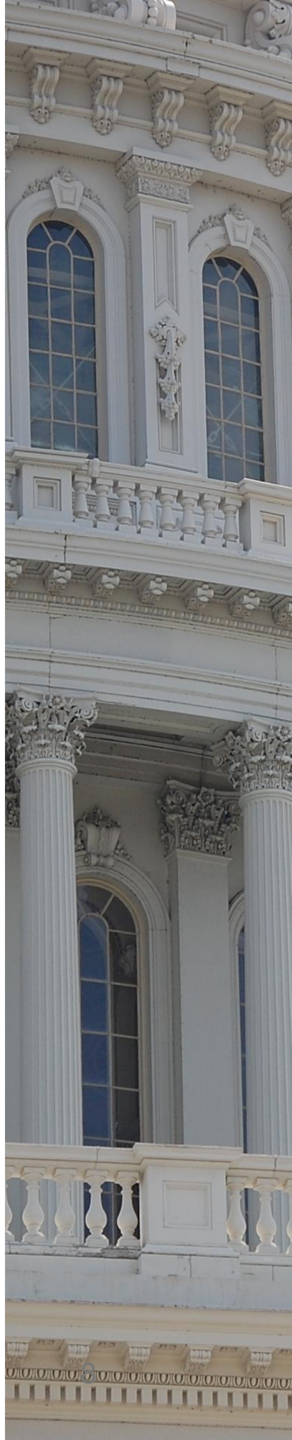
This chart shows the percentage increase a single 45-year-old at five different income levels might expect next year in their health insurance premiums if Congress fails to extend the enhanced PTC.

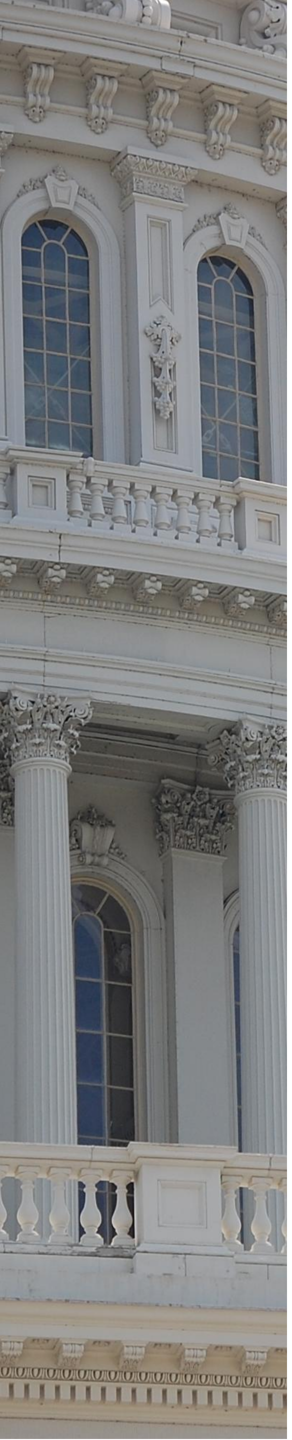
A failure to act would disproportionately harm low- and middle-income Americans.



Democrats Are Fighting Back

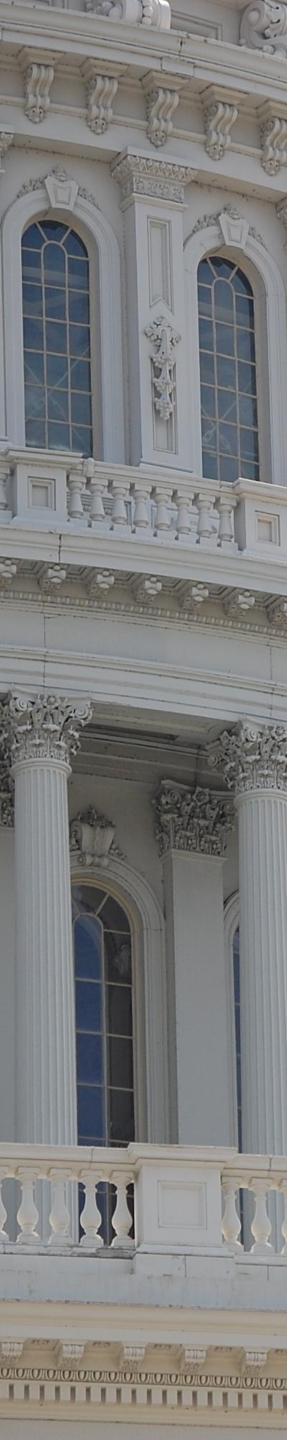
- While Republicans stayed home this week as we're just hours out from a shutdown, Democrats returned to DC and stand ready to pass a funding bill that includes necessary protections for Americans' health care and Congressional authority over the budget.
- House and Senate Democrats aren't just saying NO to Republicans—we are saying YES to the fair CR we wrote that would keep the government open and protect access to health care for millions of Americans. The Democratic proposal would:
  - Keep the government open through October 31, allowing vital services to continue while leaders negotiate full-year funding;
  - Permanently extend expiring tax credits that make health insurance more affordable for over 20 million Americans; and
  - Reverse cuts in the One Big Ugly Law, which are set to kick 10 million Americans off their health care (including 7.5 million Americans off Medicaid).





What to Expect from a Shutdown

- During a government shutdown, mandatory programs like Social Security and Medicare would not be affected.
- VA medical facilities will remain operational, but some services for veterans would stop, including education, job training, and support for veteran-owned businesses.
- All non-essential federal functions would come to a halt, many federal employees would be furloughed, and millions of federal employees and servicemembers would go without pay.
  - The Trump Administration is also encouraging federal agencies to fire federal workers who would otherwise be furloughed.



What to Expect from a Shutdown (cont.)

Our office will remain open to assist constituents with federal agencies, and Congressman DeSaulnier will continue working to enact responsible government funding that does not impose harmful cuts to critical programs that provide for millions of Americans.

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