



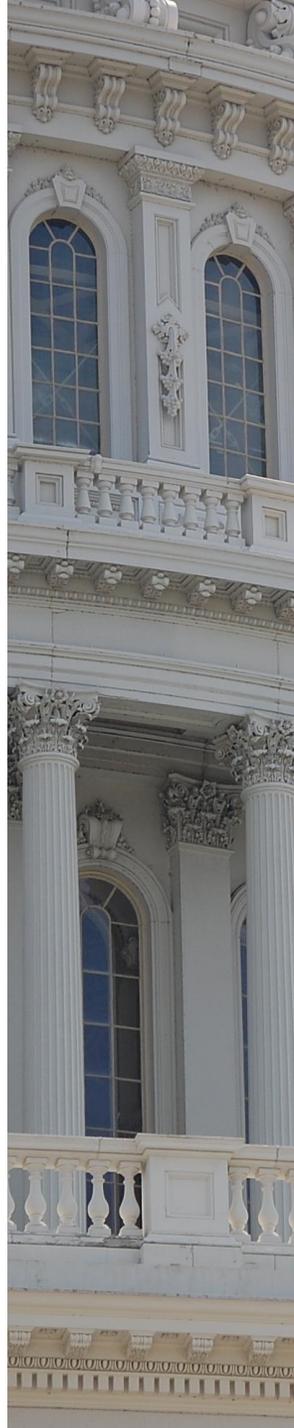
January Town Hall

January 13, 2026

House Ethics: Congressional vs. Campaign Activity

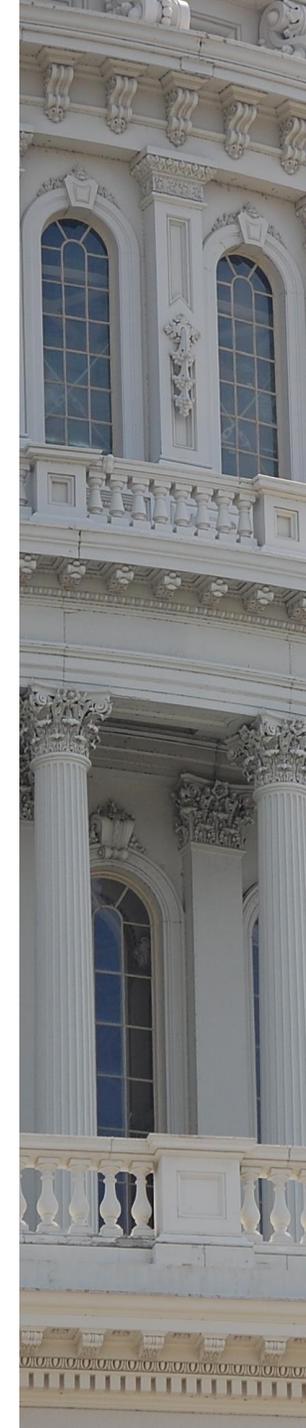
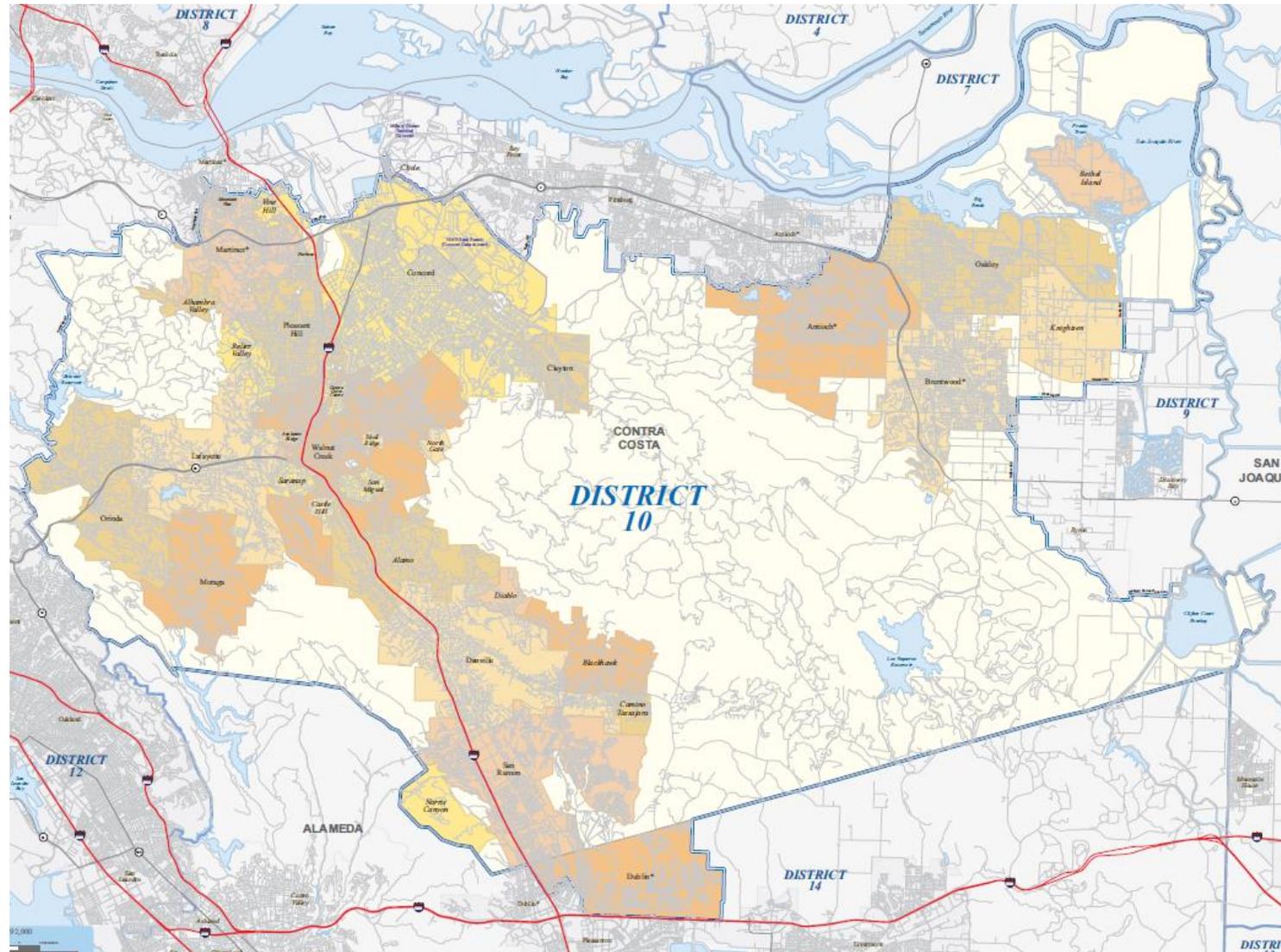
- Members of Congress are governed by the House Code of Official Conduct, which includes standards for whether, how, when, and where Members may engage in campaign activity.
 - This town hall is being hosted in my official capacity as Representative for California's 10th District, not as a candidate in a campaign. Therefore, House Rules prevent me from:
 - Solicitating, receiving, and accepting campaign contributions.
 - Making political endorsements.
 - Directing attendees to websites, resources, or events created or operated by a campaign or any campaign-related entity, including political parties and campaign committees.

You can learn more about the House Code of Official Conduct and how it relates to this event here:



California's 10th Congressional District

CA-10 includes most of Contra Costa and part of Alameda County



Team DeSaulnier Wrapped

2025

2025



172,672
Constituent
Opinions
Registered

23
Town Halls
Hosted

444
Legislative
Efforts
Supported

374
Events
Attended

5,735
Town Hall
Attendees

1,491
Constituent
Cases
Resolved

Current Administration Actions

- Pardons
- Venezuela
- Greenland
- Minnesota
- Investigation into Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell



ICE on Our Streets

- Congressman DeSaulnier joined his House Democratic colleagues in a letter to DHS Secretary Noem and ICE Acting Director Lyons demanding transparency and accountability into the investigation of the death of Renee Good.
- Congressman DeSaulnier also supports legislation protecting birthright citizenship (H.R. 3368); prohibiting immigration enforcement in sensitive locations like schools, churches, and medical facilities (H.R. 1061); and requiring ICE agents to take off their masks and identify themselves (H.R. 4176).

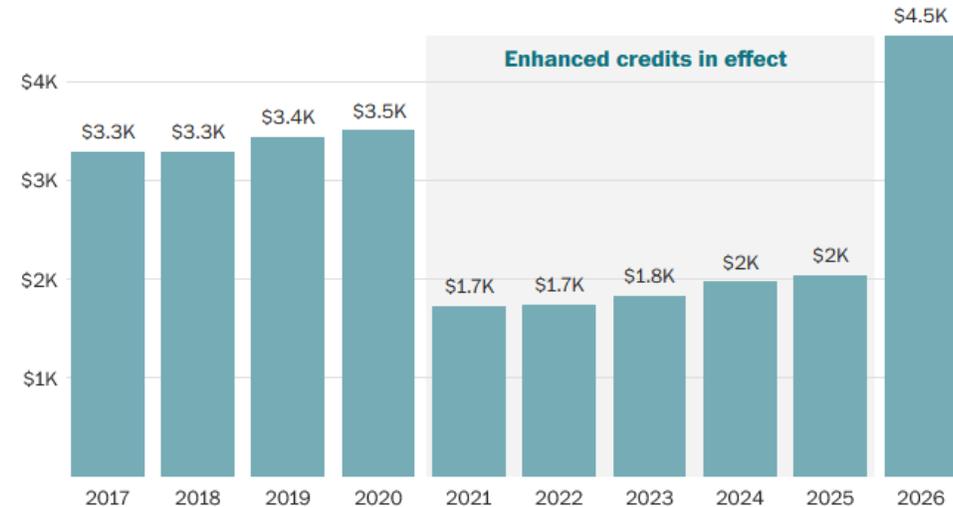


Health Care Update

- The Affordable Care Act (2010) created the Premium Tax Credit.
 - This tax credit helps low- and middle-income individuals and families afford health insurance purchased through the exchange (known as Covered California in our state).
 - The PTC was enhanced in President Biden's American Rescue Plan and extended through the Inflation Reduction Act, both of which Congressman DeSaulnier voted for.
 - **The enhanced PTC expired at the end of 2025, making it harder for millions of Americans to afford health care coverage, as shown by the chart to the right.**

Premiums would more than double for a couple making \$53K

Without the enhanced credits, a family at 250% of the poverty level would pay about 8% of their income for a silver plan on the ACA marketplace



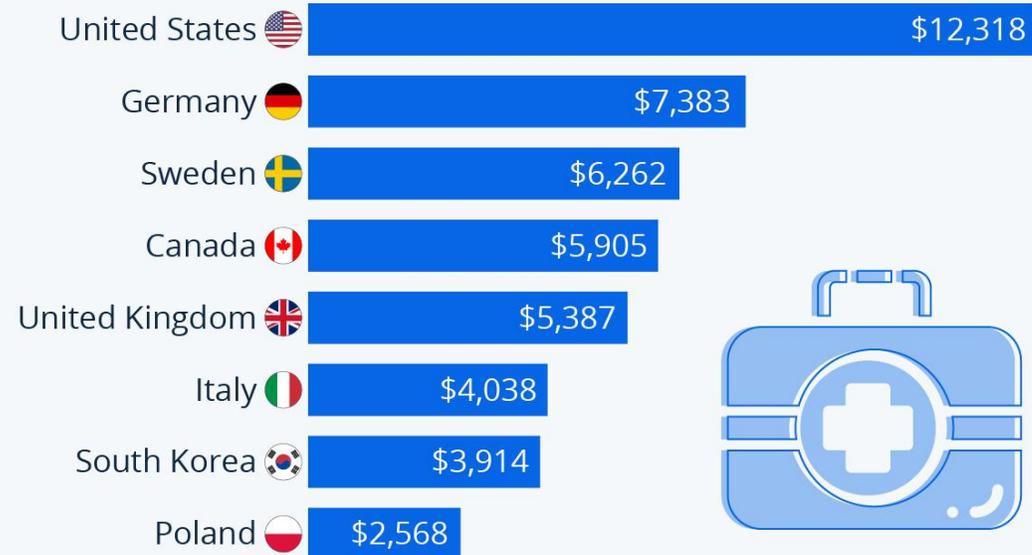
Estimates reflect the cost of a silver plan for a family of 2 with an income at 250% of the federal poverty level, which was \$40,600 in 2017 and \$52,875 in 2025.

Health Care Update (cont.)

- House Democrats used a procedural tool known as a discharge petition to force a vote on a bill (H.R. 1834) to extend the enhanced PTC for an additional three years.
 - This bill passed the House with all Democrats and 17 Republicans voting in support. It will now head to the Senate for consideration.
- While a similar proposal previously failed to pass the Senate, House passage of this bill will put additional pressure on bipartisan negotiators to develop a plan that could provide real relief for Americans who are struggling with health care costs.

The U.S. Has the Most Expensive Healthcare in the World

Per-capita health expenditure in selected countries in 2021



Includes government and private/compulsory and voluntary spending

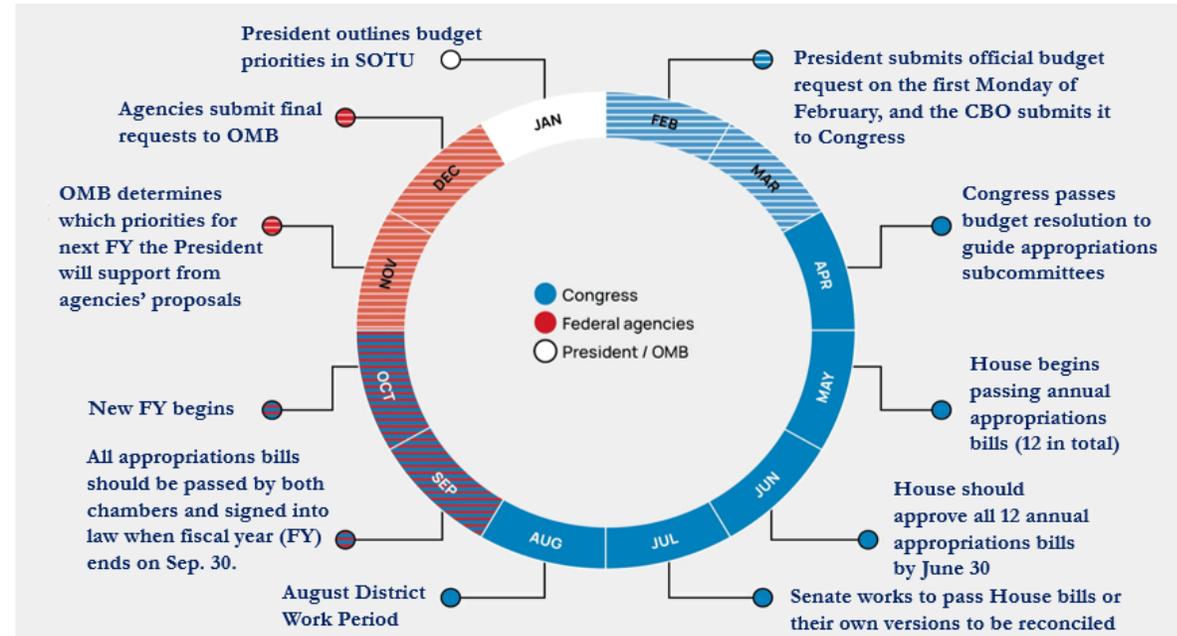
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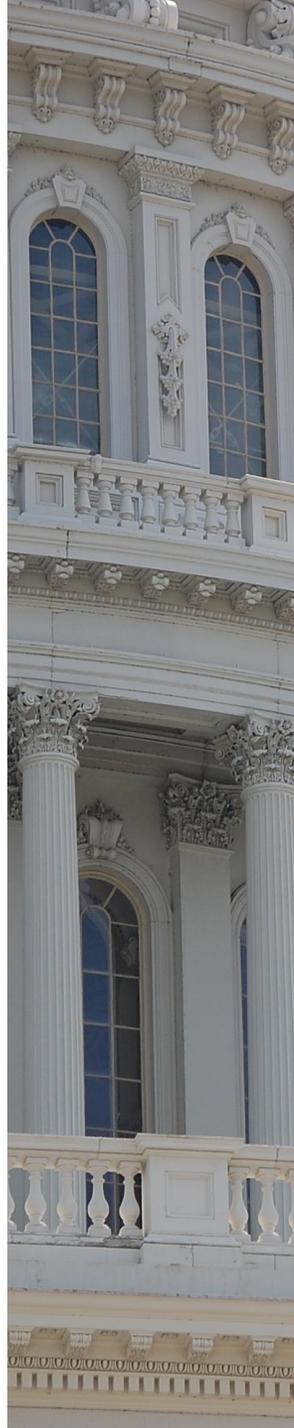
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Federal Funding Update

- On November 12, 2025, Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) and ended the longest ever government shutdown.
- The CR keeps the entire government open until January 30th. Further action is needed to avoid a partial shutdown.
- The House of Representatives passed a bipartisan spending bill earlier this month to fund additional parts of the government and is scheduled to vote on additional funding bills this week, but by the end of the week at least 4 funding bills remain to be passed before January 30th.
- Congressman DeSaulnier and House Democrats are working to hold the Administration accountable through the funding process.

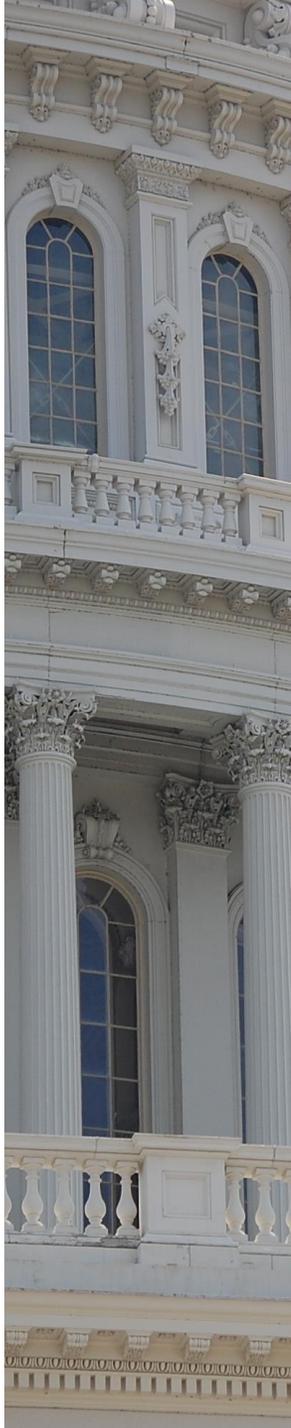


How the appropriations process should work



Childcare Funding Freeze

- On January 6th, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) illegally froze childcare and family assistance funding across five states—including California—with Democratic governors over alleged fraud.
- Frozen funds include:
 - \$7.35 billion for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), which provides cash aid to low-income families with children.
 - \$2.4 billion for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which helps low-income families afford childcare.
 - \$869 million for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), which allows states to offer childcare, elder care, support for people with disabilities, and other social programs.
- The AGs from the five targeted states sued and a federal judge has temporarily blocked the funding freeze from taking effect.
- Congressman DeSaulnier joined colleagues in sending a letter to HHS Secretary Kennedy opposing this funding freeze and requesting evidence of any alleged fraud. Without clear evidence, this funding freeze is an illegal targeting of Democratic states.



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