



Who's afraid of the Big Bad Bill? We are and here's what we can do about it.



You probably already know what news is driving this week: Republicans are trying to jam Trump's big bad bill through Congress.

A terrible version of it already passed the House, and a new -- somehow even more terrible -- version is progressing in the Senate. Trump and congressional leaders are driving toward final passage before the July 4 congressional recess. Here are the three things you've got to know:

1. **This bill is historically bad.** The Senate bill cuts taxes for millionaires and billionaires; makes massive cuts to Medicaid and Food Stamps; supercharges Trump's mass deportation agenda to terrorize communities, including thousands of new deportation agents; devastates rural hospitals; and adds \$4 trillion (!) to the national debt.
2. **This bill is very unpopular.** Nothing I listed above is popular. None of it. People like Medicaid, food stamps, and hospitals. People do not like cutting taxes for billionaires or taking Trump's anti-immigrant militarization tactics nationwide.

3. **This is not yet a done deal -- so public pressure matters.** The House and Senate have to work out their differences before this becomes law. The GOP margins in the House and Senate are tight, vulnerable members up for reelection are skittish about voting for a deeply unpopular bill, and every day of delay makes their coalition more precarious. The last thing congressional leadership wants is a lot of angry constituents pressuring their members.

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Republican leaders are moving quickly because they're scared of pushback. They're terrified that if they let this bill sit out in the open for long, it will suffer the same fate as the Affordable Care Act repeal of 2017 and fall apart. They're worried people will notice that this new bill cuts a trillion dollars from healthcare and other popular programs to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

This is why they are trying to move quickly! They know many voters don't even know this bill exists, and they like it better that way. The faster Congress moves, the less time there is for public opposition to derail their efforts.

I'll be straight with you: The odds of stopping this bill are still stacked against us. There's nothing Republicans love more than cutting taxes for billionaires and cutting healthcare for everyone else.

But if you'd told me a few months ago that two Republicans are dug-in NO votes, one feels so pinched he's retiring, and Collins and Murkowski -- among numerous others -- are yet to commit? I'd say we kicked ass and had a real shot of winning.

Let's not make it easy on them. Elected officials don't like it when their constituents are pissed off at them. Sometimes it changes their votes. Sometimes it leads to their electoral defeat. But their constituents won't know

Sometimes it leads to their electoral defeat. But their constituents won't know to be pissed off at them if they don't know this bill exists.

It's times like this that demand one simple thing of grassroots movement: we've got to make some noise. We've got to break through the cacophony of daily news and distraction to communicate to as many people as possible what Republicans are on the verge of doing this week. And we have to let Republicans know we're doing that.

So please read on to this week's action items. We need to be as big of a pain in the ass to Congress as we can this week.

In solidarity,

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Your weekly to-dos

With the healthcare of over 17 million Americans and the financial well-being of millions more on the line, this week's to-dos are focused on the urgent need to stop the budget-busting, Medicaid-slashing reconciliation bill:

1. **Call your Republican senators to demand that they VOTE NO.** We only need two more GOP senators to oppose the reconciliation bill for it to fail the upcoming Senate vote, and a handful of them remain truly undecided. *Can't get through on the phone? Send them an email.*
2. **Email your representative to say you won't stand for cutting SNAP and Medicaid to fund billionaires' tax breaks.** If the reconciliation bill squeaks through the Senate, it will be sent back to the House for another razor-thin vote. We need to get a jumpstart on stopping it there.
3. **Volunteer for a phonebank this week to mobilize working people against this reconciliation bill.** Pass or fail, the reconciliation fight

doesn't end with the upcoming vote. Our work to reach people in key districts is going to continue, and we have several shifts open this week to make calls.

4. **Join our “What’s the Plan?” call this Thursday to hear Leah and Ezra break down the latest on the MAGA agenda.** Every Thursday at 3pm ET (12pm PT), our co-founders jump online to discuss the news of the week, highlight our work, and answer your questions directly! Come be part of a free-flowing, interactive chat about resisting this megabill and the rest of Trump’s agenda.

P.S. Indivisible is currently putting everything we’ve got into the fight to stop this big ugly bill, and we could really use your help to fund the effort. Our billboards, phonebanks, canvassing, and support for other on-the-ground pressure tactics all come with a cost. **If you can afford to chip in today, we’ll put your contribution to work.**

This week's update on the Republican Tax Scam

As we write this update on Monday afternoon, the Senate is debating amendments to its SNAP-slashing, Medicaid-crushing reconciliation bill -- leading up to a final vote late on Monday or very early Tuesday, July 1. Republicans still haven’t locked in all the votes:

- Senators **Rand Paul (KY)** and **Thom Tillis (NC)** are all-but-guaranteed NO votes.
- Senator **Susan Collins (ME)** still has major reservations about the Medicaid cuts and -- despite voting to begin debate -- has indicated she’s “leaning against” voting for final passage.
- **Lisa Murkowski (AK)**, **Shelley Moore Capito (WV)**, and **John Curtis (UT)** have expressed opposition to SNAP or Medicaid cuts and may still choose not to support the final bill, while a handful of “**budget-hawks**”

led by Rick Scott (FL) are holding out for even deeper cuts.

If Paul and Tillis stand strong as NO votes, only two more Republicans need to abstain or vote no before the vote fails. It's an uphill fight, but it's possible -- especially if we keep the pressure on.

If you live in a red state:

Call your Republican senators right now to demand that they vote NO on the reconciliation bill that takes people's healthcare, puts grocery costs out of reach, and turbocharges the national deficit.

If you live in a blue state:

Join a phonebank from 6-8pm ET (3-5pm PT) this Monday-Wednesday to call the Americans most harmed by this bill and connect them directly to their GOP Members of Congress.

And remember: Even if the Senate approves the bill tonight, it still needs to pass again in the House, where opposition is already lining up. We'll have another chance to stop this monstrosity, and we won't stop fighting until every vote is cast. So if you've got a Republican representative, go ahead and use this tool to send them an email.

Join a day of action against ICE

Home Depots have become a primary target of brutal ICE raids. We've seen ICE round up dozens of day laborers at a time, including US citizens. We've seen them smash windows to snatch people out of cars.

On July 1, our partners in the labor movement are holding a Stand Up to ICE day of action at Home Depots across the country. Workers will head to Home Depots to distribute Know Your Rights leaflets containing information on what to do if you see someone detained or if you are detained by ICE.



[Click here to see if there's an event happening at a Home Depot near you on Tuesday, July 1, and sign up to stand with workers and your community against ICE's brutal, unlawful raids.](#)

This day of action is being led by our friends SEIU and the Labor Force. Please follow their [guidance for safe, legal actions on July 1](#), and refer any questions to your local event organizers.

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Over the weekend, Senate Democrats forced Republicans to spend 16 hours reading their entire megabill aloud on the Senate floor, and they're further slowing the vote by submitting a bonanza of amendments.


None of this was guaranteed! **Indivisible Brooklyn** held a rally on Saturday urging Schumer to force a full reading of the bill, and hours later he announced he would. These delays give the American people -- and Republican senators (!) more time to understand what's actually in this monstrous bill.

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