

**STATE FACT SHEET:
Extreme MAGA House Republicans’ Reckless Plan Would Have Devastating
Impacts for Hard-Working Families Across Illinois**

Cuts would endanger public safety and worsen public health, raise costs for families and students, and harm seniors and veterans in Illinois—while multi-millionaires and big corporations would get massive tax cuts

Today, the White House released a new analysis highlighting the devastating impacts of extreme MAGA House Republicans’ reckless plan to gut critical support for hardworking families across Illinois while delivering massive tax breaks for the super wealthy and big corporations.

This week, Speaker McCarthy [doubled down](#) on holding the full faith and credit of the United States hostage and risking economic chaos and catastrophe in order to force draconian cuts that will endanger public safety and worsen public health, raise costs for families and students, and harm seniors and veterans. The House Freedom Caucus was quick to [praise](#) Speaker McCarthy’s proposal as consistent with their own, which would slash critical investments in hard-working families by roughly 20%. What’s more, House Republicans are demanding these reckless cuts while advancing [trillions in deficit-increasing tax cuts](#) skewed to the super wealthy and big corporations.

That’s in sharp contrast with [President Biden’s Budget](#), which invests in America, [lowers costs for families](#), protects and strengthens Medicare and Social Security, and [reduces the deficit by nearly \\$3 trillion](#) over 10 years, while ensuring no one making less than \$400,000 per year pays a penny more in new taxes.

In Illinois, the extreme MAGA House Republican plan would:

Endanger Public Safety and Worsen Public Health

- **Cut 470 Rail Safety Inspections in Illinois.** At a time when train derailments are wreaking havoc on community safety, extreme MAGA House Republicans’ proposal would lead to **470** fewer rail safety inspection days and **1400** fewer miles of track inspected in Illinois next year alone. Since the Norfolk Southern train derailment, bipartisan Senators have called for more rail inspections, not fewer.
- **Deny 800 Illinoisans Admission to Opioid Treatment.** The extreme MAGA House Republicans’ proposal would deny admission to opioid use disorder treatment for more than **800** people in Illinois through the State Opioid Response grant program—denying them a potentially life-saving path to recovery.
- **Jeopardize Air Safety by Shutting Down at Least 6 Air Traffic Control Towers in Illinois.** The Extreme MAGA House Republicans’ proposal would shut down services at at least **6** Air Traffic Control Towers in Illinois, and produce wait times of two hours or more at some large airports across the country.

Raise Costs for Families and Students

- **Eliminate 10,800 Preschool and Child Care Slots in Illinois.** The extreme MAGA House Republicans’ proposal would mean **7,400** children in Illinois lose access to Head Start slots and **3,400** children lose access to child care—undermining our

children's education and making it more difficult for parents to join the workforce and contribute to our economy.

- **Strip Food Assistance from 541,000 Illinoisans.** MAGA Republicans are [threatening](#) food assistance for up to **485,000** Illinoisans with their proposals for harsh new eligibility restrictions in SNAP. The extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would also mean **56,000** million women, infants, and children would lose vital nutrition assistance through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), increasing child poverty and hunger.
- **Make College More Expensive for 229,500 Illinoisans.** The extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would not only eliminate Pell Grants altogether for **2,900** students in Illinois, it would also reduce the maximum award by nearly \$1,000 for the remaining **226,600** students who receive Pell Grants—making it harder for them to attend and afford college.
- **Raise Housing Costs for 28,300 Illinoisans.** Under the extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal, **28,300** families in Illinois would lose access to rental assistance, including older adults, persons with disabilities, and families with children, who without rental assistance would be at risk of homelessness.

Harm Seniors and Veterans

- **Worsen Social Security and Medicare Assistance Wait Times for 2.5 million Illinois Seniors.** Under the extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal, people applying for disability benefits would have to wait at least two months longer for a decision. With fewer staff available, **2.5 million** seniors and people with disabilities in Illinois would be forced to endure longer wait times when they call for assistance for both Social Security and Medicare.
- **Threaten Medical Care for 186,300 Illinois Veterans.** The extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would result in 30 million fewer outpatient visits for our nation's veterans all across the country. That means **186,300** veterans could lose access outpatient visits in Illinois, leaving them unable to get appointments for care like wellness visits, mental health services, and substance disorder treatment.

This analysis assumes an across-the-board reduction of roughly 22% compared to currently enacted FY 2023 levels for non-defense discretionary accounts. That aligns with Congressional Republican proposals to return discretionary spending to FY 2022 levels on an ongoing basis while exempting defense spending.

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