

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

Cuts would endanger public safety and worsen public health, raise costs for families and students, and harm seniors and veterans in Maine—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 Maine 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 Maine, the extreme MAGA House Republican plan would:

Endanger Public Safety and Worsen Public Health

- **Cut 30 Rail Safety Inspections in Maine.** At a time when train derailments are wreaking havoc on community safety, extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would lead to **30** fewer rail safety inspection days and **310** fewer miles of track inspected in Maine next year alone. Since the Norfolk Southern train derailment, bipartisan Senators have called for more rail inspections, not fewer.
- **Deny 100 Mainers Admission to Opioid Treatment.** The extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would deny admission to opioid use disorder treatment for more than **100** people in Maine through the State Opioid Response grant program—denying them a potentially life-saving path to recovery.

Raise Costs for Families and Students

- **Eliminate 1,100 Preschool and Child Care Slots in Maine.** The extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would mean **800** children in Maine lose access to Head Start slots and **300** 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 35,000 Mainers.** MAGA Republicans are [threatening](#) food assistance for up to **30,000** Mainers with their proposals for harsh new eligibility restrictions in SNAP. The extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would also mean

5,000 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 22,000 Mainers.** The extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal would not only eliminate Pell Grants altogether for **300** students in Maine, it would also reduce the maximum award by nearly \$1,000 for the remaining **21,700** students who receive Pell Grants—making it harder for them to attend and afford college.
- **Raise Housing Costs for 3,200 Mainers.** Under the extreme MAGA House Republicans' proposal, **3,200** families in Maine 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 384,900 Maine 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, **384,900** seniors and people with disabilities in Maine would be forced to endure longer wait times when they call for assistance for both Social Security and Medicare.
- **Threaten Medical Care for 42,000 Maine 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 **42,000** could lose access outpatient visits in Maine, 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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