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North Carolina families will suffer without bipartisan disaster relief funding in “CR” budget extension bill

- **\$8.7 billion in investments – negotiated in the recently released “continuing resolution” – for North Carolina’s disaster relief efforts are under attack.**
- If this disaster relief bill doesn’t pass, North Carolina will **lose out on...**
 - **Over \$3.2 billion** for federal highway emergency relief in North Carolina
 - **Over \$1.6 billion** for disaster recovery through Housing and Urban Development for community development to assist with long-term housing, infrastructure, and economic recovery needs for hardest-hit communities
 - **\$674 million** in disaster payments and economic assistance for the farmers who feed us from across the state
 - **Over \$1 billion** for the **National Park Service** to rebuild and preserve the Blue Ridge Parkway, and **\$429 million** more for other NC parks projects
 - **\$2.2 billion dollars** for the Small Business Administration to help fund the **\$172 million** in requested loans from over **2,000 North Carolina small businesses**
 - **\$550 million** for clean water access through the State Revolving Fund program and **\$14 million** for North Carolina’s decentralized wastewater systems
 - **\$1.9 million** for disaster repairs at Veterans Affairs hospitals and facilities to care for those who have served in our nation’s military and their families
 - **Millions of dollars** in defense repairs to North Carolina military installations affected by Helene
 - **Millions of dollars** for rebuilding destroyed and damaged child care facilities and services affected by Helene – because child care is infrastructure
 - **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) funding** for addressing marine debris and coastal mapping off the North Carolina coast
- **On top of losing out on disaster funding, not passing the budget extension bill would shut the government down.**

Not passing a budget extension bill would shut the government down and have serious consequences

- **HUNGER:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits **may be affected** in a prolonged shutdown. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) food safety activities and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory activities – **like inspections** – will be delayed across the country.
- **HOUSING:** The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) will stop insuring some new mortgages and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will stop processing some new loans. Veterans Affairs will continue to guarantee home loans. Funding for federal housing/rental assistance programs, such as Housing Choice Vouchers, may be jeopardized.
- **HEALTHCARE:** Current Medicare, Medicaid, and disability insurance beneficiaries will continue to receive their benefits if a shutdown lasts less than three months but could be affected should the shutdown last longer.
- **HIGHER EDUCATION:** The Department of Education (ED) would likely cease almost all operations during a shutdown. ED’s contingency plans say that more than 90 percent of employees would be furloughed. At this point in the academic year, there will likely not be significant impact on

colleges and universities, but institutions will not be able to receive any new funding or technical assistance.

- **VETERANS:** All Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities and clinics will remain operational. The VA will continue to process veterans' benefits. However, veterans will be affected by the shutdown of other services that they count on, including education and job training, support for veteran-owned businesses, and even assistance for homeless veterans.
- **SOCIAL SECURITY:** Recipients will continue to receive their Social Security and SSI checks. The Social Security Administration (SSA) will provide limited services like issuing Social Security cards and holding appointments for benefit applications. However, SSA will stop services like benefit verifications and processing overpayments. Customer service wait times will dramatically increase.
- **MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT:** All active-duty and Guard and Reservists on active-duty orders are expected to work without pay. On-base non-acute health care will cease, while off-base care provided through Tricare will not be affected. On-base child care will be open on a case-by-case basis. Federal law enforcement will be required to work without pay for the duration of a shutdown.
- **HOLIDAY TRAVEL:** Air traffic controllers, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers, and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents **will remain on the job without pay**. If some do not report to work there will be significant delays and longer wait times across the country.
- **NATIONAL PARKS:** Services that require National Park Service staff — including trash removal and operating campgrounds and concessions — may be stopped. Closures will be determined on a location-by-location basis.
- **MAIL:** The U.S. Postal Service will continue to operate.

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