

Big "NOT" Beautiful Bill and Our Rural Communities



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Hi Steve,

Over the last month, lawmakers at the state and federal levels have been busy passing laws, unfortunately, for the worse. On Independence Day, Congress passed HR 1, ironically titled the **"One Big Beautiful Bill Act"**, by the slimmest of margins in the Senate, with Vice President J.D. Vance breaking the tie. Don't let its title fool you—this legislation is far from beautiful. Not only will the pockets of billionaires and corporations get fatter through unfair tax cuts, but this **"Big Ugly Bill"** will deliver a devastating blow to the hard-working families of rural North Carolina.

HELP FUEL OUR FIGHT TO PROTECT RURAL NC!

Up to **500,000 North Carolinians could lose healthcare** due to harsh Medicaid changes, putting rural hospitals like UNC Health Southeastern at risk of closure. Over **600,000 children may also lose access to meals** under new SNAP restrictions. Recently, the NC General Assembly overrode Governor Josh Stein's vetoes on several harmful bills — all with narrow bipartisan support. These include **laws forcing local police to cooperate with federal immigration agents, raising energy costs, and allowing charter school staff to carry guns on campus.**

We know many of you are angry, scared, and rightfully outraged by what this means for our families and neighbors. [New Rural Project \(NRP\) needs you to stand with us](#) as we fight back—mobilizing to protect those rural communities most at risk and demanding accountability from leaders who should be serving us, not corporate interests.

Donate TODAY to help NRP fight back!

Remember, the more voices, the more powerful the impact. Change occurs most effectively when communities stand united against injustice. This will be a tough battle, but we will overcome it together!

In solidarity,

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P.S. [Call your NC representatives](#) and/or [your federal representatives](#) and tell them you *do not approve* of the heinous bills that have been passed. Tell them your story. Remind them who they work for. [Stay informed about the local NC elections happening in your area this year](#) and vote for candidates who will do the best job of protecting you and your rights.



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