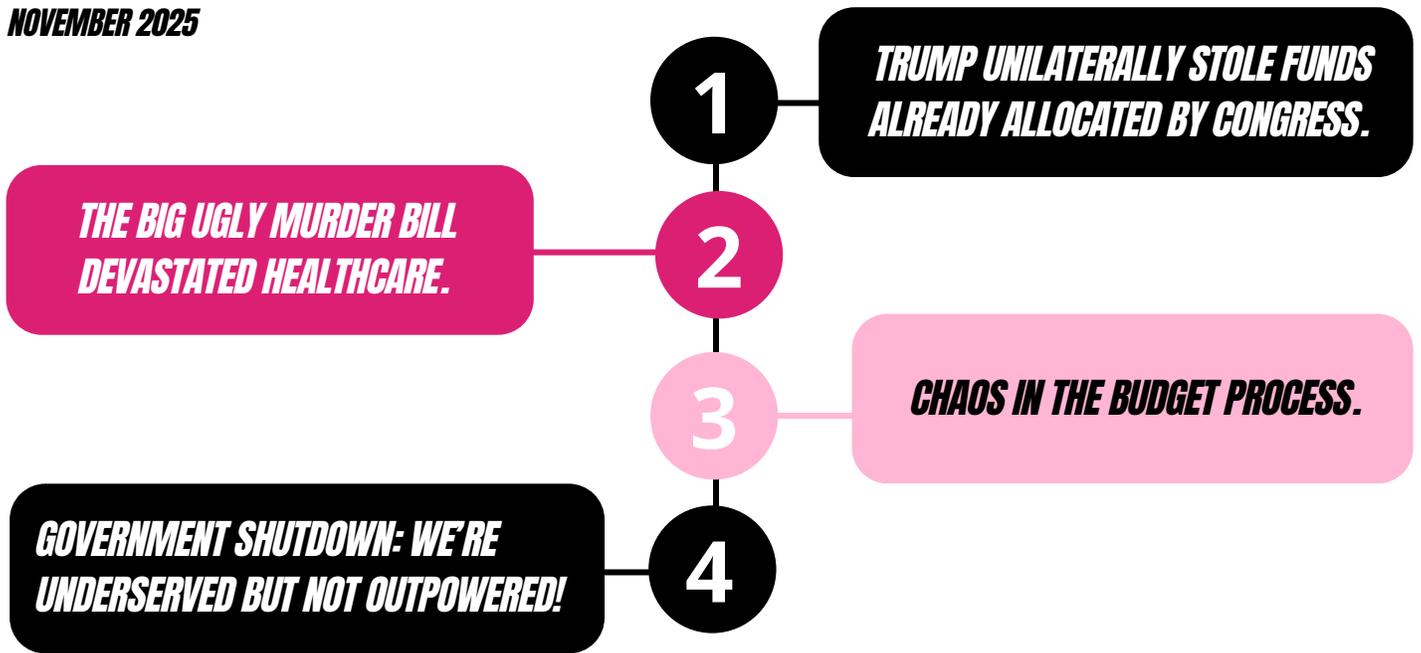


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## 1 ▷ TRUMP UNILATERALLY STOLE FUNDS ALREADY ALLOCATED BY CONGRESS

### TRUMP ILLEGALLY IMPOUNDED FUNDS ▷

The Trump Administration froze, delayed, and canceled federal funding that Congress already appropriated, disrupting agencies and programs, including health agencies, research, and more.

### CONGRESS RESCINDED FUNDS ▷

Trump asked Congress to claw back (aka rescind) money. Congress agreed and stole over \$9 billion dollars by rescinding funding that they themselves had already approved.

**\$3.7 BILLION FOR USAID**

**\$4.7 BILLION FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**

**\$1.07 BILLION FOR PBS/NPR**

### TRUMP USED ILEGAL POCKET RECESSIONS ▷

Trump stole foreign affairs funding by sending the request to Congress with less than 45 days notice—to make sure the money did not get spent before the end of the fiscal year.

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## MAGA'S BIG UGLY MURDER BILL

### TRUMP'S PRIORITIES IN THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION PROCESS:

- Congress used the "budget reconciliation" process to **fast track approval** of devastating cuts to mandatory spending programs!
- Reconciliation bills can't be stalled by a filibuster. This means only a simple majority, and not a supermajority Senate vote (60 out of 100 votes), is needed. Essentially, reconciliation bills allow a majority party that controls Congress and the presidency to advance policy **without minority party resistance**.
- The reconciliation bill (aka "One Big Beautiful Bill" or H.R.1) passed along partisan lines. Most, but not all, Congressional Republicans voted for the bill. All Democrats voted against the bill.

### THE MURDER BILL BENEFITS THE WEALTHY AND INCREASES ICE FUNDING:

- The Big Ugly Murder Bill essentially steals from working class and working poor folks to provide benefits for the wealthy and to feed the ICE deportation machine. The bill included the **largest wealth transfer** to the rich - **\$5 trillion** in tax cuts - and **\$170.7 billion** for ICE and border security.

**\$1 TRILLION CUT  
FROM FEDERAL  
HEALTHCARE**

**\$500 BILLION CUT  
FROM MEDICARE**

**15 MILLION PEOPLE  
WILL BE UNINSURED**

**ENDS PREMIUM  
TAX CREDITS**

**THREATENS CLOSURE  
OR SCALING BACK AT  
OVER 300 RURAL  
HOSPITALS**

**760,000  
MANUFACTURING  
AND ENERGY JOBS  
LOST**

**INCREASE PREMIUMS  
FOR 24 MILLION  
AMERICANS**

**DRASTIC CHANGES  
TO MEDICAID  
ELIGIBILITY**

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## CHAOS IN THE BUDGET PROCESS

### 2026 BUDGET PROCESS IS A BATTLE GROUND:

- In light of the impoundments, rescissions and the Big Ugly Murder Bill cuts, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget process is a **crucial battleground**.
- The federal government's yearly budget is made up of 12 appropriation bills. The House and Senate must agree on the appropriation bills OR pass a continuing resolution (CR) - which "kicks the can down the road" to keep the government funded in the interim - by the end of the fiscal year, September 30.

### HOUSE REPUBLICANS PROPOSE TO FURTHER GUT HEALTHCARE:

- The House Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) appropriations bill proposed cutting \$6.8 billion from HHS, including \$2 billion dollars in federal HIV prevention and care programs, and contained **anti-trans, anti-LGBTQ,** and **anti-abortion** proposals. The Senate LHHS bill flat funded (no significant increase or decrease) for federal HIV programs.
- During budget negotiations, most Congressional Democrats fought to restore some of the government benefits cut by the Big Ugly Murder Bill - like the ACA tax credits. **Republican leadership has refused to extend premium tax credits.**
- Because Congress refused to strike a compromise that would protect our healthcare by September 30th, the government shutdown on October 1st.

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## UNDERSERVED, BUT NOT OUTPOWERED!

### THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN BECAUSE CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS ARE REFUSING TO FIX THE HEALTH CARE CRISIS THEY CREATED WITH THE BIG UGLY MURDER BILL.

- Some Republicans in Congress have been **blaming others** for their own doing. Undocumented immigrants are not responsible for the government shutdown. Undocumented immigrants are never eligible for Medicaid, CHIP or other federal benefits. The Big Ugly Murder Bill **actually restricted access to healthcare for documented immigrants.**
- The Trump administration is stealing funds again! The White House is **blocking federal funding to Democrat-controlled states** and **mass firing federal workers** to force representatives into a compromise.

**WE CAN SHOW COLLECTIVE POWER AND RESISTANCE TO FIGHT BACK FOR THE HEALTHCARE OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE.**

# TAKE ACTION: **SAVE HIV FUNDING**

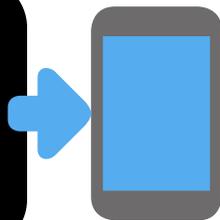
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**WE DEMAND **HEALTHCARE ACCESS!****  
**WE DEMAND **ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS!****

**CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND DEMAND THAT CONGRESS **RESTORE OUR HEALTHCARE AND END THE SHUTDOWN!****

Contact your congresspeople to let them know that **HIV funding is non-negotiable** and that the proposed cuts in the LHS appropriation bill are unacceptable. Congress needs to restore our healthcare and end the shutdown.



**USE THESE CALL SCRIPTS, EMAIL SCRIPTS AND EMAIL TOOLS TO ADVOCATE TODAY!**

  
Urge Congress to Pass Bipartisan Spending Bill  
Save HIV Funding

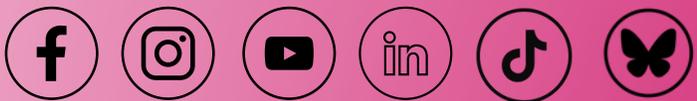
  
#CUTSKill: Tell Congress to Reject the deadly \$2 Billion in cuts to HIV Programs  
Save HIV Funding

  
Tell Congress: Protect Enhanced Premium Tax Credits  
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Protect HIV Prevention, Care, Housing, and Research!  
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