



# Peninsula Town Hall



**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**

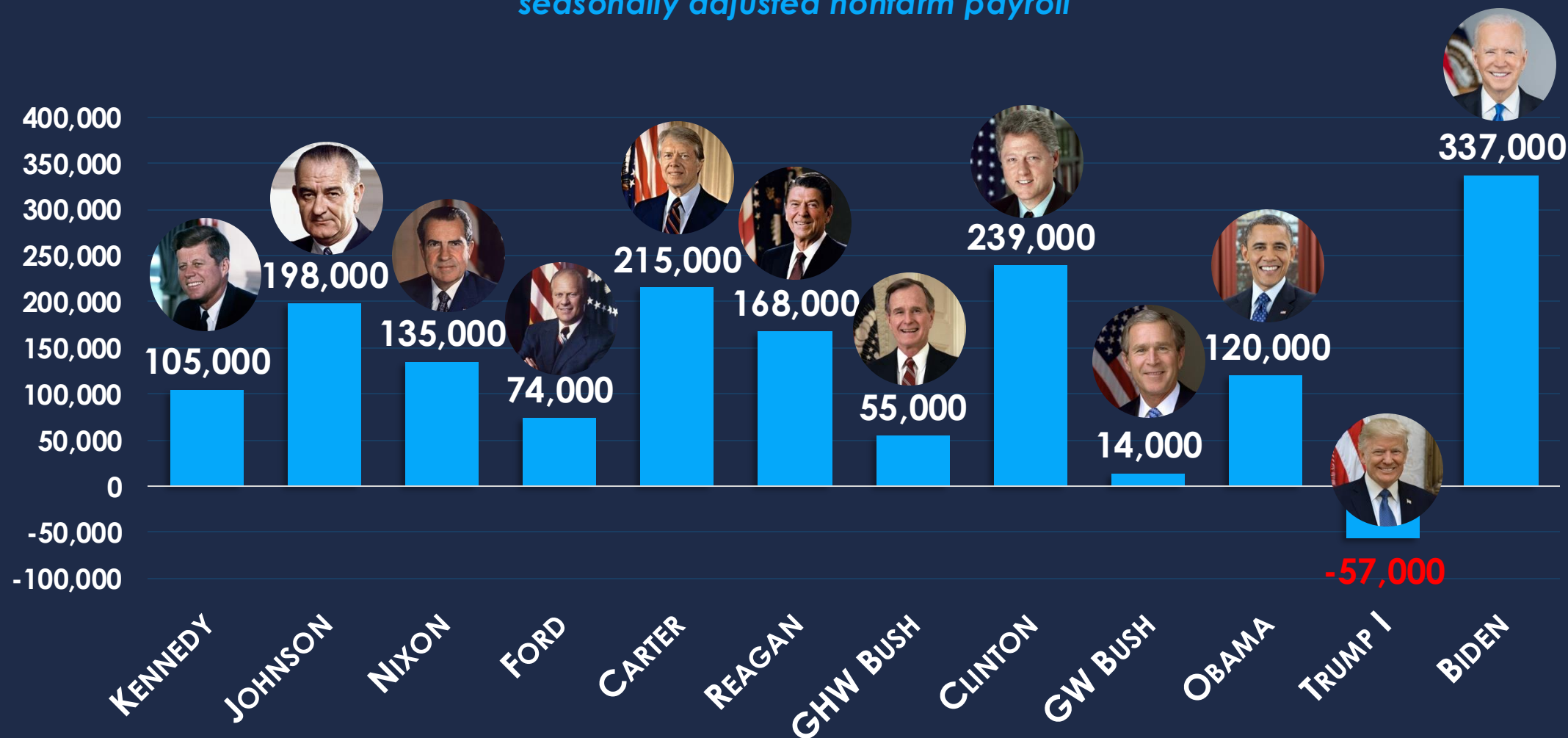
**Gethsemane Baptist Church at The Transformation Place**

5405 Roanoke Avenue

Newport News, Virginia

# Average Monthly Job Change By Administration

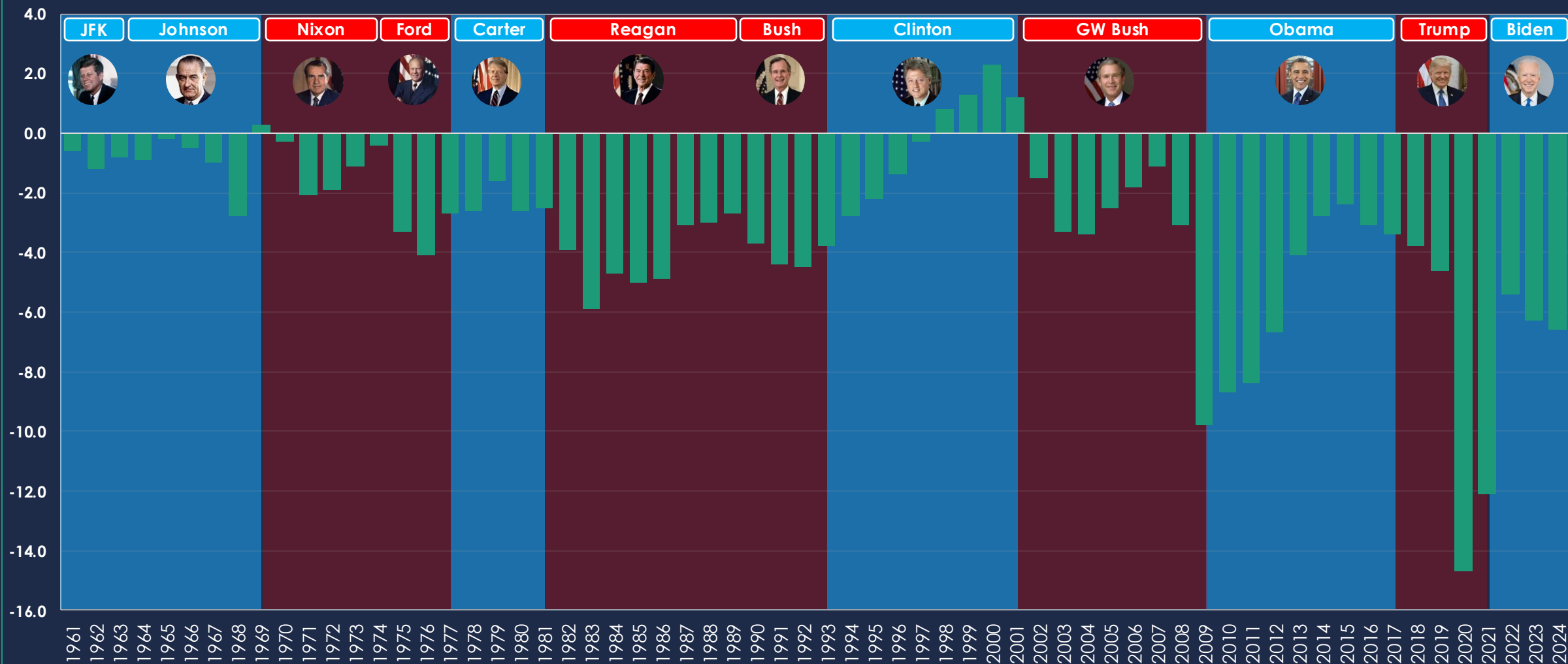
*seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll*



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Federal Budget Deficit By Administration

*deficit as a percentage of GDP*



Source: Office of Management and Budget

# Trump/Republican Budget At A Glance

- **\$7 trillion** in deficit-financed tax handouts for corporations and billionaires.
  - **\$5.5 trillion** that Republicans fraudulently claim are free
  - **\$1.5 trillion** in additional revenue losses
- **\$880 billion** in cuts that will decimate Medicaid
- **\$230 billion** in cuts that threaten food assistance
- **\$5 trillion** debt limit increase
- More than **\$14 trillion** in new debt over the decade

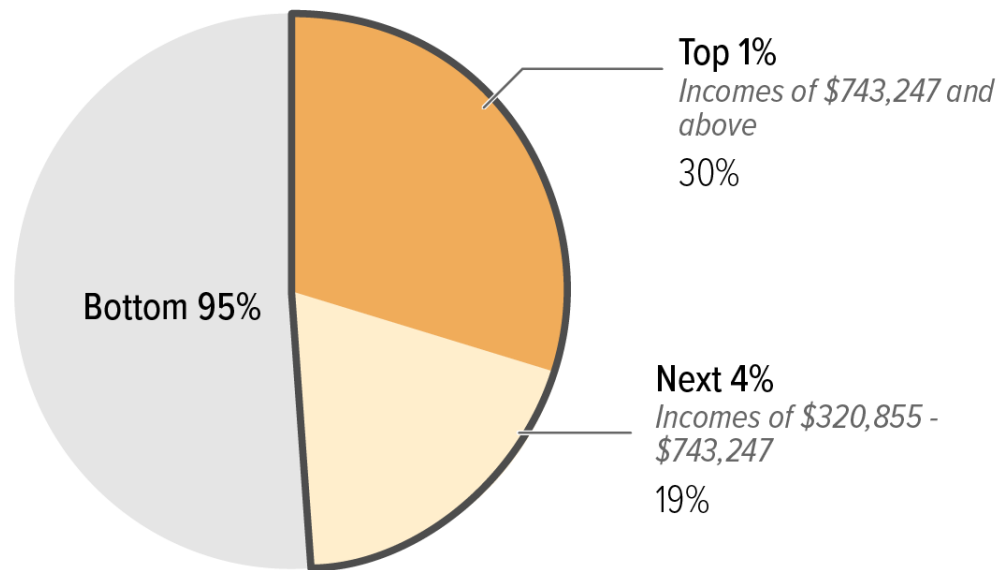
# Trump/Republican Budget At A Glance

## In Virginia's Third Congressional District (VA-03) Alone:

- **25,000 people** who receive coverage under the Affordable Care Act in VA-03 would see their average premium go up by \$810 per year — a 66% increase.
- In VA-03, the **253,052 people** on Medicaid (also known in Virginia as Cardinal Care) are at risk of losing their health care under Republican budget plans.
- Threatens the **122,000 people** in VA-03 who count on SNAP to put food on the table.
- Would jeopardize the futures of **23,145 students** in VA-03 who use Pell grants to help afford their education.
- Across Virginia, the Republican budget threatens **451,117 children** who rely on free school lunches.

# Trump/Republican Budget Extends Tax Cuts for the Wealthy and Harms the Middle Class

## Roughly Half of Cost of Extending 2017 Law Reflects Tax Breaks for Top 5% of Households

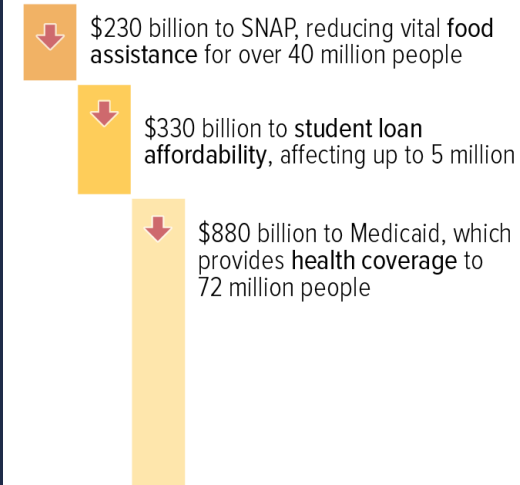


Source: Office of Tax Analysis, Department of Treasury, "The Cost and Distribution of Extending Expiring Provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017"

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## House Budget Shifts More Income Toward Wealthy, Cuts Health Care, Food, Help for College

\$1.4 trillion in cuts affecting low- and middle-income people. May include:



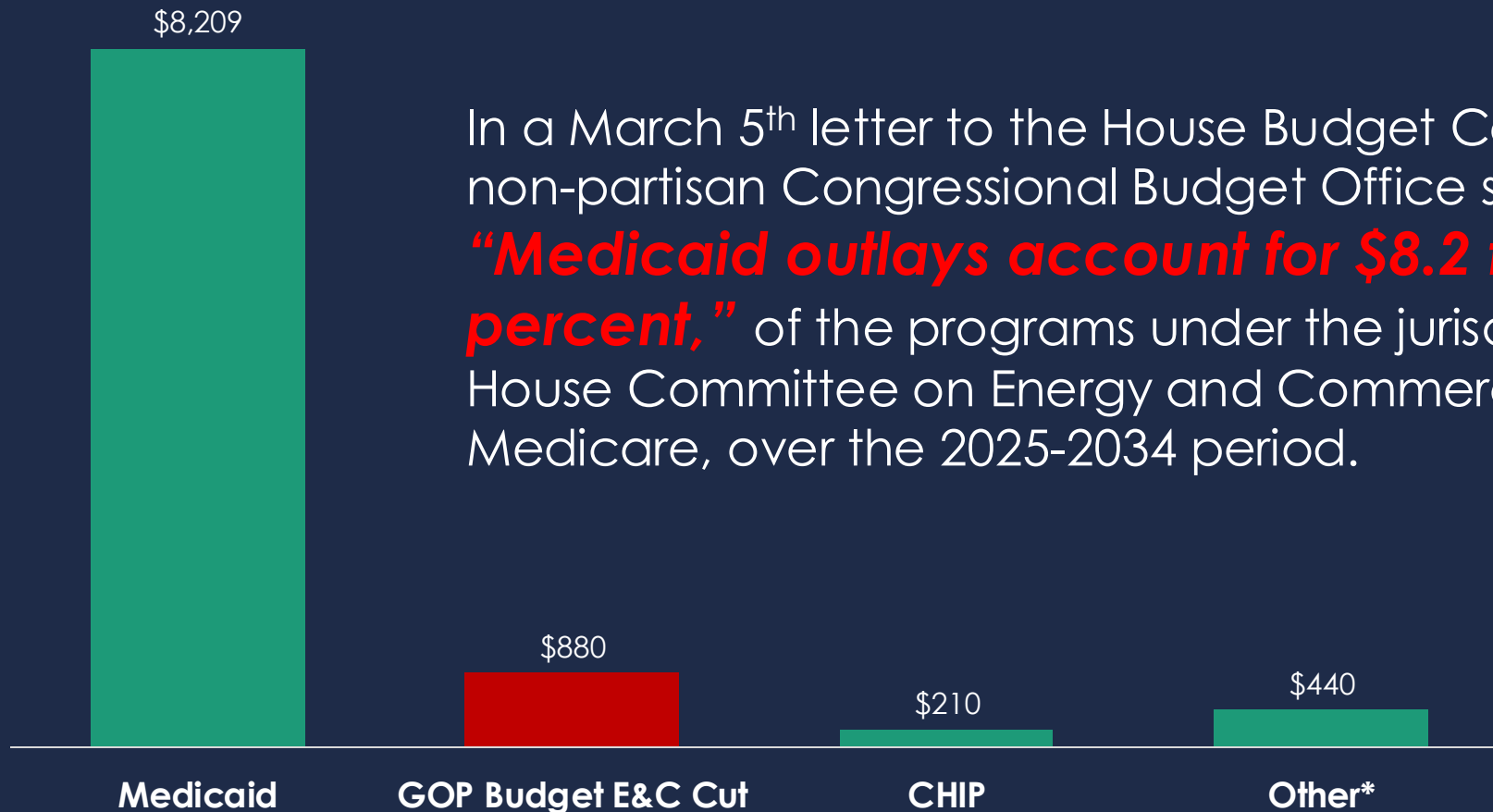
↑ \$1.8T in tax cuts would go to people with incomes in the top 5%

Source: February 12, 2025 House Budget Resolution, Office of Tax Analysis, Department of Treasury, "The Cost and Distribution of Extending Expiring Provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017", CMS October 2024 Medicaid enrollment data. Analysis does not include all cuts in the Budget Resolution. Top 5% includes households with incomes above \$320,855.

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# Trump/Republican Budget Cuts Medicaid

Programs Under the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce (excluding Medicare)  
Projected Cost 2025-2034



In a March 5<sup>th</sup> letter to the House Budget Committee, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office stated:

***“Medicaid outlays account for \$8.2 trillion, or 93 percent,”*** of the programs under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, excluding Medicare, over the 2025-2034 period.

\*Other includes: Risk Adjustment Program, Universal Service Fund, CHIPS and Science Act semiconductor funding.





























# Trump's Tariffs and Trade Wars

- Tariffs increase the prices of imported goods, including products that the United States does not, nor cannot, produce in large quantities, such as coffee.
- Trump's tariffs and trade wars amount to a massive tax on American consumers.
- The Center for American Progress estimates Trump's tariffs could cost American households an average of **\$5,200** every year.

# Trump's Tariffs and Trade Wars

## Americans can expect to pay more for groceries, clothing, and household items due to President Trump's trade war

Illustrative price increases in a selection of household goods based on proposed tariff rates, by country of origin

Item	Country	Price	Tariff rate ▲	Posttariff price	Difference
 <b>Jeans</b>	 Egypt	\$39.98	<div><div>10%</div></div>	\$43.98	+\$4.00
 <b>Avocado, each</b>	 Peru	\$2.00	<div><div>10%</div></div>	\$2.20	+\$0.20
 <b>Strawberries, 1 pound</b>	 Chile	\$5.99	<div><div>10%</div></div>	\$6.59	+\$0.60
 <b>Coffee, 12-ounce package</b>	 Brazil	\$8.30	<div><div>10%</div></div>	\$9.13	+\$0.83
 <b>2025 SUV</b>	 Mexico	\$31,395.00	<div><div>25%</div></div>	\$39,243.75	+\$7,848.75
 <b>Cashews, 18.25 ounces</b>	 India	\$13.99	<div><div>26%</div></div>	\$17.63	+\$3.64
 <b>Soccer ball</b>	 Pakistan	\$17.99	<div><div>29%</div></div>	\$23.21	+\$5.22
 <b>Rice, 3-pound bag</b>	 Thailand	\$13.49	<div><div>36%</div></div>	\$18.35	+\$4.86
 <b>Tea, 100 pack/200g</b>	 Sri Lanka	\$11.00	<div><div>44%</div></div>	\$15.84	+\$4.84
 <b>Children's sneakers</b>	 Vietnam	\$52.00	<div><div>46%</div></div>	\$75.92	+\$23.92
 <b>Shrimp, 12 ounces</b>	 Vietnam	\$6.29	<div><div>46%</div></div>	\$9.18	+\$2.89
 <b>Children's clothing set</b>	 Cambodia	\$24.00	<div><div>49%</div></div>	\$35.76	+\$11.76
 <b>Playstation 5</b>	 China	\$499.00	<div><div>104%</div></div>	\$1,018.00	+\$519.00
 <b>Child's car seat</b>	 China	\$59.00	<div><div>104%</div></div>	\$120.00	+\$61.00

Source: Center for American Progress.  
Current as of April 9<sup>th</sup>.

# President Trump and Elon Musk's DOGE

# Elon Musk's Illegal Mass Firings

- The Trump Administration has unleashed chaos and confusion with Executive Orders and Elon Musk's so-called Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE.
- Demoralizing and destroying the federal workforce in line with the goals of **Project 2025**.
- Purging career civil servants and replacing them with loyalists to Donald Trump. And
- Most of their actions are illegal and being challenged in the courts.

# Elon Musk and DOGE

- Elon Musk has accessed highly personal data in the highly confidential systems in the Departments of Treasury, Labor, Education and others.
- This information includes
  - Social Security, health care payments, and student loan information.
  - Sensitive information about Musk's business competitors.
- Countless lawsuits have been filed, and they are moving through the courts.
- We need 3 Republicans in the House and 4 in the Senate to help rein in Trump and Musk.



**Serving as Ranking Member  
of the House Committee on  
Education and Workforce**

# Leading Committee Democrats in Pushing Back on the Trump – Musk Chaos

**Resolutions of Inquiry:** Following the Trump Administration's illegal Executive Order to dismantle the Education Department (ED), I introduced a to demand transparency and information from the President and Secretary of Education regarding the Administration's efforts to dismantle ED and its potential impact on students nationwide.

**GAO Reports:** The government watchdog is conducting a report, at my request, to assess the security of information technology systems at the Department of Education (ED), the Department of Labor (DOL), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) following reports of President Trump and Elon Musk's unsanctioned Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) illegally accessing data from various government agencies.

**Amicus Briefs:** House and Senate Democratic Leadership filed an amicus brief opposing President Donald Trump's unlawful attempts to fire National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Member Gwynne Wilcox.

**Civil Rights Forum:** I hosted a forum with civil rights leaders to discuss how they are fighting the Trump Administration's systematic attacks on students, workers, and families.

# PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT

- *The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act* (H.R. 20) ensures that workers can decide for themselves whether to exercise their right to form a union.
- This legislation would be the most significant upgrade for workers' collective bargaining rights in more than 80 years.
- The *PRO Act*: (1) empowers workers to exercise their right to organize; (2) holds employers accountable for violating workers' rights; and (3) secures free, fair, and safe union elections.

# RAISE *the* WAGE

GOOD FOR WORKERS, GOOD FOR BUSINESS, GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY

- Gradually raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$17 by 2030.
- Index future increases in the federal minimum wage to median wage growth to ensure the value of minimum wage does not once again erode over time.
- Guarantee tipped workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the subminimum wage for tipped workers, which will ensure decent, consistent pay without eliminating tips.
- Guarantee teen workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the rarely used subminimum wage for youth workers.

**586,000 Virginians would be impacted by the Raise the Wage Act**

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