

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2025

To the people of Florida:

This is a pivotal time in our state as the U.S. Congress debates passage of the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* to grow our economy, create jobs and prevent the largest tax hike in American history.¹ We write to express our unified support for the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* and urge Congress to quickly send it to President Trump's desk to be signed into law.

Florida families will see an increase in wages and take-home pay under our legislation through increased investments in workers, heightened GDP growth and lower tax rates. According to the Council of Economic Advisers, Floridians will see an inflation-adjusted long-run wage increase between \$5,800 and \$11,000. For a typical Florida family with two kids, households will see a take-home pay increase between \$7,500 and \$12,700.² Our bill makes permanent the lower tax rates and the doubled guaranteed standard deduction, while also making permanent and increasing the child tax credit, preventing a \$1,700 tax increase on the average family.³ Coupled with strengthened tax incentives for paid leave and childcare, savings accounts for newborns and increased access to the adoption tax credit, the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* is putting families first.

Florida's tourism-driven economy will also benefit from the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* eliminating taxes on tips and overtime pay for low- and medium-wage workers. Over 193,000 workers across the Sunshine State are employed as restaurant servers, making Florida one of the states with the highest employment level of waiters and waitresses.⁴ Tips account for approximately 21.3 percent of Florida restaurant workers' incomes, meaning these workers depend heavily on customer generosity and see significant unpredictability in their earnings.⁵ Similarly, Floridians who receive overtime pay, including our brave men and women in law enforcement, go above-and-beyond every day to make ends meet. Exempting tips and overtime pay from federal income tax will bring financial stability to hundreds of thousands of Floridians.

Millions of seniors across Florida will see real relief from our bill with more money in their pockets. The *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* provides an additional bonus of several thousand dollars

¹ Council of Economic Advisers. (2025, April). "The Economic Impact Of Extending Expiring Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act." <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Economic-Impact-of-Extending-TCJA-Provisions.pdf>

² Council of Economic Advisers. (2025, June 18). "The One Big Beautiful Bill Is Good for All 50 States." <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/06/the-one-big-beautiful-bill-is-good-for-all-50-states/>

³ Council of Economic Advisers. (2025, April). "The Economic Impact Of Extending Expiring Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act." <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Economic-Impact-of-Extending-TCJA-Provisions.pdf>

⁴ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2022, May). *Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2022*. [https://www.bls.gov/oes/2022/may/oes353031.htm#\(1\)](https://www.bls.gov/oes/2022/may/oes353031.htm#(1))

⁵ CNBC. (2024, November 13). "How much of restaurant workers' income comes from tips in every U.S. state—in one map." <https://www.cnbc.com/2024/11/13/map-us-states-where-restaurant-workers-rely-the-most-on-tips.html>

to the standard deduction for low- and middle-income seniors. This provision will help our 5 million plus seniors plan for expenses like medication and housing.⁶

Our bill also supports the 3 million small businesses in Florida by restoring and extending key economic tax policies.⁷ The *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* renews 100 percent immediate expensing, or full expensing, allowing small business owners to reinvest in their businesses. We are renewing immediate expensing for research and development while making the small business deduction permanent, incentivizing small businesses to invest and innovate in Florida. Our legislation will also reward new factories built in the U.S., creating thousands of jobs in Florida and onshoring critical supply chains. We are standing with the millions of small businesses across Florida who will be hit with a top tax rate of 43.4 percent if we do not pass the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*.⁸

On top of growing Florida's economy, our *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* will make Florida safe again. By providing billions of dollars in new funding to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Coast Guard, our bill will expedite the removal of criminal illegal aliens and ensure the safety of all Floridians. We are hiring new ICE officers, border patrol agents and immigration judges to expand our capacity to remove illegal aliens. Our bill provides over \$20 billion in additional resources for the Coast Guard's border security mission, which is crucial to protecting our coasts across Florida. In April 2025, DHS, ICE, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the state of Florida demonstrated the urgent need for increased immigration resources through the largest joint immigration operation in Florida history, arresting 1,120 criminal illegal aliens, including 378 with final orders of removal and members of MS-13 and Tren de Aragua.⁹ The *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* will revolutionize our national security.

We are also protecting and strengthening Medicaid for American citizens who need it by rooting out waste, fraud and abuse, and implementing common sense work requirements. Critics of the bill's Medicaid fixes fail to mention the millions of able-bodied adults who access Medicaid while refusing to work. Through the *Affordable Care Act*, Democrats expanded Medicaid eligibility to include any adult earning 138 percent of the federal poverty level and below.¹⁰ Florida has not opted to expand Medicaid to this population.¹¹ The Council of Economic Advisers estimates that less than \$1.5 billion of federal Medicaid dollars are spent on childless,

⁶ U.S. Census Bureau. (2024). "Quick Facts: Florida." <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/FL#>

⁷ U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy. (2022). "2022 Small Business Profile." <https://advocacy.sba.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Small-Business-Economic-Profile-FL.pdf>

⁸ U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means. (2024, December 17). "Top Federal Tax Rate Will Increase to 43.4% for 26 Million Small Businesses if Congress Fails to Act." <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/2024/12/17/top-federal-tax-rate-will-increase-to-43-4-for-26-million-small-businesses-if-congress-fails-to-act/>

⁹ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (2025, May 1). "Largest joint immigration operation in Florida history leads to 1,120 criminal alien arrests during weeklong operation." <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/largest-joint-immigration-operation-florida-history-leads-1120-criminal-alien-arrests>

¹⁰ Morales, Isabelle. (2025, April 25). "Able-Bodied, Unemployed Adults Have Overrun the Medicaid Program." <https://atr.org/able-bodied-unemployed-adults-have-overrun-the-medicaid-program/>

¹¹ KFF. (2025, May 9). "Status of State Medicaid Expansion Decisions." <https://www.kff.org/status-of-state-medicaid-expansion-decisions/>

non-working, able-bodied adults in Florida—less than in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Washington, Michigan and Arizona.¹² This means that Floridians’ federal tax dollars are subsidizing Medicaid for able-bodied adults in less populous, Democrat-run states. The *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* institutes common-sense work requirements that will increase labor participation and reserve Medicaid dollars for those who need them most: the elderly, pregnant women, disabled Americans and needy children.

The *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* will lower taxes for hardworking families, seniors and small businesses, protect Medicaid and strengthen America’s border security. We are committed to seeing this bill become law on behalf of all Floridians.

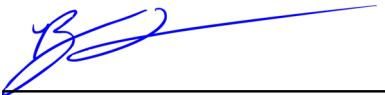
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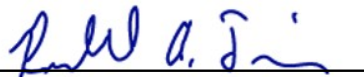
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¹² Council of Economic Advisers. (2025, June). “Medicaid Community Engagement Requirements and the Value of Work.” <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Medicaid-Community-Engagement-Requirements-and-the-Value-of-Work.pdf>




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