

Greg Cunningham (NM-02) Research Report

Significant Findings

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- ✓ Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest cuts to Medicaid in history, slashing local hospital revenue, and would kick nearly 40,000 people in NM-02 off their health insurance.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill let ACA tax credits expire, driving up health care costs for more than 24,000 individuals in NM-02 on marketplace plans.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest SNAP cuts in history, threatening food assistance for more than 60,000 households in NM-02 and across the state, which had the nation's highest SNAP participation rate.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill gutted clean energy tax credits, threatening \$1.3 billion in clean energy investments in NM-02, risking nearly 12,000 jobs in New Mexico, and raising energy costs for New Mexico households by \$220 on average.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill cut crucial health and nutrition resources for rural Americans.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill gave billions in tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy at the expense of working families.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill made health care more expensive for seniors and older Americans.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill would add \$3.4 trillion to the national debt.

Cunningham Was Bad For New Mexico’s Children And Working Families, Opposing Paid Family Medical Leave, A Minimum Wage Increase, And Funding For Pre-K And K-12 Education

- ✓ 2024: Cunningham opposed paid family medical leave, saying it would have “costly effects on our business community” and enable “fraud and misuse.”
- ✓ 2022-2024: Cunningham repeatedly opposed raising New Mexico’s minimum wage, insisting “the free market or supply/demand” should set wages.
- ✓ 2022: Cunningham sided with businesses over working families, saying “employers should decide based on [their] individual situation” whether workers should receive sick leave or PTO.
- ✓ 2022: Cunningham opposed Constitutional Amendment 1, which was approved by New Mexico voters and increased funding for pre-K and K-12 education in the state.

Cunningham Stood Behind Trump's Reckless Policies Including Tariffs And The Iran War, Which Raised Costs And Hurt New Mexico’s Farmers, Families, And Small Businesses

- ✓ Cunningham said he was “so honored” to be added to the NRCC’s MAGA Majority program, which highlighted candidates who “embody the Trump agenda.”
- ✓ Cunningham acknowledged that Trump’s war in Iran caused gas prices to “shoot up,” which raised costs for households across the country.
- ✓ Cunningham said he supported Trump’s tariffs on Mexican imports to “even the playing field” for New Mexico’s farmers.
- ✓ Trump’s tariffs raised costs for New Mexico’s farmers, including the state’s \$54.8 million chile industry.
- ✓ Business leaders in New Mexico were concerned about the impact of Trump’s tariffs on agriculture and small businesses.
- ✓ Cunningham said Trump’s agenda, which sold out New Mexico’s cattle ranchers with Argentinian beef imports, would be his “number one priority” if elected to Congress.

Cunningham Implied ICE Was Justified In Using Violence In Public Spaces To Arrest Undocumented Immigrants And Touted His Past Working With ICE

- ✓ Cunningham implied ICE was justified using violence in public spaces to arrest undocumented immigrants saying “we’re going to put other people at risk” and “there’s going to be collateral damage” to customers, employees, and family members.
- ✓ Cunningham touted his law enforcement career’s work with ICE saying “I’ve worked with INS. I worked with ICE.”
- ✓ Cunningham said the public should “allow ICE to do their job” and the public “needs training” on what ICE does.
- ✓ Cunningham appeared to oppose H.B. 9 which blocked counties from contracting with ICE to hold immigrant detainees, saying it was “going to destroy Cibola, Otero, and Torrance county’s jobs.”

Cunningham Was A Member Of Legacy Church, Which Condemned Same-Sex Marriage, Supported So-Called “Conversion Therapy,” And Called Abortion “Murder”

- ✓ Cunningham was a member of Legacy Church, a New Mexico-based megachurch.
- ✓ Cunningham said Legacy Church Pastor Steve Smotherman challenged him to get involved in politics.
- ✓ Legacy Church and Pastor Smotherman condemned same-sex marriage and espoused extreme rhetoric stigmatizing gay people.
- ✓ Legacy Church opposed a bill to ban so-called “conversion therapy,” a practice the American Medical Association described as dangerous and “unethical.”
- ✓ Legacy Church posted “Abortion is murder!”

Cunningham Claimed In A 2022 Candidate Questionnaire That He Had Never Been Subjected To Tax Liens Despite Him And His Business Facing More Than \$14,000 In Tax Liens From The State Of New Mexico

- ✓ 2022: Cunningham answered “no” when asked if he or his businesses had been subjected to tax liens on a candidate questionnaire.
- ✓ 2012: Cunningham faced a personal tax lien for more than \$2,000 from the state of New Mexico, which was later released.

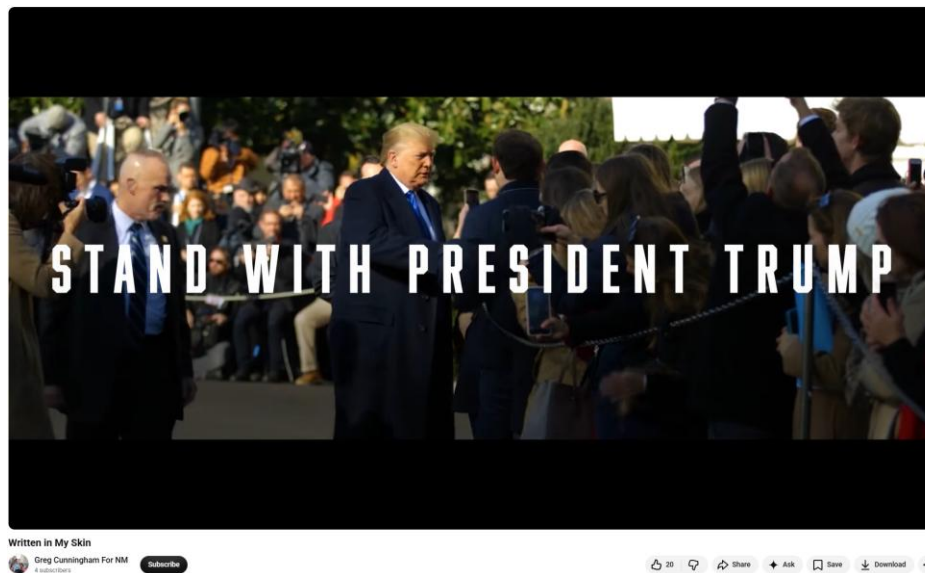
- ✓ After incorrectly answering “no” to the candidate questionnaire when asked about having a history of tax liens despite facing a \$2,000 tax lien, Cunningham blamed the answer on a miscommunication with his campaign consultant.
- ✓ 2012-2016: Cunningham’s business GTG Investigations faced more than \$12,000 in tax liens from the state of New Mexico, which were later released.
- ✓ 2022: Cunningham said he did not know what gross receipts taxes were when he faced liens for not paying them for his business and then called for them to be “abolished.”

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2026: Cunningham Routinely Aligned Himself With Trump, Saying “I’m Going To Stand With President Trump” And “The Most Important Thing Is Right Now The President’s Agenda”

VIDEO: March 2026: Cunningham Said, “I’m Going To Stand With President Trump.” CUNNINGHAM: “I’m going to stand with President Trump in closing down the border, fighting the extreme left, trying to defund the police, and putting Americans and America first. And I will get the job done. Faith, family, freedom. Those things are like what’s on my arm. That’s part of me. It’s written in my skin. That’s why I’m running for Congress.” [Greg Cunningham For NM via YouTube, 2:43-3:08, [3/11/26](#)] (VIDEO)



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AUDIO: January 2026: Cunningham Said Of Priorities For Him If Elected To Congress, “The Most Important Thing Is, Right Now, The President’s Agenda.” CUNNINGHAM: “Well, I think, in my view, the most important thing is, right now, the President’s agenda. I believe that the policies that the President is putting forward are great policies for America in general and CD-2 in particular. So going back to our conversation about the meaning of this seat, there is the way things are playing out, numbers wise, and with the redistricting going on around the country, CD-2 is going to be one of those seats that’s targeted, and so CD-2 and the decisions the I make as a congressman from CD-2 could actually, and again, this is not hyperbole. This is real. Could actually be the

difference between the president getting his agenda through or we're going to be fighting impeachment hearings the next two years, and the government comes to a screeching halt. And so, I think on a personal level, yes, coming from the law enforcement background and a family man and raising children, I absolutely have things that I have earmarked that I want to dig into. And again, it's the border issue. It's, you know, again, I have nine grandchildren, so, you know, safety and education, but the most pressing issue, the most pressing need, is holding the house and getting the President's agenda through, and so that that is would be my number one priority of digging into these issues with the people of the district and the people of New Mexico." [Alamo Sports and Talk, Conservative News Talk, 36:11, [1/16/26](#)] (AUDIO)

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November 2025: Cunningham Circulated A Petition To Get On The Ballot In NM-02, Saying He Wanted To "Support President Trump's Agenda." "I'm a Christian, Marine Corps combat veteran, retired Albuquerque Police Officer, and a husband, father, and grandfather. I'm running for #NM02 to get tough on crime, keep our border secure, support President Trump's agenda - and fire radical liberal Gabe Vasquez! Please sign our petition to get on the ballot here: <https://www.electronicpetitions.elections.sos.nm.gov/gregory-cunningham> and learn more at <http://CunninghamforNM.com>!" [Greg Cunningham, Twitter, [11/7/25](#)]



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March 2026: Cunningham Said He Was “Proud To See President Donald J. Trump Recognized With The Inaugural America First Award.” “Proud to see President Donald J. Trump recognized with the inaugural America First Award us Serving this country has always meant putting people first, protecting our communities, and standing strong in what we believe. That’s the kind of leadership I believe in. @realDonaldTrump” [Greg Cunningham, Twitter, [3/30/26](#)]



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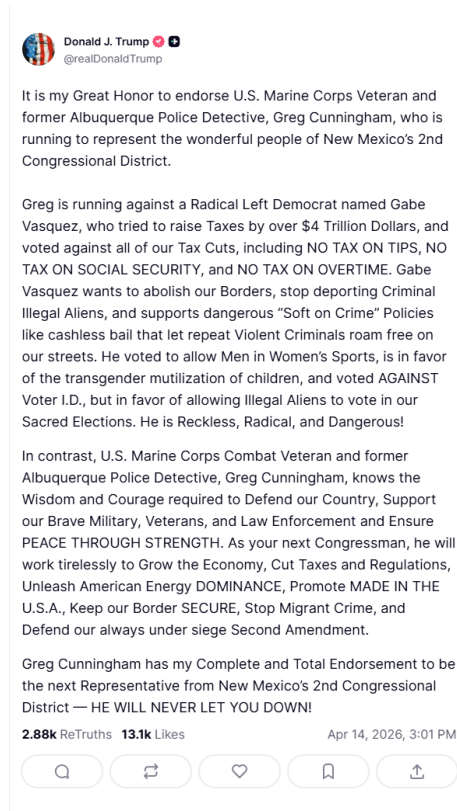
AUDIO: January 2026: Cunningham Suggested The Majority Of Americans Were Happy With The Direction The U.S. Was Going In “Whether They Are Willing To Admit It Out Loud Or Not.” HOST: “And you know, you hear a lot of negativity from the major media and stuff like that, but I think majority of Americans are very happiest with the direction we’re going with the US right now.” CUNNINGHAM: “I would agree with that, whether they are willing to admit it out loud or not. I think that’s true.” [Alamo Sports and Talk, Conservative News Talk, 22:31, [1/16/26](#)] (AUDIO)

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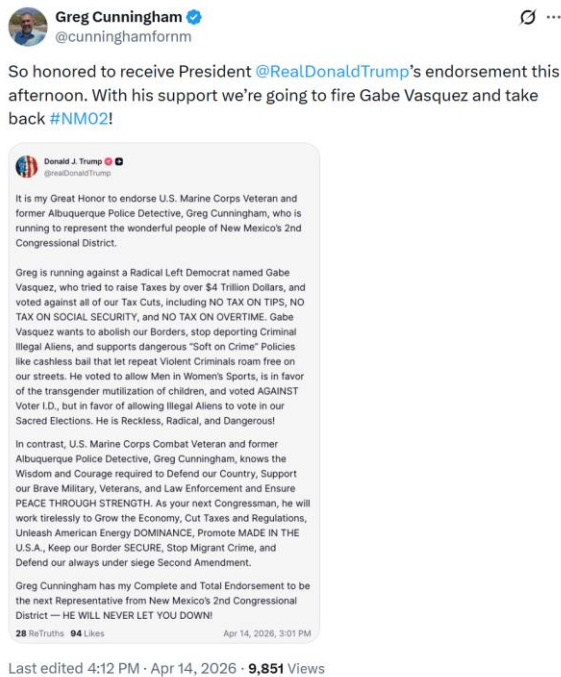
April 2026: Trump Said, “Greg Cunningham Has My Complete And Total Endorsement To Be The Next Representative From New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District — HE WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN!” “It is my Great Honor to endorse U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and former Albuquerque Police Detective, Greg Cunningham, who is running to represent the wonderful people of New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District. Greg is running against a Radical Left Democrat named Gabe Vasquez, who tried to raise Taxes by over \$4 Trillion Dollars, and voted against all of our Tax Cuts, including NO TAX ON TIPS, NO TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY, and NO TAX ON OVERTIME. Gabe Vasquez wants to abolish our Borders, stop deporting Criminal Illegal

Aliens, and supports dangerous ‘Soft on Crime’ Policies like cashless bail that let repeat Violent Criminals roam free on our streets. He voted to allow Men in Women’s Sports, is in favor of the transgender mutilization of children, and voted AGAINST Voter I.D., but in favor of allowing Illegal Aliens to vote in our Sacred Elections. He is Reckless, Radical, and Dangerous! In contrast, U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran and former Albuquerque Police Detective, Greg Cunningham, knows the Wisdom and Courage required to Defend our Country, Support our Brave Military, Veterans, and Law Enforcement and Ensure PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH. As your next Congressman, he will work tirelessly to Grow the Economy, Cut Taxes and Regulations, Unleash American Energy DOMINANCE, Promote MADE IN THE U.S.A., Keep our Border SECURE, Stop Migrant Crime, and Defend our always under siege Second Amendment. Greg Cunningham has my Complete and Total Endorsement to be the next Representative from New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District — HE WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN!” [Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [4/14/26](#)]



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April 2026: Cunningham Said He Was “So Honored” To Receive Trump’s Endorsement. “So honored to receive President @RealDonaldTrump’s endorsement this afternoon. With his support we’re going to fire Gabe Vasquez and take back #NM02!” [Greg Cunningham, Twitter, [4/14/26](#)]



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April 2026: The NRCC Added Cunningham To Their MAGA Majority Program. “The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) today announced Greg Cunningham is being added to the 2026 MAGA Majority program. ‘As a Marine Corps veteran, former Albuquerque police officer, and lifelong New Mexican, Greg Cunningham is ready to defeat radical Democrat Gabe Vasquez and flip NM-02 red this November. Cunningham is the antithesis of Vasquez’s high tax, defund the police, open borders agenda and will finally give New Mexicans the representation they deserve.’ – NRCC Spokesman Reilly Richardson. The MAGA Majority is an NRCC program focused on supporting and elevating the next wave of America First candidates who will help expand the Republican House majority in 2026.” [NRCC, Press Release, [4/27/26](#)]

- **NRCC Press Release: “The MAGA Majority Program Highlights A Slate Of Strong Candidates Running In Key Battleground Districts Across The Country Who Embody The Trump Agenda”.** “The MAGA Majority program highlights a slate of strong candidates running in key battleground districts across the country who embody the Trump agenda: securing the border, lowering costs, restoring energy dominance, and putting American workers first.” [NRCC, Press Release, [4/27/26](#)]

April 2026: Cunningham Said He Was “So Honored” To Be Recognized By The NRCC. “So honored to be included by the @NRCC in this group of fantastic @GOP candidates who will grow our House majority in November! #NM02 is ready for conservative leadership and our campaign is building momentum by the day.” [Greg Cunningham, Twitter, [4/27/26](#)]



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July 2025: Trump Signed The One Big Beautiful Bill, Calling It “The Ultimate Codification Of Our Agenda”

July 4, 2025: Trump Signed The One Big Beautiful Bill. “President Trump on Friday signed a massive spending and tax bill that the White House has dubbed the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill’ to implement much of his domestic policy agenda. The bill passed Thursday after Republican leaders in the House of Representatives convinced holdouts in their own party to get in line behind the controversial legislation.” [NPR, [7/4/25](#)]

June 2025: Trump Called The One Big Beautiful Bill “The Ultimate Codification Of Our Agenda To Very Simply Make America Great Again!” “The One Big Beautiful Bill will Secure our Borders, turbocharge our economy, and bring back the American Dream. This is the ultimate codification of our agenda to very simply Make America Great Again!” [Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [6/26/25](#)]



The One Big Beautiful Bill Made The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In The Program's History

The Hill: Republicans Passed “The Largest Cuts To Medicaid Since The Program Began In The 1960s.”

“Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

- **The Hill: The Republicans’ Reconciliation Bill Made About \$1 Trillion In Cuts To Medicaid.** “Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Take Health Insurance Away From More Than 14 Million People

KFF: “CBO Estimates Show That The Number Of Uninsured People Will Increase By More Than 14 Million In 2034.” [KFF, [8/20/25](#)]

Rolling Stone Headline: “Congress Officially Passes Trump’s Bill To Kick Millions Off Medicaid.” [Rolling Stone, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick Nearly 40,000 People In NM-02 Off Their Health Insurance

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated Nearly 40,000 People In New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans’ Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. “According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO)’s most recent analysis, President Trump and Congressional Republicans’ cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in 16 million people losing their health insurance by 2034. Using CBO’s analysis released June 4 and other research, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority calculated new estimates of the number of people who would lose health insurance.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, [September 2025](#)]

NM-02: Health Insurance Losses From Cuts To Medicaid And The Affordable Care Act Under The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Est. Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage	Est. Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage	Est. Total Number of People Losing Insurance
5,700	32,841	38,541

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, [September 2025](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cut Nearly \$47 Million In Revenue To Hospitals In NM-02

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In NM-02 Were Projected To Lose Nearly \$47 Million As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts. [Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, [7/8/25](#)]

Projected Cuts To NM-02 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Hospital	City	Projected Cut To Hospital Revenue
Memorial Medical Center	Las Cruces	\$12,838,371.26

Mountain View Reg Med Ctr	Las Cruces	\$11,559,557.36
Gerald Champion Regional Medical Ctr	Alamogordo	\$7,992,577.96
Carlsbad Medical Center	Carlsbad	\$3,814,402.48
Gila Regional Medical Center	Silver City	\$2,952,365.47
Mimbres Memorial Hospital	Deming	\$2,724,503.80
Socorro General Hospital	Socorro	\$2,090,419.07
Three Crosses Regional Hospital	Las Cruces	\$1,423,188.83
Sierra Vista Hospital	Truth Or Consequences	\$1,066,386.99
Cibola General Hospital	Grants	\$486,105.91
Total:		\$46,947,879.15

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Let ACA Tax Credits Expire, Driving Up Health Care Costs For More Than 24,000 Individuals In NM-02 On Marketplace Plans

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For More Than 24,000 NM-02 Residents That Got Coverage From ACA Marketplace Plans

2025: More Than 70,000 Individuals In New Mexico Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

Number Of New Mexico Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
State	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
New Mexico	70,371

[KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

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Number Of NM-02 Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
Congressional District	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
NM-02	24,021

[KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

2025: A 60-Year-Old Couple Making \$85,000 In NM-02 Would See A 385% Increase In Their Average Out-Of-Pocket Monthly Premium Payments If The ACA Tax Credits Expired. [KFF, [10/9/25](#)]

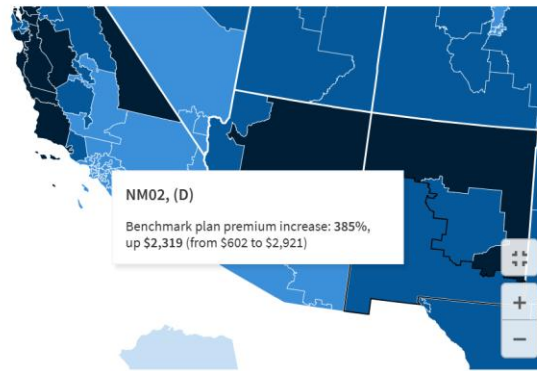
Premium Payments for Subsidized Enrollees Will Increase Nationwide if Enhanced ACA Subsidies Expire

Percent Increase in Average Monthly Premium Payments for Benchmark Silver Plan Without Enhanced Subsidies, 60-Year Old Couple Making \$85,000, 2026

40-Year-Old, \$32,000

60-Year Old Couple, \$85,000

< 100% 100%–200% 200%–300% 300%–400%
≥ 400%



[KFF, [10/9/25](#)]

KFF Health System Tracker: Insurers That Participated In The ACA Marketplaces Raised Premiums On Average By 20% In 2026. “For 2026, across 312 insurers participating in the ACA Marketplaces from the 50 states and the District of Columbia, this analysis shows a median proposed premium increase of 18%, which is about 11 percentage points higher than last year. This is the largest rate change insurers have requested since 2018, the last time that policy uncertainty contributed to sharp premium increases. On average, ACA Marketplace insurers are raising premiums by about 20% in 2026. Based on a more detailed analysis of available documents from insurers in 19 states and the District of Columbia, like in prior years, growth in health care prices stood out as a key factor driving costs in 2026. Insurers cite increasing cost and utilization of high-priced drugs as well as general market factors, such as increasing labor costs and inflation, as contributing to premium increases.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans. “The OBBBA did not extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace plans. As a result, when open enrollment begins on November 1, 2025, 20 million marketplace enrollees will see their premium costs spike.” [Center for American Progress, [7/29/25](#)]

- **The Majority Of Insurers Took Into Account The Potential Expiration Of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For Their Rate Increases.** “In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]
- **The Majority Of Insurers Assumed Enhanced Tax Credits Would Expire At The End Of 2025, Which Caused Them To Raise Their Rates By An Average Of 4%.** “Uncertainty over federal policy changes has forced insurers to make some assumptions when developing their rates for 2026. Commonly mentioned by insurers is the impact of the expiration of enhanced premium tax credits, which are scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025, unless extended by Congress. The majority of insurers have assumed that enhanced tax credits will expire at the end of this year, driving rates an average of 4 percentage points higher than they otherwise would be. These increased rates are due to insurers anticipating that some healthier members will leave the

ACA Marketplaces when their subsidies decrease, creating an enrollee base that is less healthy and more expensive on average.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

- **The Expiration Of Enhanced Tax Credits Would Lead To Out-Of-Pocket Premiums For ACA Marketplace Enrollees Increasing By An Average Of Over 75%.** “In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts In History, Threatening Food Assistance For More Than 60,000 Households In NM-02 And Across The State, Which Had The Nation’s Highest SNAP Participation Rate

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cut In The Program’s History

Center For American Progress: “The Senate Has Released Its Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Which Would Enact The Largest Cut To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In The Program’s History According To Center For American Progress Estimates.” “The Senate has released its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which would enact the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program’s history according to Center for American Progress estimates. Despite the proposal cutting less than the House-passed version’s nearly \$300 billion in cuts, it is even more extreme than the House version in some key aspects. Moreover, this legislation comes at a time when food insecurity is rising across all 50 states, reaching levels not seen since 2014.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

- **Axios: “The Bill Would Reduce Nutrition Funding, Which Includes SNAP, By Around \$186 Billion Between 2025 And 2034.”** “By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034. While analyst’s projections have fluctuated as the legislation’s provisions are tweaked, analysts have indicated millions of people could be cut from SNAP under the work requirement provisions.” [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]
- **Center On Budget And Policy Priorities Headline: “House Reconciliation Bill Proposes Deepest SNAP Cut In History, Would Take Food Assistance Away From Millions of Low-Income Families.”** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/28/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Cut SNAP By Around \$186 Billion. President Trump’s massive tax and spending bill, which is advancing through the House after surviving its Republican push through the Senate, would slash food benefits for thousands. The big picture: It would mark a historic cut to the social safety net that Republicans claim weeds out waste, fraud and abuse — but experts say the restructuring of assistance programs could leave more people hungry and uninsured. [...] By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034. [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]

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42 million recipients nationwide starting Nov. 1. In New Mexico, that's approximately 460,000 New Mexicans — 21 percent of the state's population and the highest participation rate in the nation." [Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, Press Release, [10/29/25](#)]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Risked Food Assistance For More Than 60,000 Households In NM-02

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, More Than 60,000 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In NM-02. [USDA, accessed [6/9/26](#)]

Who Receives SNAP?

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of low-income families so they can purchase healthy food.

In NM District 2, SNAP serves...

60,378
HOUSEHOLDS

[USDA, accessed [6/9/26](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gutted Clean Energy Tax Credits, Threatening \$1.3 Billion In Clean Energy Investments In NM-02, Risking Nearly 12,000 Jobs In New Mexico, And Raising Energy Costs For New Mexico Households By \$220 On Average

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gutted Clean Energy Tax Credits

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Gutted Clean Energy Tax Credits. "The multitrillion-dollar tax breaks package passed by House Republicans early Thursday would gut clean energy tax credits that Democrats approved three years ago while supporting increased mining, drilling and other traditional energy production. A marathon session that began Wednesday resulted in 1,100-plus page legislation that curbs billions of dollars in spending across food assistance, student loans, Medicaid and action to address climate change." [Associated Press, [5/22/25](#)]

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Dismantle Clean Energy Incentives. "A Republican push to dismantle clean energy incentives threatens to reverberate across the US by costing more than 830,000 jobs, raising energy bills for US households and threatening to unleash millions more tonnes of the planet-heating pollution that is causing the climate crisis, experts have warned. A major tax bill passed by the Republican-held

House of Representatives on Thursday morning will, as currently, demolish key components of climate legislation signed by Joe Biden that has spurred a record torrent of renewable energy and electric vehicle investment in the US. Under the reconciliation bill, tax credits for cleaner cars will end this year, with incentives for wind, solar and even nuclear energy projects scaled down and then eliminated by 2032. Clean energy manufacturing tax credits will be axed by 2031, while Americans seeking to upgrade their homes to cleaner or more energy efficient appliances will get no further subsidy after the end of this year. ‘This bill is worse than what people envisioned – it pulls the rug out from facilities banking on these incentives, it raises everyday household costs by hundreds of dollars and undercuts any sort of action on climate change,’ said Robbie Orvis, senior director at Energy Innovation, a non-partisan climate policy thinktank.” [The Guardian, [5/22/25](#)]

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The Atlantic: Future Clean Energy Projects Would Cost About 50% More Than Those That Received Tax Credits. “The Senate version of Donald Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill repeals the clean-energy tax credits in the IRA for all wind and solar projects that don’t begin construction within a year of the bill’s passage or become fully operational by 2028. (And even if a project begins construction in the first half of 2026, it will need to meet extremely onerous domestic-sourcing requirements that many experts believe will be nearly impossible to satisfy.) As a result, future clean-energy projects, including many that have been announced but not yet built, will cost about 50 percent more than those that received the credits, according to an analysis by Jesse Jenkins, who leads the Princeton ZERO Lab. The inevitable result is that far fewer will come into existence. ‘It’s hard to think of a bigger self-own,’ Jenkins told me. ‘We’re effectively raising taxes on the country’s main sources of new power at a time when electricity prices are already rising.’” [Atlantic, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened \$1.3 Billion In Clean Energy Investments In NM-02

May 2025: There Was \$522 Billion In Outstanding Clean Energy Investment From The Inflation Reduction Act That Remained To Be Spent. “Since the enactment of the IRA in Q3 2022, \$321 billion has been invested in manufacturing, clean electricity, and industrial facilities, and 2,369 new facilities have opened across the US. Looking ahead, \$522 billion of outstanding investment remains to be spent on construction and installation for announced or under-construction facilities. This pipeline includes 2,217 facilities that have yet to come online.” [Clean Investment Monitor, accessed [8/27/25](#)]

May 2025: \$3.9 Billion In Clean Energy Investments Had Been Announced In NM-02 By Companies, With \$1.3 Billion Still Pending. According to the New York Times, in NM-02, \$3.9 billion in clean energy investments had been announced by companies. As of May 2025, \$2.6 billion was already spent, and \$1.3 billion was still pending. [New York Times, [5/21/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened Nearly 12,000 Future Clean Energy Jobs In New Mexico

May 2025: Nearly 12,000 Future Clean Energy Jobs Were At Risk In New Mexico. According to the Rhodium Group Clean Energy Monitor, in New Mexico, 11,820 future clean energy jobs were at risk. [Clean Investment Monitor, accessed [8/27/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Raise Energy Costs For New Mexicans By \$220 On Average

CNBC: Annual Energy Costs For Households In New Mexico Were Projected To Rise By An Average Of \$220 Due To The One Big Beautiful Bill. “Electricity prices are expected to surge higher throughout the next decade due to energy policy changes in President Donald Trump’s ‘big beautiful’ bill, according to a new analysis from Energy Innovation, a non-partisan energy and climate think tank. Signed July 4, the bill mandates expanded oil and gas leasing, caps clean energy subsidies and rolls back tax credits that helped to make wind, solar and other clean power cheaper for manufacturers and more affordable for consumers, says Robbie Orvis, senior director for modeling and analysis at Energy Innovation. When the clean energy tax credits phase out at the end of 2025, that

will bump up electricity costs for ordinary Americans, Orvis says. That's largely because higher costs for clean energy development will slow the pace of new supply, just as U.S. energy demand hits record highs, he says, resulting in higher electricity bills and increased reliance on natural gas, which will also become more expensive with rising demand. [...] Overall, household energy costs will rise by \$170, on average, by 2035, researchers found. And that estimate may be conservative. A report from Princeton University's Rapid Energy Policy Evaluation and Analysis Toolkit pegs the average increase at \$280 a year by 2035." [CNBC, [7/14/25](#)]

Electricity Price Hike Per State	
State	Price
New Mexico	\$220

[CNBC, [7/14/25](#)]

Americans Would Pay Higher Energy Costs From The One Big Beautiful Bill's Elimination Of Clean Energy Tax Credits

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Raise Electricity Prices For Consumers

Rhodium: The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Raise Households' Energy Costs. "Work is underway in Congress to construct and pass a budget reconciliation bill or bills to meet an array of priorities and policy objectives set by President Trump. Most of these priorities focus on increasing spending on defense and border security as well as extending and possibly expanding the tax cuts enacted in Trump's first term. In this note, we estimate how much energy costs could rise for households and industry if Congress chooses to partially pay for these priorities through the rollback and repeal of key pollution regulations and energy tax credits. We find that on a national level, households see an increase in annual energy costs of \$184 in 2030 and \$371 in 2035. However, households in many states see much higher cost increases than the national average. This includes Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Texas, which, at the upper bound of our estimates, see annual cost increases of \$250-\$326 per household in 2030. In 2035, California, Oregon, and Washington all see estimated annual cost increases of over \$800 per household. The rollback and repeal of regulations and tax credits also increase costs for industrial manufacturers. We estimate an increase of \$8-14 billion in total energy spending across the industrial sector in 2030 and 2035. We provide impacts for each of the 50 states on the ClimateDeck as part of this analysis." [Rhodium Group, [3/20/25](#)]

Clean Energy Buyers Association: Repealing The Federal Clean Energy Technology -Neutral Investment And Production Tax Credits Would Raise American Consumers Costs By More Than \$110 Per Year. "The Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA) today released a study conducted by NERA Economic Consulting showing that repealing the federal clean energy technology-neutral investment (\$48E) and production tax credits (\$45Y) would raise average U.S. residential electricity prices by nearly 7% by 2026 – equating to an average yearly increase of more than \$110 for the average American residential customer. For American businesses, electricity bills would increase by about 10% by 2026 if the tax credits are repealed, with costs likely passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices for goods and services. Additionally, repealing the credits would decrease available capacity on the grid by 167 gigawatts (GW) at a time when generation is critical to supporting the 21st century industries of America such as artificial Intelligence and advanced manufacturing, to win the economic race against China." [Clean Energy Buyers Association, [2/25/25](#)]

The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Raise The National Average Retail Electricity Rates By 9% In 2030. "A tax package on track to pass both chambers of Congress would raise electricity prices, accelerate the release of heat-trapping greenhouse gases and undercut low-emission energy investments, according to researchers who have analyzed the legislation. [...] Overall, the bill would raise 'national average retail electricity rates and monthly household electricity bills by about 9% in 2030,' researchers at Princeton University concluded." [NJ Spotlight News, [6/5/25](#)]

- **NJ Spotlight News Headline: "Republican Tax Bill Will Raise Electricity Prices, Analysts Say."** [NJ Spotlight News, [6/5/25](#)]

June 2025: Republican Representatives Warned That Gutting The Clean Energy Tax Credits In The Reconciliation Bill Would Lead To Higher Energy Bills For Consumers

June 2025: Thirteen House Republicans Signed A Letter Urging Senate Leaders To Protect Clean Energy Tax Credits In The Reconciliation Bill. “Thirteen House Republicans are urging Senate leaders to ‘substantially and strategically’ improve clean energy tax credit provisions in the House-passed megabill. Led by Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-Va.), the lawmakers said they remain ‘deeply concerned by several provisions’ that would aggressively phase down incentives from the Democrats’ 2022 climate law and add strict new supply chain requirements. [Politico, [6/6/25](#)]

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Republican Representatives Warned The Reconciliation Bill Could Jeopardize Energy Development, Increase Costs, And Weaken U.S. Competitiveness. “Today, Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02) and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) led a bipartisan letter to Senate leadership encouraging commonsense reforms to key provisions in the energy title of H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In the letter, Kiggans, Fitzpatrick, and 11 of their colleagues, raised concerns about several provisions in the bill. These include the abrupt expiration of clean energy tax credits, overly burdensome Foreign Entity of Concern (FEOC) restrictions, and restrictions on credit transferability. The lawmakers warned that these measures could jeopardize energy development, increase costs, and weaken U.S. competitiveness, and urged the Senate to adopt practical refinements that promote fiscal responsibility while supporting business stability and continued investment in American energy.” [Representative Kiggans, Press Release, [6/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Cut Crucial Health And Nutrition Resources For Rural Americans

The Reconciliation Bill’s Cuts To Medicaid Would Particularly Impact Rural Communities

NBC News Headline: “Rural Communities Brace For Medicaid Cuts In Republicans’ Big Bill.” [NBC News, [6/25/25](#)]

The Big Beautiful Bill Act Would Result In 1.8 Million Individuals In Rural Communities Losing Their Medicaid Coverage. “Medicaid, which covers over 16 million people in rural communities, helps address barriers to health care and sustain rural hospitals. But many in Congress are considering Medicaid cuts that would have a devastating impact on rural hospitals and patients. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) would result in 1.8 million individuals in rural communities losing their Medicaid coverage by 2034. In addition, select Medicaid provisions in H.R. 1 would result in a \$50.4 billion reduction in federal Medicaid spending on rural hospitals over 10 years.” [American Hospital Association, [6/16/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened The Closure Of Three Vital Rural Hospitals In NM-02, Including Carlsbad Medical Center

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Cuts To Medicaid Would Result In A \$50.4 Billion Reduction In Funding For Rural Hospitals

Rural Hospitals Would Collectively Lose More Than \$1.8 Billion In Funding, Which Would Be Equivalent To 21,000 Full-Time Hospital Employees’ Salaries. “Hospitals in rural areas would collectively lose more than \$1.8 billion with a 15% cut to Medicaid. That loss in revenue is roughly equivalent to 21,000 full-time hospital

employees’ salaries. Rural hospitals’ margins have been deteriorating for 10 to 15 years, said Michael Topchik, executive director for the Chartis Center for Rural Health, which analyzes and consults on rural hospital finances. Ten years ago, about one-third of rural hospitals were operating in the red. That’s closer to 50% now, he said.” [KFF, [6/12/25](#)]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened More Than 300 Rural Hospital Closures

The Cuts To Medicaid And Other Federal Health Programs In President Trump’s Budget Plan Would “Rapidly Push” More Than 300 Financially Struggling Rural Hospitals Toward A Fiscal Cliff. “Cuts to Medicaid and other federal health programs proposed in President Donald Trump’s budget plan would rapidly push more than 300 financially struggling rural hospitals toward a fiscal cliff, according to researchers who track the facilities’ finances. The hospitals would be at a disproportionate risk of closure, service reductions, or ending inpatient care, according to a report authored by experts from the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research following a request from Senate Democrats, who released the findings publicly Thursday. Many of those hospitals are in Kentucky, Louisiana, California, and Oklahoma, according to the analysis.” [KFF, [6/12/25](#)]

2025: NM-02 Had Three Rural Hospitals Listed As At-Risk Based On Financial Vulnerability. “In order to understand in greater detail how rural communities could be impacted by health care cuts contained in the reconciliation package, we requested the attached data from the Sheps Center on the financial vulnerability of rural hospitals and potential impacts on their viability. These hospitals have been identified as at-risk hospitals based on financial data, including: whether the hospital has been unprofitable for the last three years; whether the hospital is at risk of financial distress relative to peer hospitals; and whether the hospital serves a disproportionately high share of Medicaid patients. The findings demonstrate that hundreds of rural hospitals across the country would feel pain from the House-passed reconciliation bill.” [Office of Senator Edward J. Markey, At-Risk Rural Hospitals List, [6/12/25](#)]

2025: At-Risk Rural Hospitals In NM-02			
Hospital	City	Top Medicaid Provider	Three Consecutive Years Of Negative Margins
Socorro General Hospital	Socorro	Yes	No
Mimbres Memorial Hospital	Deming	Yes	No
Carlsbad Medical Center	Carlsbad	Yes	No

[Office of Senator Edward J. Markey, At-Risk Rural Hospitals List, [6/12/25](#)]

Rural Hospital Closures Would Lead To Increased Unemployment. “Rural hospital closures often raise concerns about access to care and the local economy. When a rural hospital closes, patients may have to travel further to obtain services, which could lead some to forgo care altogether. Closures may be especially problematic for people who have difficulty traveling long distances and for people with time-sensitive conditions, such as heart attacks and childbirth. Research suggests that rural hospital closures lead to increased unemployment (including among non-healthcare industries), lower income levels, and slower economic growth.” [KFF, [4/16/25](#)]

The Reconciliation Bill’s Cuts To SNAP Would Disproportionately Impact Rural Communities

Center For American Progress: “The Senate Has Released Its Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Which Would Enact The Largest Cut To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In The Program’s History According To Center For American Progress Estimates.” “The Senate has released its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which would enact the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program’s history according to Center for American Progress estimates. Despite the proposal cutting less than the House-passed version’s nearly \$300 billion in cuts, it is even more extreme than the House version in some key aspects. Moreover, this legislation comes at a time when food insecurity is rising across all 50 states, reaching levels not seen since 2014.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

NC Newline: “GOP Cuts To Food Assistance Would Hit Rural America Especially Hard.” [NC Newline, [6/5/25](#)]

House Agriculture Committee Democrats: “SNAP’s Economic Impact Is Particularly Strong In Rural Communities And Small Towns, Where People Participate At Higher Rates Than In Urban Areas, And Where SNAP Dollars Provide Even Higher Returns To The Local Economy.” “The House Republicans’ budget resolution (H.Con.Res.14) included instructions to the House Committee on Agriculture to cut programs in its jurisdiction by a minimum of \$230 billion. It is nearly impossible to achieve this target without cutting SNAP, our nation’s most efficient and effective anti-poverty tool and a critical part of the Farm Bill. [...] Impacts Rural Communities Hardest – Cuts would hit rural America hardest. SNAP’s economic impact is particularly strong in rural communities and small towns, where people participate at higher rates than in urban areas, and where SNAP dollars provide even higher returns to the local economy.” [House Agriculture Committee Democrats, SNAP Fact Sheet, [4/9/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave Billions In Tax Breaks To The Ultra-Wealthy At The Expense Of Working Families

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The House-Passed Reconciliation Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026. “The House of Representatives today narrowly passed a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump’s desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill’s tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. [...] The richest 1 percent of Americans would receive a total of \$117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026. The middle 20 percent of taxpayers on the income scale, a group that has 20 times the number of taxpayers as the richest 1 percent, would receive less than half that much, \$53 billion in net tax cuts that year.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [7/3/24](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest Giving Them Tax Cuts Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest. “The One Big Beautiful Bill includes the largest tax cuts in U.S. history. Whether it’s actually ‘beautiful’ is in the eye of the beholder. At every income level taxes should subside. That’s a big selling point from President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans who pushed the law through Congress with no Democratic support. It will benefit everyone. But the biggest cuts go to the wealthiest taxpayers – the ones who pay the lion’s share of taxes. For most families the savings will be miniscule in comparison, in raw dollars and as a share of income. And millions will lose subsidized health insurance and other benefits. Critics see a plan that widens income inequality and, worse, offsets tax cuts for the wealthy with draconian spending cuts that hit lower-income households.” [Cronkite News, [7/16/25](#)]

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Extended The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Which Skewed In Favor Of The Wealthy By Providing Them Tax Cuts That Were Three Times Greater Than For Working

Americans. “The tax provisions of the House Republican reconciliation bill double down on the failures of the 2017 tax law, which was skewed in favor of the richest people in the country, further eroded the nation’s revenue base, and didn’t produce the promised economic gains for working people.[1] Instead of changing course and prioritizing people with low and moderate incomes as House Republicans’ rhetoric about supporting hard-pressed working families would suggest, the House Republican tax bill only offers more of the same. The bill is heavily skewed to the wealthy: Under the bill, the top 1 percent of people would receive tax cuts three times the size of those for people with incomes in the bottom 60 percent, measured as a share of after-tax income. (See Figure 1.) The top 0.6 percent of people — the 1.2 million people with annual incomes above \$1 million — would receive more total tax cuts than the 127 million people with incomes below \$100,000. [...] The bill extends and expands the 2017 tax law’s increase in the estate tax exemption, boosting the cut in estate taxes for the 1 in 1,000 wealthiest estates to \$6.3 million.[3] Next year a couple could pass on an estate worth up to \$30 million tax free, \$1.7 million more than under a simple extension of the 2017 law.” [CBPP, [5/22/25](#)]

CBS News: “Like Penn Wharton, Other Researchers Have Said The Republican Bill Is Likely To Benefit Wealthy Americans At The Expense Of People Lower Down The Ladder.” “Like Penn Wharton, other researchers have said the Republican bill is likely to benefit wealthy Americans at the expense of people lower down the ladder. The measure would likely reduce the financial resources available to the lowest-earning 10% of U.S. households by \$1,600 per year, or almost 4% of their annual income, according to a report published earlier this month by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. White House officials have previously questioned the CBO’s scoring of the bill. But the highest-earning 10% of households would see a gain of \$12,000 per year in resources, while middle-income households would see a gain of \$500 to \$1,000, the CBO projected. Its analysis is based on the bill’s tax breaks, as well as reductions for federal programs and reductions in state funds for safety net programs such as Medicaid and food stamps. In considering the impact of higher U.S. debt on future generations, the cost would come in the form of lower wages and higher costs, such as more expensive mortgages, Smetters said.” [CBS News, [6/26/25](#)]

The Hill: “The Republicans’ ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Will Make The Poorest Americans Even Poorer, While Padding The Wallets Of The Highest Earners The Most, According To An Analysis Released Monday By Congress’s Budget Arm.” “The Republicans’ ‘big, beautiful bill’ will make the poorest Americans even poorer, while padding the wallets of the highest earners the most, according to an analysis released Monday by Congress’s budget arm. The assessment, conducted by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) at the request of top Democrats, found that the top 10 percent of earners in the country will see an average boost of \$13,600 per year over the next decade as a direct result of provisions in the law, while the bottom 10 percent will see an average annual decrease of \$1,200. The report challenges the arguments made by President Trump and other Republicans that the massive domestic policy package would benefit workers at all levels of wealth and income. And it’s given fuel to the attacks from Democrats that the legislation was, all along, designed to help the wealthiest people at the expense of the working poor.” [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

- **The Hill Headline: “Budget Office Says GOP’s ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Will Make Rich Richer, Poor Poorer.”** [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For Seniors And Older Americans

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Force Nearly \$500 Billion In Medicare Cuts Over The Next Ten Years

The Big Beautiful Bill Would Require Automatic Sequestration Cuts That Would Cause \$490 Billion In Cuts To Medicare Over The Next Ten Years. “Because of a statutory requirement to automatically impose budget cuts when legislation increases the deficit, the Big Beautiful Bill would require automatic sequestration cuts across the board, something that has been confirmed by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) but has been largely absent from the debate over the bill. Medicare is one of the programs that will face the axe, and the damage sums to \$490 billion over the next ten years, starting in the next fiscal year that begins in October. While many of the safety-net cuts in the bill are delayed to help Republicans with their re-election campaigns, the Medicare cuts must begin next year.” [The American Prospect, [7/3/25](#)]

The Republican Reconciliation Bill Could Force Nearly \$500 Billion In Medicare Cuts. “President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans’ mammoth tax and immigration bill would add so much to the national debt that it could force nearly \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare beginning in 2026, Congress’s nonpartisan bookkeeper reported late Tuesday.” [Washington Post, [5/21/25](#)]

- **Washington Post Headline: “Trump And GOP’s Tax Bill Would Force Cuts To Medicare, CBO Says.”** [Washington Post, [5/21/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For Seniors On Medicare

Center For American Progress Headline: “House Republicans’ Big, ‘Beautiful’ Bill Would Make Health Care More Expensive For Americans With Medicare And Other Insurance.” [Center for American Progress, [6/12/25](#)]

- **Costs Would Increase For Americans With Medicaid, Medicare, ACA Marketplace Plans, And Job-Based Insurance.** “The House Republican-passed tax and budget reconciliation bill would increase health care costs for many Americans with Medicaid, Medicare, ACA marketplace plans, and job-based insurance. Individuals and families could face steep increases in premiums, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses, amounting to thousands of dollars per year.” [Center for American Progress, [6/12/25](#)]

CBPP: The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Terminate Cost-Sharing Assistance For 1.4 Million Seniors Dually Eligible For Medicaid And Medicare Resulting In Higher Out-Of-Pocket Costs. “The House Republicans’ bill includes provisions that will add burdens for seniors, contributing to coverage losses and higher costs. One such provision would block implementation of a rule designed to make it easier for low-income seniors and people with disabilities who receive Medicare to access Medicare Savings Programs, a part of state Medicaid programs that help pay people’s Medicare premiums and cost-sharing charges. According to data from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), roughly 1.4 million people who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare would no longer receive this cost-sharing assistance and would therefore face increased out-of-pocket costs under the bill.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [6/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For Older Americans On ACA Marketplace Plans

Center For American Progress Headline: “Older Adults With ACA Coverage Would Face Steep Premium Hikes Under House Republicans’ One Big Beautiful Bill Act.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

- **The House Republican Proposal Would Effectively Price Many Aging Americans Out Of Their Affordable Coverage That They Have Relied On.** “These sharp cost increases represent a real threat to older adults’ ability to access health care. If enacted, the House Republican proposal would effectively price many aging Americans out of the affordable coverage they rely on until they become eligible for Medicare.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Increase The Costs For Older Adults In The ACA Marketplace. “Another element of House Republicans’ health agenda targets the ACA marketplaces, which provide coverage and financial assistance to more than 20 million people, including many older people not yet eligible for Medicare. The legislation not only fails to extend the expiring enhanced premium tax credits for marketplace coverage, which will lead to skyrocketing premiums, but it also makes changes that will further increase people’s costs, such as changing how maximum out-of-pocket limits are adjusted.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [6/6/25](#)]

Older Adults Would Face, On Average, At Least A \$1,200 Increase In Annual Premiums To Keep Their Current ACA Marketplace Plan. “Last month, House Republicans passed a tax and budget reconciliation bill that, if enacted, would raise health insurance premiums for millions of Americans who purchase coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces. A new Center for American Progress analysis makes clear that older adults would be hit especially hard—facing, on average, at least \$1,200 more in annual premiums to keep their

current ACA marketplace plan. In multiple states, premium hikes for adults 55 years old and older would exceed an average of \$10,000—including a staggering \$15,200 average increase in West Virginia and a \$16,700 average increase in Alaska.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

CBPP: The Big Beautiful Bill Would Leave Older Adults With Higher Costs And Less Health Care. “The House Republicans’ budget reconciliation legislation would reduce assistance that helps seniors and older adults get needed health coverage and afford sufficient food. The so-called ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ is anything but beautiful; it would cause widespread harm by making massive cuts to Medicaid and SNAP, which would raise costs and make it much harder for people to afford the high cost of groceries and health care. More than 7 million seniors with low incomes receive health coverage and care through Medicaid, with over 3 in 5 nursing home residents having their care paid for by Medicaid. Medicaid also covers other long-term services and supports, including home-based services, and helps cover premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing for some Medicare beneficiaries. By cutting Medicaid and Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces by about \$1 trillion, the largest cuts in the programs’ history, the House Republican bill would lead states to make large cuts in eligibility or benefits that could leave many older adults with higher costs and less health care.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [6/6/25](#)]

- **CBPP Headline: “2025 Budget Impacts: House Bill Would Cut Assistance And Raise Costs For Seniors.”** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [6/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Lower Safety And Quality Standards For Nursing Homes

The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Lower Safety And Quality Standards For Nursing Homes. “The House Republican reconciliation bill would rescind a rule providing for minimum staffing standards for nursing homes. Lowering these standards would set back efforts to ensure safe, quality care for seniors and other people who need nursing facility services.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [6/6/25](#)]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Add \$3.4 Trillion To The National Debt Over The Next Ten Years. “President Donald Trump’s ‘big, beautiful bill,’ which he signed into law this month, will add \$3.4 trillion to the U.S. national debt over the next decade, according to a report the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office published Monday.” [NBC News, [7/21/25](#)]

Cunningham Was Bad For New Mexico’s Children And Working Families, Opposing Paid Family Medical Leave, A Minimum Wage Increase, And Funding For Pre-K And K-12 Education

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- **2022: Constitutional Amendment 1 Increased State Funding For Early Childhood Education And Public Schools By 1.25%.** “Constitutional Amendment 1: More Land Grant Permanent Fund money to education Voters in the November election will have the option to approve Constitutional Amendment 1, which would invest money from a state trust in our youngest children and school systems. The Land Grant Permanent Fund is the second-wealthiest fund in the country, and advocates have pushed for years to use more of the money to address New Mexico’s historically low child well-being rankings. The Land Grant Permanent Fund already disburses money every year for education, but this amendment would increase the amount by a little over 1.25%, making \$150 million available for early childhood education. Another \$100 million would go to public schools to hire more teachers and support staff, expand programs for at-risk students, and pay for building maintenance and repair.” [Source New Mexico, [11/7/22](#)]
- **Money For The Additional Early Childhood Education And Public School Benefits Would Come From A Permanent Land Grant Fund Made Up Mostly From Taxes On Oil And Gas.** “When New Mexico voters go to the booth they are going to be asked a series of questions that could have ramifications on how politicians spend their money. Three constitutional amendments will appear on the ballot and two of them deal with how tax dollars are spent. [...] The first question voters will see says in part, ‘Do you support an amendment to provide for or additional annual distributions of the permanent school fund for enhanced instruction for students at risk of failure, extending the school year, teacher compensation and early childhood education.’ ‘New Mexico has a permanent land grant school fund that allocates lots of money each year for the public schools,’ Sanderoff said. ‘This constitutional amendment will allow more money to be tapped from the permanent land grant fund to be used for early childhood education and public schools.’ The money in that fund comes mostly from taxes imposed on the oil and gas industry. The constitutional amendment would increase the amount of money in that fund from 5 percent to 6.5 percent. ‘The economists estimate that an additional \$230 million would be able to be pulled out of the land grant permanent fund,’ Sanderoff said.” [KOAT, [11/4/22](#)]

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2023: 26% Of Children Under Age Five In New Mexico Lived In Poverty And 82.5% Of New Mexico Public Schools Were Title I Schools Serving Predominantly Low-Income Students. "Research finds that exposure to early childhood programming early in a child's life significantly increases economic prosperity for participants in New Mexico, a state where over a quarter (26%) of children under the age of five live in poverty. Roughly a third of children in the state live with families where no parent has regular, full-time employment, and nearly half of families have difficulty paying usual household expenses. Reflecting the economic challenges facing the state's children, 82.5% of New Mexico public schools are Title 1 schools with 71% of students statewide receiving free or reduced lunch." [Brookings Institution, [4/12/23](#)]

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May 2026: Politico: "Diesel Fuel Costs Are Also Poised To Set An All-Time High In The U.S., Which In Turn Is Expected To Drive Up Prices For Everything From Groceries To Postage." "Most Americans are focused on the cost of gasoline at the station up the street — but diesel fuel costs are also poised to set an all-time high in the U.S., which in turn is expected to drive up prices for everything from groceries to postage. A spike in diesel fuel affects a wide array of commodities that need to move across the country – including for home building, manufacturing and much more. And it couldn't come at a worse time for President Donald Trump and Republicans, just months ahead of the contentious midterm election season in which Democrats are expected to take back the House and possibly the Senate amid intensifying voter anger over the rising cost of living and the unpopular war in Iran." [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

Politico: "Diesel Fuel May Soon Break [A Price] Record And A Gallon Of Regular Gas, Which Stood At An Average Of \$4.46 On Tuesday, Is Also Closing In On The Record Price Of \$5.02." "For the last two months, administration officials have argued that their energy policies protected the American consumers from Iranian war price shocks and that fuel was cheaper under Trump than Biden. But diesel fuel may soon break that record and a gallon of regular gas, which stood at an average of \$4.46 on Tuesday, is also closing in on the record price of \$5.02." [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

Politico: The "Inflationary Impact Of High Diesel" Affects "The Cost Of Everything From Eggs To Sneakers," And Results In Price Rises That Are "Passed Along To Consumers." "Beyond the impacts to the cost of everything from eggs to sneakers, the inflationary impact of high diesel fuel lasts much longer in the economy than gasoline prices, said John Auers, analyst at consulting firm RBN Energy. Trucking, rail and freight companies sign long-term supply contracts for their diesel, meaning that a higher price will be baked into their costs – and passed along to consumers — for months at a time." [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

Politico: Increases In Fuel Prices "Is Largely Due To The U.S. And Israel Attack On Iran And The Subsequent Closure Of Hormuz." "When fuel prices hit record highs under Biden, it was largely due to post-Covid supply disruptions and because Russia's war on Ukraine threatened global energy markets. The current price increase is largely due to the U.S. and Israel attack on Iran and the subsequent closure of Hormuz. Diesel prices in February, before U.S. and Israeli forces attacked Iran, were about \$3.75." [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

Cunningham Said He Supported Trump's Tariffs On Mexican Imports To "Even The Playing Field" For New Mexico's Farmers

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VIDEO: February 2026: Cunningham Said He Had Heard From Chile Farmers In New Mexico That "They Need To Tariff And Tax What's Coming In From Mexico To Even The Playing Field With What Their Costs Are And What They're Having To Pay Their Workers And Their Production Costs." KOTKOWSKI: "How do you suggest protecting the chile farmers?" CUNNINGHAM: "I asked them. So, that's one of those things where I said they told me what the problem was, and I said, you tell me what what to." KOTKOWSKI: "What'd they say?" CUNNINGHAM: "Tariff. They need to tariff and tax what's coming in from Mexico to even the playing field with what their costs are and what they're having to pay their workers and their production costs. They need the tariffs on those products. The chile coming across." [Arik Kotkowski via YouTube, 53:07, [2/6/26](#)] (VIDEO)

- **VIDEO: February 2026: When Asked If He Thought New Mexican Agriculture Could Meet The National Demand For Hatch Chiles, Cunningham Said He Did Not Know.** KOTKOWSKI: “You think New Mexico could meet the demand that we have now nationally for hatch chile?” CUNNINGHAM: “I don’t know the answer to that. I would hope so.” [Arik Kotkowski via YouTube, 53:33, [2/6/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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end, and so those means have to be legal. Means that the path that the President chose, the Supreme Court told him was not the right one, but he's chosen another one now. And so, you know, we have to do things legally, and we have to do things correctly. And so within those confines, within with those parameters set, again, yes, to fight for the people of my district. I don't care what it takes. Let's get it done. Alright?" [Rio Grande Foundation via YouTube, Tipping Point New Mexico, 42:47, [3/17/26](#)] (VIDEO)

Trump's Tariffs Raised Costs For New Mexico's Farmers, Including The State's \$54.8 Million Chile Industry

New Mexico's \$54.8 Million Chile Industry Produced Nearly Half Of All Chiles In The U.S.

2024: New Mexico Was Ranked 1st In Chile Production Nationally, Producing 44.8% Of Chile Peppers In The U.S. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Mexico was ranked 1st in chile production nationally, producing 44.8% of chile peppers in the U.S. [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2024 New Mexico Annual Bulletin, [August 2025](#)]

- **2025: New Mexico Produced 54,675 Tons of Chiles.** "Total chile production in New Mexico for 2025 totaled 54,675 tons, a 5 percent increase from the 2024 production of 52,000 tons, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Of the 54,675 tons produced, 44,575 tons were green chile and 10,100 tons were red chile. In 2025, the green chile yield was 11.8 tons per acre, and the red chile yield was 2.3 tons per acre. For comparison, the green chile yield was 11.5 tons per acre, and the red chile yield was 2.0 tons per acre in 2024." [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2025 New Mexico Chile Production, accessed [5/12/26](#)]

2025: New Mexico's Utilized Chile Production Was Valued At \$54.8 Million. "A breakdown of the 2025 chile production is as follows: 81.5 percent was sold for processing; 18.0 percent was sold for fresh market; and 0.5 percent was not sold. The value of utilized chile production in 2025 was estimated at \$54.8 million, compared with \$52.2 million in 2024. In 2025, chile sold for processing was valued at \$39.4 million, while chile sold for fresh market was valued at \$15.4 million." [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2025 New Mexico Chile Production, accessed [5/12/26](#)]

Trump's Tariffs Increased Production Costs For American Farmers, Forcing Them To Pay A Premium For Essentials Such As Fertilizer

North Dakota State University Trade Monitor: "As Of Early January 2026, Farmers Buying Fertilizer From Local Retailers Continue To Face Price Stickiness, Paying Tariff-Induced Premiums Above Pre-Tariff Baseline Levels." "Retail fertilizer still carrying tariff effects. Wholesale prices fell sharply after the November rollback, but retail prices are adjusting more slowly. As of early January 2026, farmers buying fertilizer from local retailers continue to face price stickiness, paying tariff-induced premiums above pre-tariff baseline levels." [North Dakota State University Trade Monitor, [January 2026](#)]

North Dakota State University Trade Monitor: U.S. Farmers And Input Suppliers May Have Borne Economic Costs Substantially Greater Than The Tariff Revenue Itself. "Tariff pass-through to farmer prices exceeded the tariff itself (more than complete pass-through). During peak tariff months, fertilizer pass-through exceeded the effective tariff rate. This excess pass-through likely resulted from supply chain disruptions and uncertainties surrounding the tariff policy, meaning U.S. farmers and input suppliers may have borne economic costs substantially greater than the tariff revenue itself." [North Dakota State University Trade Monitor, [January 2026](#)]

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Business Leaders In New Mexico Were Concerned About The Impact Of Trump’s Tariffs On Agriculture And Small Businesses

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- **The South Valley Economic Development Center Was A Certified Business Incubator Located In Albuquerque’s South Valley And Supported Local Growers And Business By Providing A Site For Manufacturing/Production Of Value-Added Products.** “SVEDC is a certified business incubator located in Albuquerque’s South Valley. It serves as both the business incubator for clients located in the 15,000 square foot building and users of the commercial kitchen, and as an economic development catalyst for the unincorporated area nearby. The Center supports local growers and business by providing a site for manufacturing/production of value-added products and establishing networks among businesses, growers, distributors, and retailers. It also provides clients with technical assistance in the development of small business and educational and media campaigns.” [Finance New Mexico, accessed [5/12/26](#)]

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WESST President And CEO Lindsey Kay Said Economic Uncertainty From Tariffs Were Pushing Small Business Owners Toward Predatory Lenders. “Heinrich gathered small business owners, food bank leaders, and workers at the Women’s Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST) Albuquerque headquarters to discuss how federal tariff policy and rising energy costs are straining household budgets and threatening jobs across the state. ‘The administration right now is making policy choices that are showing up in our costs,’ Heinrich said. ‘The tariffs that have been put in place — those are direct feeding costs to every small business.’ [...] WESST President and CEO Lindsey Kay said the uncertainty is hitting small businesses statewide as hard as the cost increases themselves. ‘It’s hard to do your cost projections and know how to prepare if you don’t know what’s going to be happening with costs around supply chains,’ Kay said. She added that rising costs are pushing more small business owners toward predatory lenders. ‘When you find that you’re in an environment where costs are increasing and there’s a ton of uncertainty, that creates a higher risk for folks to be more vulnerable to those types of tactics.’” [New Mexico Political Report, [5/7/26](#)]

- **Women’s Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST) Was A Statewide Nonprofit That Coached, Trained, And Incubated Small Businesses In New Mexico.** “U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) met with a group of small business owners and entrepreneurs in Albuquerque on Thursday to discuss how the effects of tariffs, the Iran war and rising fuel costs are increasing their cost of doing business and vowed to ‘push back against policies that don’t make sense.’ [...] Heinrich met with the group at the offices for the Women’s Economic Self-Sufficiency Team, a statewide nonprofit that coaches, trains and incubates small businesses.” [Source New Mexico, [5/7/26](#)]

A New Mexico Small Business Owner Said Trump’s Tariffs Raised The Price Of Raw Materials And Forced The Business To “Pivot And Figure Out How We Can Save” To Avoid Layoffs

Chrystal Trykoski, The Co-Owner Of A New Mexico Soapmaking Business, Said Raw Material Costs Climbed Sharply Since 2023, Jumping From 49 Cents To 75 Cents For Soap Sampler Boxes And Rising By 126% For Coconut Oil. “New Mexico families are spending hundreds — or thousands — of dollars more each year on gas, groceries and basic necessities, and U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich heard directly from those feeling it hardest Thursday at an Albuquerque roundtable. Heinrich gathered small business owners, food bank leaders, and workers at the Women’s Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST) Albuquerque headquarters to discuss how federal tariff policy and rising energy costs are straining household budgets and threatening jobs across the state. [...] Chrystal Trykoski, co-owner of Enchanting Soap Collections, said her raw material costs have climbed sharply since 2023. The price of soap sampler boxes jumped from 49 cents to 75 cents, she said, and coconut oil costs have risen 126 percent. ‘We’re constantly trying to pivot and figure out how we can save — not only ourselves money, but we need our products to sell to keep these women employed,’ Trykoski said. Her company employs women recovering from addiction and incarceration, and recently hired a survivor of human trafficking.” [New Mexico Political Report, [5/7/26](#)]

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- **New Mexico Political Report Headline: “From Green Chile To Film Sets: New Mexicans Describe The Crushing Weight Of Tariffs And War-Driven Costs.”** [New Mexico Political Report, [5/7/26](#)]

Cunningham Said Trump's Agenda, Which Sold Out New Mexico's Cattle Ranchers With Argentinian Beef Imports, Would Be His "Number One Priority" If Elected To Congress

January 2026: Cunningham Said Trump's Agenda Would Be His "Number One Priority" If Elected To Congress

AUDIO: January 2026: Cunningham Said Of Priorities For Him If Elected To Congress, "Getting The President's Agenda Through [...]Would Be My Number One Priority." CUNNINGHAM: "Well, I think, in my view, the most important thing is, right now the President's agenda. I believe that the policies that the President is putting forward are great policies for America in general and CD-2 in particular. [...] And so, I think on a personal level, yes, coming from the law enforcement background and a family man and raising children, I absolutely have things that I have earmarked that I want to dig into. And again, it's the border issue. It's, you know, again, I have nine grandchildren, so, you know, safety and education, but the most pressing issue, the most pressing need, is holding the house and getting the President's agenda through, and so that that is would be my number one priority of digging into these issues with the people of the district and the people of New Mexico." [Alamo Sports and Talk, Conservative News Talk, 36:11, [1/16/26](#)] (AUDIO)

After Announcing Plans To Give Argentina A \$40 Billion Lifeline, Trump Said He Wanted To Import More Beef From The Country

The United States Committed \$40 Billion To Rescuing Argentina's Flailing Economy

October 16, 2025: The Trump Administration Announced Plans To Give A \$40 Billion Financial Lifeline To Argentina To Bolster President Javier Milei's Government And Argentina's Collapsing Currency. "The Trump administration is looking to provide an additional \$20 billion in financing for Argentina through a mix of financing from sovereign funds and the private sector. That would come on top of the \$20 billion credit swap line that the U.S. Treasury pledged to Argentine President Javier Milei and his government this month to bolster the South American nation's collapsing currency. 'We are working on a \$20 billion facility that would complement our swap line, with private banks and sovereign funds that, I believe, would be more focused on the debt market,' Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told reporters Wednesday. He called it 'a private-sector solution' and said "many banks are interested in it and many sovereign funds have expressed interest.'" [Associated Press, [10/16/25](#)]

Days Later, Trump Announced He Would Look To Increase Beef Imports From Argentina

October 20, 2025: Trump: "We Would Buy Some Beef From Argentina. If We Do That, That Would Bring Our Beef Prices Down." "With beef prices soaring, President Trump is considering an idea that is at odds with his usual mantra that nearly everything should be made in the United States. Mr. Trump, who has imposed tariffs on nearly everything that America imports, said that he was considering buying beef from Argentina to bolster supplies and curb rising prices. The idea contradicts Mr. Trump's guiding economic philosophy of erecting import barriers to encourage domestic production. It also suggests that the president believes that in some cases, open markets can be an antidote to rising prices. 'We would buy some beef from Argentina,' Mr. Trump said to reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday. 'If we do that, that would bring our beef prices down.'" [New York Times, [10/20/25](#)]

Cattle Was A Major Agricultural Commodity In NM-02, Totaling \$136,155,000 In Value

2024: New Mexico Was Ranked 22nd In The Nation For Cattle And Calves Production At 1.28 Million Head. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Mexico was ranked 22nd in the nation for cattle and calves production at 1.28 million head. [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2024 New Mexico Annual Bulletin, [August 2025](#)]

2022: New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District Sold \$136,155,000 In Cattle And Calves. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District sold \$136,155,000 in cattle and calves. [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, NM-02 Congressional District Profile, [2022](#)]

Cattle Ranchers Roundly Condemned Trump's Plan To Import More Beef From Argentina

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association Pushed Back On Trump's Comments That Importing Beef From Argentina Would Reduce Beef Prices

National Cattlemen's Beef Association: "NCBA's Family Farmers And Ranchers Are Concerned That Rewarding Argentina With This Expanded Access To The U.S. Market Harms American Cattlemen And Women, While Also Interfering With The Free Market." "Today, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) responded to comments from President Donald J. Trump that suggested importing Argentinian beef as a solution to lower beef prices. NCBA's family farmers and ranchers are concerned that rewarding Argentina with this expanded access to the U.S. market harms American cattlemen and women, while also interfering with the free market." [National Cattlemen's Beef Association Statement, [10/20/25](#)]

Argentina Sold 114x More Beef Into The U.S. Market Than It Imported American Beef, Granting Argentina Cattle Ranchers A Lopsided Trade Relationship With The U.S. "NCBA's family farmers and ranchers have numerous concerns with importing more Argentinian beef to lower prices for consumers. This plan only creates chaos at a critical time of the year for American cattle producers, while doing nothing to lower grocery store prices," said NCBA CEO Colin Woodall. "Additionally, Argentina has a deeply unbalanced trade relationship with the U.S. In the past five years Argentina has sold more than \$801 million of beef into the U.S. market. By comparison, the U.S. has sold just over \$7 million worth of American beef to Argentina." [National Cattlemen's Beef Association Statement, [10/20/25](#)]

NCBA: "Argentina Also Has A History Of Foot-And-Mouth Disease, Which If Brought To The United States, Could Decimate Our Domestic Livestock Production." "Argentina also has a history of foot-and-mouth disease, which if brought to the United States, could decimate our domestic livestock production." [National Cattlemen's Beef Association Statement, [10/20/25](#)]

NCBA: "We Call On President Trump And Members Of Congress To Let The Market Work, Rather Than Intervening In Ways That Do Nothing But Harm Rural America." "Although beef prices have increased, consumer demand for beef remains strong because of the work American cattle producers have done to improve the quality and safety of U.S. beef. We call on President Trump and members of Congress to let the market work, rather than intervening in ways that do nothing but harm rural America." [National Cattlemen's Beef Association Statement, [10/20/25](#)]

Farm Action: President Trump's Plan "Is A Betrayal Of The American Rancher"

Farm Action: "President Trump's Plan To Buy Beef From Argentina Is A Betrayal Of The American Rancher." "Farm Action issued the following response to President Donald Trump's proposal that the U.S. purchase Argentinian beef to bring down beef prices. This statement can be attributed to Christian Lovell, Farm Action's Senior Director of Programs and an Illinois cattle producer: 'President Trump's plan to buy beef from Argentina is a betrayal of the American rancher. Those of us who raise cattle have finally started to see what profit looks like after facing years of high input costs and market manipulation by the meatpacking monopoly.'" [Farm Action, [10/20/25](#)]

Farm Action: "After Crashing The Soybean Market And Gifting Argentina Our Largest Export Buyer, He's Now Poised To Do The Same To The Cattle Market." "After crashing the soybean market and gifting Argentina our largest export buyer, he's now poised to do the same to the cattle market. Importing Argentinian beef would send U.S. cattle prices plummeting—and with the meatpacking industry as consolidated as it is, consumers may not see lower beef prices either. Washington should be focused on fixing our broken cattle market, not rewarding foreign competitors." [Farm Action, [10/20/25](#)]

R-CALF USA, The Largest Group Representing Solely Cattle Ranchers, Said Importing More Argentinian Beef Would Exacerbate The Pains In The U.S. Cattle Industry

R-CALF USA Stated: “Attempting To Lower Domestic Beef Prices Simply By Inviting Even More Imports Will Both Exacerbate And Accelerate The Ongoing Dismantling Of The Domestic Beef Supply Chain.” ““Just over a generation ago, cattle producers received over 60% of the consumer’s beef dollar and the packer and retailer received under 40%, and at that time consumer beef prices were affordable. But since that time, the packers’ and retailers’ share of the consumer beef dollar grew disproportionately to the cattle producers’ share. By 2021, the allocation was completely reversed, with packers and retailers receiving over 60% and producers receiving under 40% of the consumer’s beef dollar. ‘In other words, the monopolistic control by the concentrated beef packers and beef retailers, and their access to unlimited, cheaper imports, enable them to exploit producers at one end of the beef supply chain and consumers on the other. ‘Attempting to lower domestic beef prices simply by inviting even more imports will both exacerbate and accelerate the ongoing dismantling of the domestic beef supply chain.’” [R-CALF USA, [10/20/25](#)]

Cunningham Implied ICE Was Justified In Using Violence In Public Spaces To Arrest Undocumented Immigrants And Touted His Past Working With ICE

Cunningham Implied ICE Was Justified Using Violence In Public Spaces To Arrest Undocumented Immigrants Saying “We’re Going To Put Other People At Risk” And “There’s Going To Be Collateral Damage” To Customers, Employees, And Family Members

Cunningham Implied That Because ICE Agents Did Not Work In New Mexico Jails, They Were Justified In Arresting People “At Their Homes Or Where They Lay Their Head, And [...] At Their Place Of Employment”

Cunningham Argued That ICE Should Be Stationed In New Mexico Jails To “Vet” Arrests

VIDEO: February 2026: Cunningham Appeared To Blame ICE Arresting People At Home And At Work On New Mexico “Not Allowing ICE Agents Into The Jail.” CUNNINGHAM: “So I started trying to explain this to people when the mayor’s race was going on, when they were talking about immigrant friendly versus sanctuary, and the way it’s supposed to work is, and what people are not grasping is ICE was they used to be INS. ICE came after 9/11 when they reshuffled all their departments, but they had offices in the jails. They had an officer in the jail so as people were being arrested, they could vet those people. Were they arrested for violent crime? Was it there? Had they been arrested several times? And if they needed to be detained federally, they removed them right then, right there. They transferred them from the county jail to the federal detention facility, and they took them into the federal system. End of story. Well, New Mexico by not allowing ICE agents into the jail, and then you add in, we have no bail, so nobody stays in jail anyway. So, if someone that’s here illegally commits a violent crime, they’re arrested for it, they’re going to get right back out. And now the ICE agents have to go find this person. [...] Now, ICE has to go find them. It’s hard to find people. Where are you going to find them? At home, at work. And if you find them at home, chances are what there’s going to be other people there. If you have to go find them at work, there’s going to be other employees there.” [Arik Kotkowski via YouTube, 27:15-28:33, [2/6/26](#)] (VIDEO)

- **VIDEO: March 2026: Cunningham Said Of ICE Agents In Jail, “We’re Splitting Hairs By Not Allowing ICE To Separate The Criminal Element As They Come Into Our Jails.”** CUNNINGHAM: “You know, that’s we’re splitting hairs by not allowing ICE to separate the criminal element as they come into our jails, you are. And then, of course, with our no bail policy, nobody stays, stays in jail. So, they are federal officers are, and I say federal because a lot of departments are saying, well, we’re not going to help them enforce federal law. Well, we never did. That is not the Albuquerque Police Department’s job. That’s not the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s or even state police. That is for ICE and for federal officials to do. Now, federal law enforcement agencies have to go look for this person. And from someone that made a career out of finding people and watching people, you find them at their homes or where they lay their head, and you find them at their place of

employment. So, when we do that, we are naturally-- it's self-evident. We're going to put other people at risk. We have to do search warrants. We have to go through doors. We have to find them at work when there's customers and other employees, and during that process, there's going to be collateral damage. Of when you find someone at home, they're not going to be the only one there, and some of those people are going to have the same immigration status as the guy you're looking for, and then they get caught up in their collateral damage." [Rio Grande Foundation via YouTube, Tipping Point New Mexico, 25:11-26:48, [3/17/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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Cunningham Appeared To Oppose H.B. 9 Which Blocked Counties From Contracting With ICE To Hold Immigrant Detainees, Saying It Was "Going To Destroy Cibola, Otero, And Torrance County's Jobs"

VIDEO: February 2026: Cunningham Said The "Anti-ICE" Bill In The New Mexico State Legislature Was "Going To Destroy Cibola, Otero, And Torrance County's Jobs." CUNNINGHAM: "I'm very good friends with senators and legislators here, so when I when I reference them, please understand that I'm not, you know, I know that there are good, solid, hardworking people that are trying to do the right thing there in the legislature and in the Senate. So, but as a whole, the things that are coming out of our elected officials right now are not in our best interest. And I don't even think that's debatable. You know, we see, the, we see, the economic impact of it. I mean, this, this, I remember the Senate bill now. It's the anti-ICE thing. I was in Cibola County the other day. That's going to destroy Cibola, Otero and Torrance County's jobs. Now, it's going to destroy them economically. And for what? It's for ideology. This is purely ideological, and they are just completely discounting the real human cost that we are going to pay as New Mexicans. And that's just that's unacceptable to me." [Arik Kotkowski via YouTube, 54:36-55:38, [2/6/26](#)] (VIDEO)

- **February 2026: New Mexico Governor Grisham Signed H.B. 9, The Immigrant Safety Act, Into Law.** "Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed the Immigrant Safety Act, House Bill 9, into law today, cementing New Mexico's place as a national leader in protecting immigrant communities and refusing complicity in the Trump administration's mass detention and deportation system. The historic legislation, sponsored by Representatives Eleanor Chávez, Angelica Rubio, Andrea Romero, Marianna Anaya, Senator Joseph Cervantes, and 19 other sponsors, prohibits state and local governments from entering into agreements to detain individuals for civil immigration violations, stops the use of public land for immigration detention, and bans 287(g) agreements that turn local law enforcement into immigration agents. With the Legislature's passage of the bill and Governor Lujan Grisham's signature, New Mexico has delivered on its commitment to stand with immigrant families and uphold New Mexico's values of dignity, justice, and community safety." [ACLU of

New Mexico, [2/5/26](#)]

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“The United States Department of Justice on Friday filed a motion urging a federal judge to immediately prohibit New Mexico officials from enforcing House Bill 9, the Immigrant Safety Act, saying the new state law is unconstitutional and would irreparably harm a New Mexico county. The law prohibits public entities like counties from contracting with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency to hold immigrant detainees. The law has faced sustained pushback in Otero County, where county officials say the measure will result in the loss of up to 284 jobs and force the county to sell its immigrant detention facility, the Otero County Processing Center, at a loss.” [Source New Mexico, [5/8/26](#)]

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VIDEO: April 2026: Cunningham Called Legacy Church His “Home Away From Home.” “Legacy Church has always been a home away from home for me. Grateful for the conversations, the support, and the opportunity to connect with so many incredible people right here in our community. We’re building something real—one conversation at a time. If you’re ready to be part of it, I’d be honored to earn your support. Visit 🙌 <https://www.cunninghamformm.com> to learn more, volunteer, or donate. God bless you, and God bless New Mexico.” [Greg Cunningham, Facebook, [4/9/26](#)] (VIDEO)



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Cunningham Said Legacy Church Pastor Steve Smotherman Challenged Him To Get Involved In Politics

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- **Steve Smotherman Was Senior Pastor Of Legacy Church In Albuquerque.** “Steve Smothermon, senior pastor of Legacy Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, leads a vibrant community spanning 12 campuses and local TV. Legacy has grown into a dynamic, welcoming community of believers committed to sharing the good news of Jesus and introducing people to ‘the God of another chance.’ As a former UPS driver, he delivers practical, life-changing messages rooted in the Word of God. An accomplished author, his books include

‘Large Large Living in a Small Small World’ and ‘Big Problems, Bigger God.’ With over 38 years of marriage, Steve and his wife Cynthia have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. He actively supports charitable organizations like Make-A-Wish and Operation Smile, as well as local first responders and the military.” [Christian Leaders Fellowship, accessed [5/11/26](#)]

Cunningham Credited Pastor Smotherman With Inspiring Him To Get Involved In Politics

VIDEO: March 2026: Cunningham Said His Pastor At Legacy Church And Charlie Kirk Challenged Him To “Get Up” And “Get Involved” In Politics. CUNNINGHAM: “I never had any aspirations politically. It I, you know, you hear a lot of people say, Well, I don’t get involved in politics. And that I was one of those people that said that. And at the time that I was saying that I felt like I was being intelligent, but really, I realize now that when people say that that’s actually ignorant, that’s laziness, that’s not understanding what’s going on around you and what actually drives your neighborhood and your city. So that was me taking that sort of moral high ground, and in 2020 during the pandemic, I attend Legacy Church, our pastor, the governor, tried to close churches down. And our governor, you know, again, said, you can’t worship, you can’t praise. I mean, she did everything she could to close everything down as you know we were. We were one of the most locked down states in the union. Again, you men are very much more familiar with that than I am, actually. And watching the battle between my pastor and the governor, being a former Marine, being a retired police officer, a business owner, that was sort of my eye-opening moment, like what’s happening. I had always thought of Americans as being unruly, but in a good way, and that’s not what I was witnessing. I was witness, you know, witnessing fear, drive people’s actions. And I just decided at that point, listening to my pastor and Charlie Kirk used to come to our church. I have to mention that when he came to New Mexico, Legacy Church is where he came. And I listened to him speak on several occasions in intimate settings. I met him there at the church, and between those two men challenging me to get up, get involved.” [Rio Grande Foundation via YouTube, Tipping Point New Mexico, 2:06-4:00, [3/17/26](#)] (VIDEO)

AUDIO: January 2026: Cunningham Said Pastor Smotherman Was “Very Vocal” And Spoke About “America And The Constitution” In Response To COVID-19 Shutdowns. CUNNINGHAM: “I attend a church here in Albuquerque, named Legacy Church, and my pastor, Pastor Smotherman, got in when the governor tried to close churches down during the pandemic. I shouldn’t say tried she actually did close churches down, but there were some churches that resisted, and my church was one of them, and Pastor Smotherman was very vocal and spoke, you know, loudly about America and the Constitution and being a believer and shaping the world in the views of, you know, like we talked about earlier morality and ethics,. And you know, one of the people that used to come to our church and speak was Charlie Kirk. So, I got to meet Charlie Kirk. I didn’t know him. That would be disingenuous for me to say, but I did hear him. I met him, and I heard him speak several times in very intimate settings. Was both him speaking and taking questions and answers from church members, the audience. And really that was they were the first men to challenge me, excuse me, to stand and to fight and again during the pandemic, it was that moment of what’s happening?” [Alamo Sports and Talk, Conservative News Talk, 23:59-25:22, [1/16/26](#)] (AUDIO)

Legacy Church And Pastor Smotherman Condemned Same-Sex Marriage And Espoused Extreme Rhetoric Stigmatizing Gay People
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2022: Pastor Smotherman Warned Against Celebrating Pride Month, Saying “The World Is Celebrating Pride Month For Homosexuals. But As Believers We Don’t!” “Pride Leads to Destruction. The world is celebrating Pride Month for homosexuals. But as believers we don’t! Reprobate minds: The word of God clearly condemns homosexual behavior. The behavior is wrong. According to the word of God, those who don’t repent before they die will end up in hell. God never made anyone that way. Circumstances do, deception does, but God does not. He doesn’t make alcoholics, murderers, thieves, gossipers — no difference.” [Legacy Church, Op-Ed: Pastor Steve Smotheran, [6/13/22](#)]

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Smotherman Opposed The Supreme Court’s Decision On Same-Sex Marriage, Saying He Would Rather Go To Jail Than Comply With It And “History Has Shown Us That Any Nation Which Has Embraced Homosexual Sin Has Fallen Or Been Destroyed”

2015: Prior To The Supreme Court’s Decision On Same-Sex Marriage, Pastor Smotherman Said, “I Signed A Pledge That Said If They Pass This Unlawful Ungodly Law, If Need Be I’d Go To Jail Before I Honor It.” “A New Mexico pastor is getting national attention for his comments on same-sex marriage. CNN interviewed the local pastor this week before the expected ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court on same-sex marriage. ‘This guy says, ‘Hey, my name’s Mark. I’m with CNN News,’ said Pastor Steve Smothermon of Legacy Church in

Albuquerque during the Sunday service. Smothermon talked about his interview for a CNN article published online on Thursday. He and more than 51,000 others signed a pledge online to stand in solidarity against same-sex marriage, an issue the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on this month. 'I signed a pledge that said if they pass this unlawful ungodly law, if need be I'd go to jail before I honor it,' Smothermon said. He said legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide would be an attack on the church. 'Listen, I'll go to jail over what I believe. No one's going to tell me what I have to do,' Smothermon said. 'No one's going to tell me or dictate my beliefs.'" [KRQE, [6/19/15](#)]

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provision of conversion therapy in violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be grounds for disciplinary action by a board in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Licensing Act.” [New Mexico State Legislature, S.B. 121, [4/7/17](#)]

- **2017: New Mexico Republican Governor Susan Martinez Signed S.B. 121 Into Law, Protecting LGBTQ Youth From So-Called “Conversion Therapy.”** “Today, HRC and Equality New Mexico hailed New Mexico Republican Governor Susana Martinez’s decision to sign into law Senate Bill (SB) 121 -- legislation protecting LGBTQ youth from the dangerous and discredited practice of so-called ‘conversion therapy.’ ‘This is an incredible victory for LGBTQ youth in New Mexico,’ said HRC Legal Director Sarah Warbelow. ‘No child should be subjected to this dangerous practice that amounts to nothing more than child abuse. By signing this crucially important legislation into law, Governor Martinez is standing up for vulnerable youth who deserve to be loved and supported for who they are.’” [Human Rights Campaign, Press Release, [4/7/17](#)]

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Cunningham Claimed In A 2022 Candidate Questionnaire That He Had Never Been Subjected To Tax Liens Despite Him And His Business Facing More Than \$14,000 In Tax Liens From The State Of New Mexico

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2022: Cunningham Answered “No” On An Albuquerque Journal Candidate Questionnaire When Asked If He Had A History Of Tax Liens

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Q&A: House District 29 Republican candidate Gregory Cunningham

BY THE CANDIDATE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH, 2022 AT 8:46PM



NAME: Gregory Cunningham

POLITICAL PARTY: Republican

OCCUPATION: Self employed/retired

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Albuquerque

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Retired APD officer/detective, veteran U.S. Marine Corps, business owner

EDUCATION: 14 years

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE: avoicefornewmexico.com



Gregory Cunningham

1. New Mexico is highly reliant on the oil and natural gas industries to generate revenue to fund state programs, as evidenced by recent oil boom and bust cycles. What steps should the Legislature take to diversify the state's economy and revenue base?

[...]

Personal background

1. Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens?

No.

[Albuquerque Journal via Internet Archive, archived [10/3/22](#)]

2012: Cunningham Faced A Personal Tax Lien For More Than \$2,000 From The State Of New Mexico, Which Was Later Released

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After Incorrectly Answering “No” To The Candidate Questionnaire When Asked About Having A History Of Tax Liens Despite Facing A \$2,000 Tax Lien, Cunningham Blamed The Answer On A Miscommunication With His Campaign Consultant

Cunningham Received A \$2,000 Tax Lien In 2012, Meaning His “No” Response To The Tax Lien Question Was Not Correct

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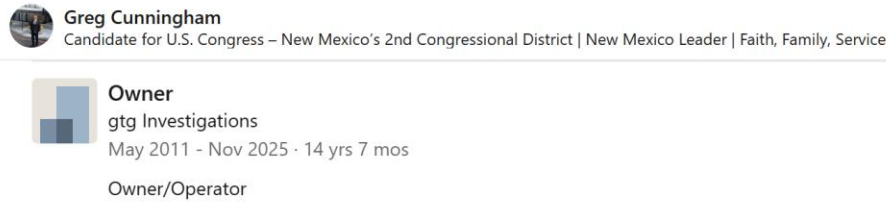
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2011-2025: Cunningham Was The Owner Of GTG Investigations

2011-2025: According To His LinkedIn, Cunningham Was The Owner/Operator Of GTG Investigations. According to Cunningham's LinkedIn, as of June 2026, he was the owner/operator of GTG Investigations from May 2011 to November 2025. [Greg Cunningham, LinkedIn, accessed [6/9/26](#)]



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2012-2016: GTG Investigations Tax Liens				
Grantor	Grantee	Lien Filing Date	Release Date	Amount
GTG Investigations	NM Taxation & Revenue Department	10/17/2012	8/25/2015	\$5,217.10
GTG Investigations	NM Taxation & Revenue Department	2/3/2016	7/3/2018	\$7,139.96
TOTAL:				\$12,357.06

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2022: Cunningham Said He Did Not Know What Gross Receipts Taxes Were When He Faced Liens For Not Paying Them For His Business And Then Called For Them To Be “Abolished”

Cunningham Said He Did Not Pay Gross Receipts Taxes On His Business Because He Did Not Know What Gross Receipts Tax Was When He Started His Business

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2024: Cunningham Said He Had Been Subjected To Tax Liens Before, Saying “When I Retired And Started My Own Business I Had No Idea What GRT Was At The Time.” “House District 29: Greg Cunningham. [...] Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens? Yes, State of New Mexico. When I retired and started my own business I had no idea what GRT was at the time. As I received the notices regarding GRT I believed it to be an error as I have always paid all my taxes in a timely manner. Once I realized what GRT was I immediately paid the amount and have never been in arrears since.” [Albuquerque Journal, [9/28/24](#)]

- **2024: Cunningham Said He Immediately Paid Off His Lien After He Realized What Gross Receipts Were.** “House District 29: Greg Cunningham. [...] Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens? Yes, State of New Mexico. When I retired and started my own business I had no idea what GRT was at the time. As I received the notices regarding GRT I believed it to be an error as I have always paid all my taxes in a timely manner. Once I realized what GRT was I immediately paid the amount and have never been in arrears since.” [Albuquerque Journal, [9/28/24](#)]

After Being Subjected To Multiple State Tax Liens, Cunningham Called For Gross Tax Receipts To Be “Abolished”

2022: Cunningham Said, “The New Mexico GRT Should Be Abolished, And The Necessary Amount Should Be Added To The Sales Tax.” “NAME: Gregory Cunningham. [...] 7. What changes, if any, should New Mexico make to its gross receipts tax code? The New Mexico GRT should be abolished, and the necessary amount should be added to the sales tax. We should be honest about what consumers are paying in taxes.” [Albuquerque Journal via Internet Archive, archived [10/3/22](#)]

2024: Cunningham Said The Gross Receipts Tax System Was A “Hidden” Tax Consumers Paid And “Stifles And Prevents Businesses From Opening And Expanding.” “Q11 Do you support or oppose the use of the Gross Receipts Tax system currently in effect? Oppose (Please explain.), Other or comments: It is a ‘hidden’ tax that consumers pay. It stifles and prevents businesses from opening and expanding.” [2024 New Mexico Business Coalition Candidate Survey, Greg Cunningham Responses, [6/27/24](#)]

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Other or comments::

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