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After Losing To Rep. Don Davis In 2024, Buckhout Went Back To D.C. Only To Come Back To North Carolina Again After The 1st Congressional District Was Even More Gerrymandered To Be Favorable To Republicans

Davis Defeated Buckhout By Outperforming Kamala Harris Even After Republicans Redistricted To Make NC-01 More Republican

2024: Davis Defeated Buckhout 49.5% To 47.9% Even After Republicans Redrew NC-01 To Make It Harder For Davis To Win Reelection. “The state Board of Elections reports that all 281 precincts in the district have submitted their tallies, and that Davis enjoys a lead of 5,826 votes (49.46% to 47.90%). Libertarian Tom Bailey received 2.63%. The Associated Press only called the race on Thursday. Davis claimed victory in the wee hours of the morning. WRAL.com reported that Davis told supporters in Snow Hill shortly after midnight that he had won the race, saying, ‘We did it!’ Buckhout initially declined to concede and indicated she was exploring the possibility of seeking a recount, but ultimately abandoned that idea. The outcome of the race could be critical to control of the House, where Republicans have held a slim majority for the past two years. The Republican-led state legislature changed district lines in 2023 to make the district harder for a Democrat to win by removing Greenville from the district and adding several Republican counties.” [NC Newline, [11/6/26](#)]

- **Trump Simultaneously Carried NC-01 By More Than 3 Points.** “North Carolina Republicans have dramatically gerrymandered the state—10 of the swing state’s 14 congressmen are set to be Republican. But there’s still one competitive district, North Carolina’s 1st. The district covers the northeast part of the state, which is 40 percent Black, with a lower-than-average income. It stretches from the beaches of the Outer Banks to the historically black campus of Elizabeth City State College to the busy streets of Rocky Mount. Trump won it by approximately 3 to 4 percentage points. But Representative Don Davis, a freshman Democrat, won re-election anyway. Winning in a Trump-voting district is no small feat, and Davis’s success contains lessons for all Democrats as they think about rebuilding the party image.” [Washington Monthly, [12/11/24](#)]

Buckhout Left North Carolina For Washington, D.C. After Losing In 2024

VIDEO: Buckhout Said She Was Offered A Job In The Trump Administration After The 2024 Election Because She Was “Very Loyal” To President Trump. HOST: “Circling back logic to your statement about being in the Trump administration and in real life, you know, that's awesome. Can you tell me how long you were in the administration and what your role was there?” BUCKHOUT: “Oh, yeah. I was in the administration for about eight months. I got a call after I got a call around January 2025, after the 2024 election, and the presidential personnel office reached out to me and said, Look, you work so hard and you really proved yourself to be a rock solid conservative and very loyal to, of course, President Trump and, you know, America. And we'd love to have you in the administration. So they offered me some jobs. I ended up taking a cyber job in the Pentagon. And we're just so honored to do it.

Had a great time. It was tremendous. And what it was doing was getting our cyber forces ready to both defend America and to take the fight to our enemies overseas as needed. So I was incredibly honored and thrilled to have that job. It was great.” [New Bern Live, 0:00, [2/26/26](#)] (VIDEO)

April 2025: Buckhout Was Appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary Of Defense For Cyber Policy.

“The Department of Defense (DoD) has named U.S. Army veteran Laurie Buckhout as the new deputy assistant secretary of defense for cyber policy. In her new role, which began March 17, Buckhout oversees establishment of DoD’s cyberspace policy and strategy, leads the department’s cyberspace activities, and manages related relationships across the Federal government, domestic stakeholders, and international allies. Buckhout, a retired Army colonel, brings extensive military and industry experience to the role. During her 26 years with the military, she commanded a battalion-level task force during the initial attack into Iraq in 2003 and later continued her work for the Federal government during a stint as a special government employee with the Department of Commerce.” [MeriTalk, [4/2/25](#)]

Buckhout Admitted The NC GOP’s 2025 Redistricting Piqued Her Interest To Run For NC-01 Again

North Carolina Republicans Redrew NC-01 To Be More Republican, Shifting It From A Seat Trump Won By 3 Points To A Seat He Carried By 12 Points. “North Carolina Republicans have completed their mid-decade redraw of the state’s congressional map, placing a Democrat-held seat in the state’s northeastern corner in jeopardy. The GOP-led state House gave final approval to the new lines on Wednesday, a day after Republican state senators backed the revised map, under which the GOP would be favored to win 11 of the state’s 14 congressional seats — up one from the current map. Democratic Gov. Josh Stein doesn’t have the power to veto congressional and legislative lines in the Tar Heel State. The effort in North Carolina is part of a nationwide redistricting push this cycle by President Donald Trump and his allies, who are seeking to bolster Republicans’ chances of maintaining their House majority in 2026. The redrawn North Carolina map dramatically reshapes the state’s 1st District, a purple swath represented by second-term Democratic Rep. Don Davis, shifting it from a seat that Trump carried by 3 points to one that would have backed him by 12 points, according to data released by the state’s General Assembly.” [Roll Call, [10/22/25](#)]

AUDIO: Buckhout Said She Worked At The Pentagon For Eight Months, But Missed Her Husband And Heard There Were “Rumblings About Redistricting” That Instilled An Interest In Running Again. QUESTION: “Do you think they’ll do that this time?” BUCKHOUT: “Well now that we’re an R plus five they don’t stand a chance. So right after I lost the election, I got a call from the White House personnel office that said, do you want to come and serve with the administration. I was like, absolutely I do. You don’t turn that down. So they said, what are you interested in? I was like, okay, cyber, that’s what I’ve doing for most of my career. They said, well, we have some jobs. We have an assistant secretary war. How would you like to do that? I would love that. Pentagon, war, cyber, all these things I knew. So, went there, uh, did that for eight months. As assistant secretary of, uh cyber, was hearing rumblings about this thing being re-districted. Missed my husband. It wasn’t one of those jobs you’re gonna do forever especially with my family still in NC. Came back here to run, so there we go.” [Laurie Buckhout Meet and Greet, 0:30, [2/11/26](#)] (AUDIO)

2026: Buckhout Made Clear Her Desire To Run For Congress Had More To Do With Her Than Serving Eastern North Carolinians

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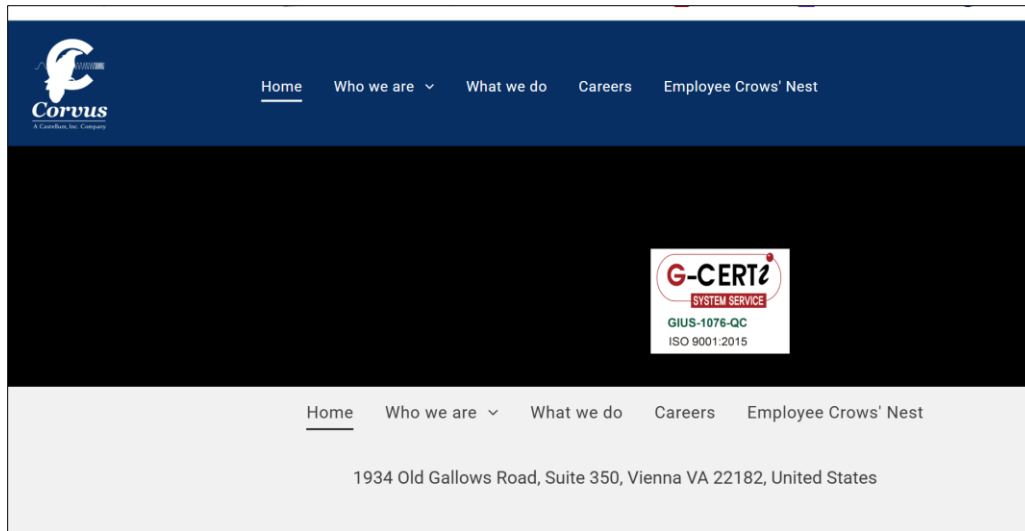
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2026: Buckhout Reported A Net Worth Up To \$36 Million

2026 House Clerk: Buckhout’s 2026 Financial Disclosure Stated Her Net Worth Range Was As Low As \$8.6 Million And As High As \$36 Million. [House Clerk, Laurie Buckhout 2026 PFD, filed [1/24/26](#)]

2026: Laurie Buckhout Estimated Net Worth		
Type	Value Minimum	Value Maximum
Assets	\$9,688,192	\$36,764,000
Liabilities	\$500,001	\$1,000,000
Net Worth	\$8,688,192	\$36,263,399

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Buckhout Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill

April 2026: Buckhout Said The One Big Beautiful Bill “Delivered” For North Carolina Communities. “Don Davis voted NO on funding for Eastern North Carolina in the One Big Beautiful Bill. Republicans passed it anyway and delivered for our communities. Now Davis is trying to claim credit. You can’t vote against your district in Washington and pretend you fought for it back home. Eastern North Carolinians see right through his charade.” [Twitter, Laurie Buckhout, [4/10/26](#)]



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Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave The Top 1% Wealthiest Americans \$1 Trillion In Tax Cuts

Center For American Progress: The Big Beautiful Bill Delivered \$1 Trillion In Tax Cuts To The Top 1% While Cutting \$1.1 Trillion From SNAP, Medicaid, And Other Safety Net Programs. “Overall, the BBB cuts taxes by \$4.5 trillion over the next decade, primarily with \$2.3 trillion of provisions that deliver most of their benefits to the richest 10 percent of Americans by income, according to new analysis of JCT data by the Center for American Progress. Within that, the BBB delivers \$1 trillion in tax cuts to the top 1 percent while cutting more than \$1.1 trillion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and other health programs used by the poorest Americans.” [Center for American Progress, [11/20/25](#)]

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, [7/3/25](#)]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill's Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest Americans. “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 subsidize. 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: “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](#)]

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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](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "Budget Office Says GOP's 'Big, Beautiful Bill' Will Make Rich Richer, Poor Poorer."** [Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave Corporations A Tax Windfall

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Cut Corporations Income Taxes, Both Foreign And Domestic

The Big Beautiful Bill Permanently Reduced The Corporate Tax Rate From 35% To 21%.

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Cut Corporate Taxes By \$753 Billion Across The Board, And Awarded \$61 Billion In More Generous Business Deductions. "There are \$753 billion in broad-based domestic business tax cuts in the BBB, similar in inflation-adjusted terms to the \$650 billion in business cuts in the original TCJA. Many of the business tax cuts in the BBB take the form of cutting taxes on different investments, such as on research and development, equipment purchases, and certain manufacturing and production structures. The legislation also awarded \$61 billion in more generous deductions for business debt payments. Who benefits: The benefits of investment incentives, such as those enacted by the BBB, are subject to some debate. As discussed, decreasing taxes on corporations and businesses primarily

benefits the executives and owners of those businesses. On the other hand, tax cuts that are tied to increasing investment, as opposed to unrestricted tax cuts tied to profits, can effectively increase investment. Provisions like the pass-through business deduction, the international business tax cuts, and miscellaneous tax cuts layer benefits on already profitable businesses; but provisions tied to increasing investments can have economically beneficial effects.” [Center for American Progress, [11/20/25](#)]

NC Department Of Health And Human Services: North Carolina Would Lose \$50 Billion In Medicaid Funding Over Ten Years Because Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

NCDHHS: North Carolina Was Projected To Lose \$50 Billion In Medicaid Funding, Which Would Disproportionately Affect Rural North Carolinians. “The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced today it will begin preparing to submit its application to receive funding from the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). The program is part of H.R. 1, a federal bill signed into law by President Trump in July to address rural health concerns due to federal cuts to the Medicaid program. NCDHHS has created a website with a link for providers to give feedback now on what should be considered for North Carolina’s application and will host several opportunities for partner organizations to provide input for the state’s RHTP application in the coming months. The Medicaid program will see cuts resulting in approximately \$1 trillion in losses nationwide in the next 10 years due to H.R. 1, including \$49.9 billion in North Carolina, and these cuts will disproportionately impact people who live in rural communities. NCDHHS works to create a healthier state for everyone who calls this state home, including the more than 3 million people in rural North Carolina.” [NCDHHS, [8/14/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cut Nearly \$30 Million In Revenue To Hospitals In NC-01

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In NC-01 Were Projected To Lose \$28,351,907 As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts. [Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, [7/8/25](#)]

Projected Cuts To NC-01 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Hospital	City	Projected Cut To Hospital Revenue
MARIA PARHAM MEDICAL CENTER	HENDERSON	\$774,351
GRANVILLE MEDICAL CENTER	OXFORD	\$2,036,867
NASH HOSPITALS INC	ROCKY MOUNT	\$6,973,933
HALIFAX REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER INC	ROANOKE RAPIDS	\$2,121,412
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH - HERITAGE INC	TARBORO	\$2,290,095
MARTIN GENERAL HOSPITAL	WILLIAMSTON	\$251,861
SENTARA ALBEMARLE REGL MED CTR LLC	ELIZABETH CITY	\$3,322,971
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH	AHOSKIE	\$2,049,879
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH - CHOWAN INC	EDENTON	\$1,685,800
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH-BERTIE	WINDSOR	\$470,213
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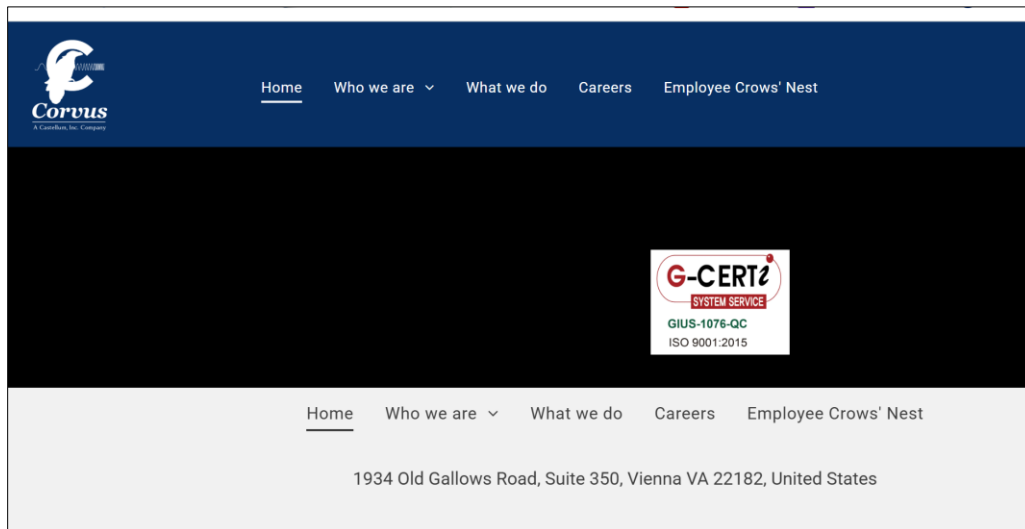
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Headline: "Speaker Johnson Says Buckhout Will Flip NC-1 In 'Midterm Unlike Any Other'"
[Carolina Journal, [8/5/26](#)]

Speaker Mike Johnson Campaigned In North Carolina To Support Laurie Buckhout. "On Aug. 4, just 91 days out from the midterm elections, Republican Speaker of the US House Mike Johnson of Louisiana expressed his confidence in Col. Laurie Buckhout, the Republican nominee running to unseat Democrat incumbent Don Davis of North Carolina's First Congressional District. During a campaign stop in Greenville, where they also met with farmers and business leaders from the eastern part of the state, Johnson called the upcoming election a 'midterm unlike any other.' 'She is one of our star recruits to run



for Congress this fall, and she is going to flip a blue seat to red, North Carolina’s first Congressional District, an essential part of the strategy to ensure the Republicans maintain the majority in Congress,’ Johnson told the press.” [Carolina Journal, [8/5/26](#)]

Republican Leadership Funneled Hundreds Of Thousands To Buckhout’s Campaign

Republican Leaders’ Joint Fundraising Committees Funneled Over \$200,000 To Buckhout’s Campaign. [FEC, Laurie Buckhout for Congress, accessed [8/5/26](#)]

Committee	Recipient	Date	Amount
Grow The Majority	Laurie Buckhout for Congress	3/31/26	\$60,278.16
Laurie Buckhout for Congress-GTM Nominee Fund: NC-01	Laurie Buckhout for Congress	3/31/26	\$99,154.74
Buckhout for NC-01 Republican Nominee Fund 2026	Laurie Buckhout for Congress	3/17/26	\$16,776.67
Emmer Majority Builders	Laurie Buckhout for Congress	3/31/26	\$26,678.82
Emmer Majority Builders	Laurie Buckhout for Congress	2/18/25	\$2,956.85
Grow The Majority	Laurie Buckhout for Congress	1/20/25	\$1,240.41
TOTAL:			\$207,085.65

[FEC, Laurie Buckhout for Congress, accessed [8/5/26](#)]

Buckhout Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill

April 2026: Buckhout Said The One Big Beautiful Bill “Delivered” For North Carolina Communities. “Don Davis voted NO on funding for Eastern North Carolina in the One Big Beautiful Bill. Republicans passed it anyway and delivered for our communities. Now Davis is trying to claim credit. You can’t vote against your district in Washington and pretend you fought for it back home. Eastern North Carolinians see right through his charade.” [Twitter, Laurie Buckhout, [4/10/26](#)]



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

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave The Top 1% Wealthiest Americans \$1 Trillion In Tax Cuts

Center For American Progress: The Big Beautiful Bill Delivered \$1 Trillion In Tax Cuts To The Top 1% While Cutting \$1.1 Trillion From SNAP, Medicaid, And Other Safety Net Programs.

“Overall, the BBB cuts taxes by \$4.5 trillion over the next decade, primarily with \$2.3 trillion of provisions that deliver most of their benefits to the richest 10 percent of Americans by income, according to new analysis of JCT data by the Center for American Progress. Within that, the BBB delivers \$1 trillion in tax cuts to the top 1 percent while cutting more than \$1.1 trillion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and other health programs used by the poorest Americans.” [Center for American Progress, [11/20/25](#)]

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, [7/3/25](#)]

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 Americans. “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 subsidize. 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: “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](#)]

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

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave Corporations A Tax Windfall

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Cut Corporations Income Taxes, Both Foreign And Domestic

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Buckhout Supported Tariffs And Defended Trade Policies Claiming The Tariffs Would Lead To Lower Prices

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- **Buckhout On Tariffs: “It Is About Leveling The Playing Field, And The Folks That I Talk To Understand That Sometimes There Has To Be Some Short-Term Pinch In Order To Affect A Long-Term Gain And Level The Playing Field So That We Can Have Equality Across Our Markets With Regard To Our Crops And Commodities That Are Being Sold.”** “Buckhout praised Trump’s success with European countries and Canada, calling him a ‘master negotiator.’ She emphasized her belief in staying the course, stating that ‘we are going to come out on top,’ but it takes some time to get there. ‘It’s not what I say to farmers, it’s what I hear farmers say to me,’ said Buckhout. ‘The farmers that I talk to they tell me that they understand what the president is doing. It

is about leveling the playing field, and the folks that I talk to understand that sometimes there has to be some short-term pinch in order to affect a long-term gain and level the playing field so that we can have equality across our markets with regard to our crops and commodities that are being sold.” [The Carolina Journal, [2/20/26](#)]

- **Reflector Headline: “GOP Candidates In North Carolina’s 1st Back Trump Tariffs.”** [Reflector, [2/24/26](#)]

Ahead Of Working People

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick Nearly 42,000 People In NC-01 Off Their Health Insurance

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated 41,781 People In North Carolina’s 1st 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](#)]

NC-01: 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
17,000	24,781	41,781

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

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts In History, Threatening Food Assistance For More Than 60,000 Households In NC-01

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts 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](#)]

- **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](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Risked Food Assistance For 60,848 Households In NC-01

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 60,848 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In NC-01. [USDA, accessed [8/5/26](#)]

Who Receives SNAP?

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

In NC District 1, SNAP serves...

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Farmers,

2026: Buckhout’s Message To North Carolina Farmers Suffering From Tariffs Was To Wait For Trade Deals To Be Finalized

VIDEO: Buckhout’s Message To North Carolina Farmers Suffering From Tariffs Was To Wait Longer For Trade Deals To Be Finalized. MODERATOR: “And this is Buckhout again. We are starting with you. What do you say to farmers who feel these policies are hurting their livelihood? You have 60 seconds.” BUCKHOUT: “You know, I think that the tariffs are a temporary measure to address a trade imbalance that previous Democrat presidents have been putting into practice that have put us in a really terrible position in terms of tariffing our goods, it at ridiculous rates, while allowing other nations to pour their their cheap and their untariffed products into America, agricultural engineering products and all sorts of, you know, household words, etc. It's time that we level the playing field. And I know that President Trump is doing that, and it takes some time to level that playing field. We have been playing at a disadvantage for so long. I know he's having great successes with European countries. He's had success with Canada, and it's something that I believe we need to stay the course to even it out. President Trump is a master negotiator, and we're going to come out on top, and it takes a little bit of time to get there.” [WNCT NC-01 GOP Candidate Debate, 2:59, [2/19/26](#)] (VIDEO)

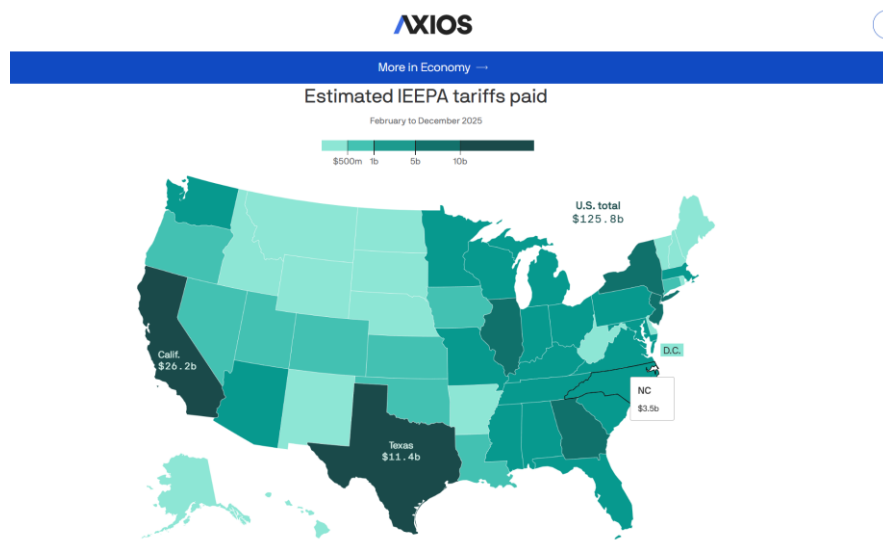
- **Buckhout Said It Would Take “Some Time” To Level The “Playing Field.”** “During Thursday’s 1st Congressional District debate, three of the four GOP candidates on stage acknowledged the financial pain local farmers are feeling. But all four of them supported keeping the tariffs in place, saying they trusted Trump’s vision. [...] ‘It’s time that we level the playing field,’ candidate Laurie Buckhout said. ‘And I know that President Trump is doing that, and it takes some time.’” [WRAL News, [2/20/26](#)]

2026: Buckhout Said Tariffs Would Lead To Prices Going Down

VIDEO: Buckhout: “The America First Agenda, The Tariffs Are Going To Lead To Prices Going Down On The Products That We Need, And Putting Americans Back To Work Are Going To Lead To Prices Going Down.” “Thank you. You know there are a couple issues there. Number one, government doesn’t have a big government, doesn’t have a revenue problem, that has a spending problem. You have to stop the spending that’s bleeding America’s dry, and that’s taking money out of their pockets in terms of taxes, every time you turn around the drill, baby drill, actually getting back to American energy, we’re beginning to feel the effects of that as gas prices go down that other prices associated with products, with transportation, et cetera, those go down. The America first agenda, the tariffs are going to lead to prices going down on the products that we need, and putting Americans back to work are going to lead to prices going down. So everything that the America first agenda right now is doing is absolutely on track. We need to continue on that area, bringing back American energy, bringing back American jobs, and making sure that people can keep their money in their pockets, instead of giving it to egregious taxes to play to pay for people who are not even citizens.” [WNCT NC-01 GOP Candidate Debate, 16:56, [2/19/26](#)] (VIDEO)

North Carolina Paid \$3.5 Billion In Tariff Costs

2025: North Carolina Paid \$3.5 Billion In Tariff Costs Trump Implemented Under The International Emergency Economic Powers Act. [Axios, [2/20/26](#)]



[Axios, [2/20/26](#)]

- **Axios: Trump’s Tariffs Likely Made Goods More Expensive As Businesses Passed Higher Costs Onto Everyday Americans.** “Roughly \$126 billion is now potentially up for grabs after the Supreme Court struck down a swath of President Trump’s tariffs on Friday, according to the Trade Partnership

Worldwide. Why it matters: Those tariffs likely made all kinds of stuff more expensive as businesses passed higher costs onto everyday Americans, but the ruling now could lead to a chaotic refund process — and it's unclear who gets to pocket that cash. [...] State of play: The overturned IEEPA tariffs mean that billions of dollars are now in limbo across America, according to economic research firm Trade Partnership Worldwide, based on trade from February to December 2025.” [Axios, [2/20/26](#)]

The Reckless Tariff Policy Could Result In \$695 Million In Losses And 8,000 Lost Jobs In North Carolina As North Carolina Farmers Were Struggling To Sell Their Products Overseas Because Of Retaliatory Tariffs Impacting The State’s Agricultural Industry

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- **Dorfman: Trump's Tariffs And Trade Policy Retaliation Could Result In An Economic Loss Of \$1.9 Billion.** "Other indirect effects on the state's rural economy would result in an additional \$1.2 billion in estimated revenue losses, Dorfman wrote. This brings the potential total economic losses as a result of trade policy retaliation to \$1.9 billion, which is more than 2% of North Carolina's gross state product. Donald Bryson, CEO of the Locke Foundation, a free-market think tank, said the organization commissioned the study because it has become increasingly concerned about the effect of recent agricultural policies on the state's food supply chain." [NC Newsline, [1/16/26](#)]
- **Dorfman Was A Professor Of Agricultural And Resource Economics At North Carolina State.** "Jeffrey Dorfman is the Hugh C. Kiger Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at North Carolina State University. In this role, he teaches, performs research on the broad area of the economics and management of the food industry, and fills an extension role assisting growers, industry, and policy makers on topics of pricing, marketing, management, and policy issues." [John Locke Foundation, How Tariffs Threaten North Carolina Agriculture, by Jeffrey Dorfman, [1/12/26](#)]
- **The Carolina Journal Headline: "Report Warns Tariffs Could Cost NC Farms \$700M, 8,000 Jobs."** [The Carolina Journal, [1/13/26](#)]

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The United States Raised Tariffs On Foreign Imports To The U.S. Trade Partners Leading To Retaliatory Tariffs And A Trade War

NC Newsline: “Over The Past Year, President Donald Trump Has Raised Tariffs On Foreign Imports To The U.S. Major Trade Partners Like The European Union, China And Canada Imposed Retaliatory Tariffs In Response, Leading To Trade Wars And Increased Prices Across The Board.” “Retaliatory tariffs could have harsh economic consequences for North Carolina’s agricultural sector, according to a new report from the John Locke Foundation. Over the past year, President Donald Trump has raised tariffs on foreign imports to the U.S. Major trade partners like the European Union, China and Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs in response, leading to trade wars and increased prices across the board. ‘How Tariffs Threaten North Carolina Agriculture: NC Farmers at Risk,’ authored by Jeffrey Dorfman at North Carolina State University, estimates the tariffs could cost the state’s farmers about \$695 million. This figure represents roughly a third of average net farm income in North Carolina. ‘Such a contraction would lead to a total of roughly 8,000 lost jobs, both directly in the agriculture industry along with the ripple effects from that lost revenue,’ Dorfman wrote. ‘The job losses would be concentrated in North Carolina’s rural communities.’” [NC Newsline, [1/16/26](#)]

- **NC Newsline Headline: “Tariffs Could Wipe Out Nearly A Third Of NC Farm Income, New Report Says.”** [NC Newsline, [1/16/26](#)]

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- **13 News Now Headline: “Farmers Say Tariffs Are Raising Prices You’ll Eventually Pay.”** [13 News, [1/15/26](#)]
- **Washington Post Headline: “Trump’s Tariffs War Is Sparking Uncertainty For North Carolina Farmers.”** [Washington Post, [4/14/25](#)]

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- **North State Journal Headline: “NC Tobacco Farmers Face Uncertainty As China Cancels Contracts.”** [North State Journal, [8/21/25](#)]

2025: China Did Not Agree To Buy American Flue-Cure Tobacco Because Of The Trade War. “A major industry in North Carolina remains on edge after an agriculture deal between the U.S. and China last week did not include tobacco. Triple B Farms in eastern North Carolina is one piece of a critical industry in North Carolina. Sixty percent of all U.S. tobacco production is from the state. But this summer, Brandon Batten suffered a blow when China announced it would not purchase flue-cured tobacco in the 2025 crop. ‘It’s put an incredible amount of downward pressure on the price,’ Batten said. ‘Anywhere from 20 to 25% off of where we expected to be.’ China is the leading international buyer of American flue-cured tobacco, which is used to make cigarettes, so losing it was a big deal. ‘The assumption is that it was all to have leverage in their meeting with President Trump on tariffs,’ said N.C. State agriculture professor Jeffrey Dorfman. ‘And that’s the same reason they stopped buying soybeans.’” [Spectrum Local News, [11/4/25](#)]

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U.S. Lawmakers Highlighted That Chinese Buyers Delayed Or Refused To Pay For Purchased 2024 Tobacco Leaf In Response To The Trade War With China. “On Oct 28, Sen. Ted Budd, R-NC, joined Rep. David Rouzer, R-CD07, in leading a bipartisan effort in Congress to urge President Donald Trump to prioritize flue-cured tobacco in his upcoming meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. China is the leading international purchaser of American flue-cured tobacco. Farmers were recently notified that China will not buy flue-cured tobacco from the 2025 crop, a move widely seen as an attempt to gain leverage in ongoing trade negotiations with the United States. This decision leaves approximately 65 million pounds of tobacco without a buyer, resulting in an estimated \$220 million in lost export value. ‘Chinese buyers have delayed or refused to pay for purchased 2024 tobacco leaf, including the refusal of shipments from earlier this year,’ wrote lawmakers. ‘The impact on rural communities will be devastating, forcing growers out of tobacco production and threatening the stability of other crops, which depend on tobacco revenues to keep production going. Global competitors such as

Brazil and India will quickly fill the gap, displacing U.S. farmers. We urge you to remedy China's trade practices and ensure our growers maintain this important market." [The Carolina Journal, [10/29/25](#)]

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The Carolina Journal: North Carolina Was Number One Tobacco Producer In The United States Accounting For 60% Of U.S. Tobacco. "North Carolina, the nation's leader in tobacco exports, could face economic fallout from the Trump administration's recent tariff increases, which have set off a spiraling trade war. North Carolina produces 260.1 million pounds of tobacco annually, accounting for 60% of US tobacco production and making North Carolina the No. 1 producer in the nation. 'I know tobacco growers are busy planting their crops now to honor the 2025 contracts they have in place with China,' Steve Troxler, commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDAS&CS) told the Carolina Journal. 'In the meantime, we continue to monitor these trade negotiations very closely, waiting to see what the outcome will be because it is a very fluid situation. Going back to the last trade negotiations that were initiated, the president was very good about helping farmers who had adverse effects. In fact, he was the first president in a very long time who included tobacco.'" [The Carolina Journal, [4/22/25](#)]

And Coastal Communities.

Buckhout Supported Trump's Cuts To FEMA Disaster Relief

Buckhout Supported Trump's Efforts To "Drastically Reduce The Amount Of Money Given To North Carolina For Hurricane Helene Response" And Said FEMA's Responsibilities Should Be Pushed Down To The States. "Questioned about the future of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the candidates had mixed answers on its role in the future. Under Trump, FEMA has drastically reduced the amount of money given to North Carolina for Hurricane Helene response and other work. Buckhout said that's probably how it should be for all emergencies in the future, with states picking up more of their own costs rather than the federal government. 'Pushing FEMA responsibilities down to the states is a very important thing to consider,' she said. 'I think that's right in line with the America First agenda.'" [WRAL, [2/19/26](#)]

March 2025: The Trump Administration Canceled \$226 Million In FEMA Grants To North Carolina. "In DePue, Ill., sewage will keep backing up into people's basements when there's heavy rain. In Rising Sun, Md., a mobile home park that has already flooded six times will remain in harm's way. And in Kamiah, Idaho, houses won't get upgrades that would protect them from wildfires These rural

communities were awarded grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fix long-standing infrastructure problems, and they expected funding to be delivered this year. But last month, the Trump administration canceled their grants and hundreds of others, including ones that had already been promised but not yet paid out. Since 2020, FEMA has awarded about \$4.6 billion to communities across the U.S. through a program known as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). The goal was to help local, state and tribal governments protect residents from future disasters such as floods, wildfires, tornadoes and hurricanes.” [NPR, [5/1/25](#)]



[NPR, [5/1/25](#)]

Laurie Buckhout Message #2 Backup

Buckhout doesn't think the same rules apply to her –

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- *Buckhout has invested thousands of dollars into a company with close ties to the Chinese Communist Party.*

Buckhout Doesn't Think The Same Rules Apply To Her –

Rhetoric.

Buckhout Campaigned With A Convicted Sex Offender

Buckhout Praised And Campaigned With Harvey West

Headline: “NCGOP Candidate Laurie Buckhout’s Ties To Michael Whatley And Harvey West, A Known Sex Offender” [NC Voices, [7/14/26](#)]

Buckhout Attended Fundraising Events Hosted By Harvey West, Jr. “A report from Asheville Watchdog found that Buckhout has also attended fundraising events hosted by Harvey West Jr., joining

other prominent Republicans, including Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Newby, Associate Justices Trey Allen and Philip Berger Jr., and state Supreme Court candidate Sarah Stevens.” [NC Voices, [7/14/26](#)]

November 2023: Buckhout Attended A Candidate Forum Hosted By West And Praised Him In A Since-Deleted Tweet. “Despite his troubling history, West went on to become an influential figure in North Carolina Republican politics. In November 2023, Buckhout attended a candidate forum hosted by West. According to MediasNews, Buckhout publicly praised West and described him as generous in a social media post that was later deleted.” [NC Voices, [7/14/26](#)]

Buckhout Praised West In A Since-Deleted November 2023 Tweet, Saying “The Wests Continue To Astound Me With Their Never-Ending Generosity And Commitment To America.” “In November 2023, Buckhout attended a candidate forum hosted by Harvey and Kim West. At the time, Buckhout publicly praised Harvey West, describing him as generous in a social media post that was later deleted.” [MeidasNews, [3/31/26](#)]



[MeidasNews, [3/31/26](#)]

West Was A Convicted Sex Offender

WRAL: Harvey L. West Jr. Was A “Convicted Sex Offender.” “U.S. Senate candidate Michael Whatley faces questions about whether he elevated a convicted sex offender to positions within the North Carolina Republican Party during his tenure as party chairman. [...] The person in question: Harvey L. West Jr., 55, pleaded guilty in 2000 to five counts of taking indecent liberties with a child, including with a person who was younger than 16. He was released from state custody in 2006 and required to register as a sex offender.” [WRAL, [3/27/26](#)]

News & Observer: West Was Required To Register As A Sex Offender And Spend At Least A Decade On The Sex Offender Registry. “West pleaded guilty in 2000 to five counts of taking indecent

liberties with children. When released from state custody in 2006, he was required to register as a sex offender and will spend at least a decade on North Carolina's registry." [News & Observer via Wayback Machine, [8/3/12](#)]

- **North Carolina Criminal Code § 14-208.7: North Carolina Sex Offender And Public Registration Programs Require Sex Offenders To Be Registered For 30 Years, Unless, After Ten Years, They Successfully Petition To Shorten Their Registration Period.** "(a) A person who is a State resident and who has a reportable conviction shall be required to maintain registration with the sheriff of the county where the person resides. If the person moves to North Carolina from outside this State, the person shall register within three business days of establishing residence in this State, or whenever the person has been present in the State for 15 days, whichever comes first. If the person is a current resident of North Carolina, the person shall register: (1) Within three business days of release from a penal institution or arrival in a county to live outside a penal institution; or (2) Immediately upon conviction for a reportable offense where an active term of imprisonment was not imposed. Registration shall be maintained for a period of at least 30 years following the date of initial county registration unless the person, after 10 years of registration, successfully petitions the superior court to shorten his or her registration time period under G.S. 14-208.12A." [North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 14, Article 27A, Part 2, 14-208.8.7, accessed on [8/25/26](#)]
- **West Was Removed From The Sex Offender Registry After A Successful 2018 Petition.** [Beaufort Superior Court, Case 99CR006082, Legacy Case Scan, Petition and Order for Termination of Sex Offender Registration, [12/10/18](#)]

III. DISTRICT ATTORNEY PRESENT AT HEARING		
The Office of the District Attorney was represented in this matter by (name)		
IV. FINDINGS OF FACT		
After a hearing on this petition, the Court finds the following:		
☒ 1. The petitioner was required to register as a sex offender under Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes for the offense(s) set out above.	FILED	
☒ 2. The petitioner has been subject to the North Carolina registration requirements of Part 2 of Article 27A for at least ten (10) years beginning with the Date Of Initial NC Registration above.	BEAUFORT CO., N.C.	
☒ 3. Since the Date Of Conviction above, the petitioner has not been convicted of any subsequent offense requiring registration under Article 27A of Chapter 14.	K. M. [Signature]	
☒ 4. Since the completion of his/her sentence for the offense(s) set out above, the petitioner has not been arrested for any offense that would require registration under Article 27A of Chapter 14.	[Signature]	
☒ 5. The petitioner served this petition on the Office of the District Attorney at least three (3) weeks prior to the hearing held on this matter.		
☒ 6. The petitioner is not a current or potential threat to public safety.		
☒ 7. The relief requested by the petitioner complies with the provisions of the federal Jacob Wetterling Act, 42 U.S.C. § 14071, as amended, and any other federal standards applicable to the termination of a registration requirement or required to be met as a condition for the receipt of federal funds by the State.		
☐ 8. If the petitioner filed a previous petition for termination under G.S. 14-208.12A that was denied, one year or more has passed since the date of the denial.		
☐ 9. If the conviction requiring the petitioner's registration occurred in another state or in any federal court, the petitioner (i) provided written notice to the sheriff of the county where the petitioner was convicted that the petitioner is petitioning the court to terminate the registration requirement and (ii) included with the petition an affidavit, signed by the petitioner, that verifies that the petitioner notified the sheriff of the county where the petitioner was convicted of the petition and that provides the mailing address and contact information for that sheriff.		
V. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW		
After a hearing on this petition, and based on the foregoing findings, the Court concludes as follows: (check one)		
☒ 1. The petitioner is entitled to the relief requested. (All of the findings of fact above must be found.)		
☐ 2. The petitioner is NOT entitled to the relief requested.		
VI. ORDER		
(check one)		
☒ 1. The relief requested by the petitioner is granted and the petitioner's registration under Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 is hereby ordered terminated. The Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Order to the State Bureau of Investigation, Attn: Criminal Information and Identification Section, Sex Offender Coordination Unit, Building 16B, Post Office Box 29500, Raleigh, NC 27626-0500.		
☐ 2. The relief requested by the petitioner is NOT granted and the petitioner shall continue to maintain registration under Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14.		
Date <u>12/10/18</u>	Name Of Judge (By or joint) <u>Wayland J. Sermons, Jr.</u>	Signature Of [Signature]
NOTE TO CLERK: If the order is granted, mail a certified copy to State Bureau of Investigation, Attn: Criminal Information and Identification Section, Sex Offender Coordination Unit, Building 16B, Post Office Box 29500, Raleigh, NC 27626-0500.		
<u>Cert. Copy to SBI a BCSD 12-18-18 ajs</u>		

[Beaufort Superior Court, Case 99CR006082, Legacy Case Scan, Petition and Order for Termination of Sex Offender Registration, [12/10/18](#)]

And Even Employed His Wife.

Buckhout Paid Harvey West's Wife \$42,000 During Her 2024 Campaign

Kimberly Cotton-West Worked On Buckhout's 2024 Campaign And Was Paid More Than \$42,000 In Salary And Mileage Reimbursements. “Reports indicate that Buckhout has also appeared at campaign events alongside West in more recent months. Additionally, West's wife worked on Buckhout's 2024 campaign and received more than \$42,000 in salary and mileage reimbursements—an arrangement that has not been widely reported.” [MeidasNews, [3/31/26](#)]

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date ▾	Amount	—
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	SALARY	08/30/2024	\$4,002.33	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	SALARY	07/30/2024	\$4,002.33	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	MILEAGE	07/11/2024	\$556.77	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	SALARY	07/01/2024	\$4,002.33	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	SALARY	05/31/2024	\$4,002.33	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	MILEAGE	05/24/2024	\$1,065.43	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	MILEAGE	05/01/2024	\$670.80	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	SALARY	05/01/2024	\$4,002.33	▶
LAURIE BUCKHOUT FOR CONGRESS	COTTON-WEST, KIMBERLY	NC	MILEAGE, POSTAGE	04/08/2024	\$1,915.18	▶

[Federal Elections Commission, Laurie Buckhout for Congress 2023-2024 Expenditures, accessed [9/11/26](#)]

Cotton-West Was Identified As Harvey West's Wife In Other Sources When She Notably Sought To Replace Her Husband As NC01 GOP District Chair. “Fast forward to the First District meeting next Saturday in Williamston, when a new chair will be elected to serve about a year remaining in West's term. Leadership is Mary Helen Pelt Warren as 1st vice chair, Brent Heath as 2nd vice chair and Kelli Harmon as 3rd vice chair. Friday, March 13, West's wife, Kim Cotten-West, sent an email to Executive Committee party members seeking to fill the year remaining in her husband's term as chairman, that was posted to social media by the Conservative Chicks for NENC.” [Albermarle Observer, [3/14/26](#)]

- **Headline: “West Resigns As First District GOP Chairman, Leadership Vote Looms”**
[Albermarle Observer, [3/14/26](#)]

Buckhout Tried To Use Her Military Contacts At The Pentagon To Get Out Of A DUI.

Buckhout Was Pulled Over For Failure To Turn On Her Headlights And Blew A Breathalyzer Exam Above The Legal Blood Alcohol Level Limit

Headline: “CAUGHT ON TAPE: Congressional Candidate Laurie Buckhout Invoked Pentagon General During DUI Arrest” [Migrant Insider, [5/19/26](#)]

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Buckhout Was Arrested

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The Police Officer Told Buckhout: “I Can’t Un-Arrest You, Because You’re Under Arrest.” “The arresting officer was unmoved. ‘I can’t un-arrest you, because you’re under arrest,’ the officer told her, according to the footage.” [Migrant Insider, [5/19/26](#)]

Buckhout Tried To Get Out Of Her DUI Arrest By Citing An Important Meeting With A Two-Star General At The Pentagon

Headline: “CAUGHT ON TAPE: Congressional Candidate Laurie Buckhout Invoked Pentagon General During DUI Arrest” [Migrant Insider, [5/19/26](#)]

2017: Buckhout Tried To Talk Her Way Out Of A DUI Arrest Saying, “The Two-Star At The Pentagon Asked Me To Stay Late There To Discuss Our Strategy For Tomorrow.” “A retired Army Colonel running for Congress in one of the most competitive districts in the country tried to talk her way out of a drunk driving arrest in Georgia by invoking a two-star general at the Pentagon, according to body camera footage from the 2017 incident reviewed by this reporter. The footage, long buried and now surfacing publicly, shows Laurie Buckhout — who ran in North Carolina’s 1st Congressional District — telling the officer who pulled her over: ‘Tonight the two-star at the Pentagon asked me to stay late there to discuss our strategy for tomorrow.’” [Migrant Insider, [5/19/26](#)]

Buckhout Broke The Rules And Bet On Her Own Campaign On The Kalshi Market, Resulting In A Ban.

Buckhout Violated Kalshi Rules By Betting On Her Own Race, Resulting In A \$2,500 Fine And Three-Year Suspension From The Platform

Buckhout Traded Up To \$1,000 On Kalshi On Her Own Race

Buckhout Traded Up To \$1,000 On The Prediction Market Kalshi And Was Given A Three-Year Suspension. “The prediction market Kalshi on Monday fined the Republican nominee in a competitive House race and imposed its first-ever lifetime ban, against former Rep. George Santos, after insider trading investigations. The North Carolina candidate, Laurie Buckhout, admitted in a statement to CNN that she bet on her own campaign and said she made a ‘dumb mistake.’ Kalshi noted in a legal filing on

Monday that she traded less than \$1,000, cooperated with their internal investigation, and will get a three-year suspension.” [CNN, [8/31/26](#)]

Buckhout Was Fined \$2,500 And Suspended For Three Years By Kalshi For Trading On Her Own Campaign In Violation Of The Platform’s Rules

13 News Now Headline: “NC-01 Congressional Candidate Laurie Buckhout Receives 3-Year Trading Ban On Kalshi.” [13 News Now, [8/31/26](#)]

Buckhout Was Fined \$2,500 And Suspended For Three Years By Kalshi For Trading On Her Own Campaign In Violation Of The Platform’s Rules. “NEW: Kalshi says @lauriebuckhout, the Republican nominee in #NC01, improperly traded on her own campaign, violating platform rules, and is being fined \$2,500 and suspended for 3 years. (This is a Dem-held seat that is now 'lean GOP' after redistricting.)” [Marshall Cohen, Twitter, [8/31/26](#)]



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KALSHI EXCHANGE NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION	
FILE NO:	KDA-2026-0009
MEMBER:	Laurie Buckhout
KALSHI RULE VIOLATION(S):	Rule 5.17(z) – If a Trader is a decision maker, either directly or indirectly, or has any influence, directly or indirectly, no matter the scale and importance of the influence, on the outcome of the Underlying event of any Contract, that Trader is prohibited from attempting to enter into any trade, either directly or indirectly, on the market in such Contracts.
FINDINGS:	Pursuant to the settlement offer in which Buckhout agreed resolve this matter, the Kalshi Disciplinary Panel has approved the Compliance Department’s findings in this investigation. The Compliance Department found that Buckhout announced her candidacy for public office and was added as a market option for a contract on a North Carolina Congressional election. As a candidate, Buckhout qualified as a direct decision maker for the contract and therefore had direct influence on the outcome of the Underlying event. Trading on such events is strictly prohibited under Rule 5.17(z), and the settlement further established that Buckhout purchased less than \$1000 worth of contracts related to her own candidacy, in violation of this Rule. The Compliance Department also found that Buckhout cooperated with the inquiry into this trading activity and has agreed to resolve this matter by accepting their conclusions, paying a financial penalty, and agreeing to a restriction from trading on the exchange.
PENALTY:	Under the terms of the settlement, Kalshi suspended Buckhout from direct or indirect access to Kalshi for a period of 3 years and imposed a financial penalty of \$2,589.96.

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[Marshall Cohen, Twitter, [8/31/26](#)]

Buckhout’s Trading Activity Violated Kalshi’s Rules On The Use Of Insider Information In Their Markets

Buckhout’s Trading Activity Violated Kalshi’s Rules On The Use Of Insider Information In Their Markets. “The Republican nominee in a competitive House race in North Carolina was suspended from betting on the trading platform Kalshi on Monday after placing bets on her own contest. Laurie Buckhout, an Army veteran, purchased less than \$1,000 of contracts ‘related to her own candidacy,’ a violation of

Kalshi's prohibition on users making trades with insider information or on future events they could influence. The platform said Ms. Buckhout had cooperated with its inquiry and received a three-year ban from the platform and a fine of nearly \$2,600." [New York Times, [8/31/26](#)]

CNN: "The Buckhout Case Is The First Publicly Known Instance Of A Nominee Running For Congress Caught Betting On Their Own Campaign." "The prediction market Kalshi on Monday fined the Republican nominee in a competitive House race and imposed its first-ever lifetime ban, against former Rep. George Santos, after insider trading investigations. The North Carolina candidate, Laurie Buckhout, admitted in a statement to CNN that she bet on her own campaign and said she made a 'dumb mistake.' [...] The Buckhout case is the first publicly known instance of a nominee running for Congress caught betting on their own campaign. And it came in a critical district." [CNN, [8/31/26](#)]

Buckhout Said Betting On Herself "Was A Dumb Mistake, And As Soon As I Learned There Was An Issue, I Worked To Make It Right." "'I bet on myself. Literally,' Buckhout said. 'It was a dumb mistake, and as soon as I learned there was an issue, I worked to make it right. Safe to say my career as a Kalshi trader was short-lived.' Kalshi noted in a legal filing on Monday that she traded less than \$1,000, cooperated with their internal investigation, and will get a three-year suspension." [CNN, [8/31/26](#)]

Buckhout Has Invested Thousands Of Dollars Into A Company With Close Ties To The Chinese Communist Party.

Buckhout Disclosed Investing In A Company That Faced A US Government Probe On Whether They Were Exposing U.S. Infrastructure, Military And Other Government Assets To Potential Cyber Attacks Through One Of Its China-Based Facilities

Buckhout Disclosed Owning Stock In Rockwell Automation, Inc., A Company Under Investigation By The US Government For National Security Risks Regarding China

2024: Buckhout Disclosed Owning Between \$1,000 And \$15,000 Of Stock In Rockwell Automation, Inc. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Personal Financial Disclosure, Laurie Buckhout, filed [5/14/24](#)]

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO ⇒ Rockwell Automation, Inc. Common Stock (ROK) [ST]	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
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Rockwell Was Facing A US Government Probe On Whether They Were Exposing U.S. Infrastructure, Military And Other Government Assets To Potential Cyber Attacks Through One Of Its China-Based Facilities. Reuters reported, "The U.S. government is investigating whether Rockwell Automation Inc (ROK.N) is exposing U.S. infrastructure, military and other government assets to potential cyber attacks through one of its China-based facilities, the Wall Street Journal reported. Shares of Rockwell were down 3.27% at \$268.67 in morning trade. The investigation will focus on employees who might have access to software codes that connect with computer systems based at the company's facility in Dalian, China, the report said on Wednesday, citing U.S. officials and documents reviewed by the newspaper." [Reuters, [5/10/23](#)]

The US Government Was Investigating Rockwell Employees At The Company's Facility In Dalian, China Where Exclusively Chinese Nationals Worked On Code Development, Support And Patching. "The U.S. government investigation is focused on employees based at the company's facility in

Dalian, China, who might have access to software codes that connect with those computer systems. The probe includes the inspectors general at the Energy Department and the Defense Department as well as the Justice Department's Commercial Litigation Branch, according to the documents. [...] In the memorandum, the whistleblower alleged that Rockwell does its code development, support and patching—updating software to fix vulnerabilities—using only Chinese nationals at the facility in Dalian, a port city at the southern tip of China's Liaoning province.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/10/23](#)]

Rockwell Automation Employed Hundreds Of Chinese Nationals With Ties To The Chinese State Universities And Military

US Officials Had Concerns That The Chinese State Could By Operating Through Its Citizens Identify And Exploit Vulnerabilities In Rockwell Code And Hack Into US Systems. “As a result, some companies and government entities that do business with Rockwell are worried about potential security implications, the memorandum said and U.S. officials confirmed. Among those concerns: the potential for Chinese nationals working at the facility or the Chinese state operating through those employees to identify and exploit vulnerabilities in Rockwell code to hack into U.S. systems before those bugs are addressed. The U.S. officials and documents didn't suggest that Rockwell has any current vulnerabilities in its products' software codes.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/10/23](#)]

US Officials Were Concerned About Rockwell's Longstanding Partnerships With Chinese Universities And Links Between Its Chinese Employees And Military-Linked Universities. “Rockwell's longstanding partnerships with dozens of Chinese universities are a cause for concern among U.S. officials, as are ties between Chinese employees and military-linked universities, according to the investigation and U.S. officials who spoke to the Journal. Several China-based Rockwell employees list themselves online as being graduates of, or affiliated with, universities known as the Seven Sons of National Defense because of their links with China's People's Liberation Army.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/10/23](#)]

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At Least 217 Rockwell Employees In China Had A Direct Relationship To A Civilian University That Was Designated As A Supporter Of China's National Defense Objectives. “According to data from Strider Technologies, a technology startup that focuses on global intelligence, some of Rockwell's employees in China have direct ties to national universities linked to the Chinese military, state-owned enterprises, government-run talent programs and other elements of the government. The statistics, reviewed by the Journal, show that at least 217 current Rockwell employees in China have a direct relationship to a civilian university that is designated as a supporter of China's national defense objectives or is administered by a government body with responsibility for national defense. At least 15 current Rockwell employees were found to have, or have had, a direct relationship to a government-controlled organization.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/10/23](#)]

Laurie Buckhout Message #3 Backup

Buckhout supports policies that paid for tax cuts for out-of-state and out-of-touch multi-millionaires like herself, by closing rural hospitals and kicking families off healthcare and food assistance.

Buckhout Supports Policies That Paid For Tax Cuts For Out-Of-State And Out Of-Touch Multi-Millionaires Like Herself

Buckhout Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill

April 2026: Buckhout Said The One Big Beautiful Bill “Delivered” For North Carolina Communities. “Don Davis voted NO on funding for Eastern North Carolina in the One Big Beautiful Bill. Republicans passed it anyway and delivered for our communities. Now Davis is trying to claim credit. You can’t vote against your district in Washington and pretend you fought for it back home. Eastern North Carolinians see right through his charade.” [Twitter, Laurie Buckhout, [4/10/26](#)]



2026: Buckhout Reported A Net Worth Up To \$36 Million

2026 House Clerk: Buckhout’s 2026 Financial Disclosure Stated Her Net Worth Range Was As Low As \$8.6 Million And As High As \$36 Million. [House Clerk, Laurie Buckhout 2026 PFD, filed [1/24/26](#)]

2026: Laurie Buckhout Estimated Net Worth		
Type	Value Minimum	Value Maximum
Assets	\$9,688,192	\$36,764,000
Liabilities	\$500,001	\$1,000,000
Net Worth	\$8,688,192	\$36,263,399

[House Clerk, Laurie Buckhout 2026 PFD, filed [1/24/26](#)]

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

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave The Top 1% Wealthiest Americans \$1 Trillion In Tax Cuts

Center For American Progress: The Big Beautiful Bill Delivered \$1 Trillion In Tax Cuts To The Top 1% While Cutting \$1.1 Trillion From SNAP, Medicaid, And Other Safety Net Programs.

“Overall, the BBB cuts taxes by \$4.5 trillion over the next decade, primarily with \$2.3 trillion of provisions that deliver most of their benefits to the richest 10 percent of Americans by income, according to new analysis of JCT data by the Center for American Progress. Within that, the BBB delivers \$1 trillion in tax cuts to the top 1 percent while cutting more than \$1.1 trillion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and other health programs used by the poorest Americans.” [Center for American Progress, [11/20/25](#)]

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, [7/3/25](#)]

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 Americans. “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 subsidize. 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: "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](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "Budget Office Says GOP's 'Big, Beautiful Bill' Will Make Rich Richer, Poor Poorer."** [Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

By Closing Rural Hospitals

Rural Health Clinics Closed Across The Country Citing The One Big Beautiful Bill's Health Care Cuts

St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital In Lavonia, Georgia Announced It Was Closing Its Obstetric Ward As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill's Medicaid Cuts. "In October, St Mary's Sacred Heart hospital in rural Lavonia, Georgia, became one of the first hospitals to close its obstetric ward as a result of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Mary's Sacred Heart hospital has long struggled with a physician shortage and what a spokesperson called 'changing demographics', but 'the Medicaid cuts solidified our decision', the spokesperson said in an email." [Guardian, [11/21/25](#)]

Curtis Medical Center In Nebraska Announced It Would Close In Light Of The Big Beautiful Bill's Medicaid Cuts. "Community Hospital in McCook has announced the impending closure of Curtis Medical Center, citing financial difficulties and uncertainty over future federal funding as key factors in the decision. The exact date for the closure has not been set. Curtis Medical Center has been a cornerstone

of healthcare in the Curtis community and surrounding areas for over 30 years, offering essential services to families, students, and individuals in this rural region. The decision to close the facility follows a thorough evaluation of financial sustainability and resource allocation. [...] ‘We are deeply grateful to the Curtis community for their unwavering support and trust over 30 years. This clinic has been a vital part of our mission to deliver quality healthcare close to home. Unfortunately, the current financial environment, driven by anticipated federal budget cuts to Medicaid, has made it impossible for us to continue operating all of our services, many of which have faced significant financial challenges for years. We remain committed to supporting our patients through this transition and ensuring continuity of care.’” [NTV, [7/2/25](#)]

Augusta Medical Group Announced The Closure And Consolidation Of Three Clinics In The Shenandoah Valley In Response To The Big Beautiful Bill. “Augusta Medical Group has announced the consolidation of three practice locations as part of its ongoing commitment to delivering consistent, high-quality care while adapting to the evolving needs of the community. After thorough consideration, Augusta Medical Group has decided to consolidate Weyers Cave Urgent Care, Buena Vista Primary Care, and Churchville Primary Care. Patients from these locations will be transitioned to nearby practices, ensuring improved access to regular care. [...] The consolidation is also part of Augusta Health’s ongoing response to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and the resulting realities for healthcare delivery.” [Augusta Health Press Release, [9/4/25](#)]

NC Department Of Health And Human Services: North Carolina Would Lose \$50 Billion Over Ten Years From The One Big Beautiful Bill

NCDHHS: North Carolina Was Projected To Lose \$50 Billion In Medicaid Funding, Which Would Disproportionately Affect Rural North Carolinians. “The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced today it will begin preparing to submit its application to receive funding from the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). The program is part of H.R. 1, a federal bill signed into law by President Trump in July to address rural health concerns due to federal cuts to the Medicaid program. NCDHHS has created a website with a link for providers to give feedback now on what should be considered for North Carolina’s application and will host several opportunities for partner organizations to provide input for the state’s RHTP application in the coming months. The Medicaid program will see cuts resulting in approximately \$1 trillion in losses nationwide in the next 10 years due to H.R. 1, including \$49.9 billion in North Carolina, and these cuts will disproportionately impact people who live in rural communities. NCDHHS works to create a healthier state for everyone who calls this state home, including the more than 3 million people in rural North Carolina.” [NCDHHS, [8/14/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Failed To Help Reopen A Struggling Eastern North Carolina Hospital

The Big Beautiful Bill’s \$50 Billion Rural Health Fund Could Not Help Reopen A Closed Martin County Hospital. “The local hospital had closed a year before Sears’ death, leaving behind a gutted healthcare system. Martin County does not have paramedics on its ambulances, and it can be 20 miles or more to the closest — and often overcrowded — emergency rooms. The healthcare gaps in Martin County illustrate the finite reach of a \$50 billion rural health fund that Republicans crafted to strengthen support for President Trump’s signature tax and spending measure, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, last year. Though the cash has not been doled out, Republican candidates in competitive midterm elections — including the closely watched battle for the congressional district that encompasses Martin County — are casting the fund as a lifeline that will shore up critical rural health services across America.” [NPR, [5/22/26](#)]

Martin County Was Ineligible To Receive Rural Health Fund Money Because Its Hospital Was Closed And Trying To Reopen, But The Fund Could Only Appropriate Money To Open Hospitals.

“The money has been highly anticipated in North Carolina, where most residents live in rural counties. Pierce, a Republican who blames county officials for the hospital closure, said she has faith Trump will help them. ‘Old man’s doing his job up in there,’ she said. On paper, Martin County — home to about 22,000 people — looks like a top contender to receive at least some of the \$213 million that’s been earmarked for North Carolina. Yet County Manager Drew Batts said it won’t be the answer for his residents. [...] Martin County won’t get direct relief from Trump’s rural health fund — because its hospital isn’t open. North Carolina is distributing the money among existing health and social service organizations. Plus, federal regulators set limits on how much can be spent on construction and building renovations.” [NPR, [5/22/26](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cut Nearly \$30 Million In Revenue To Hospitals In NC-01

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In NC-01 Were Projected To Lose \$28,351,907 As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts. [Third Way, [GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, 7/8/25](#)]

Projected Cuts To NC-01 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Hospital	City	Projected Cut To Hospital Revenue
MARIA PARHAM MEDICAL CENTER	HENDERSON	\$774,351
GRANVILLE MEDICAL CENTER	OXFORD	\$2,036,867
NASH HOSPITALS INC	ROCKY MOUNT	\$6,973,933
HALIFAX REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER INC	ROANOKE RAPIDS	\$2,121,412
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH - HERITAGE INC	TARBORO	\$2,290,095
MARTIN GENERAL HOSPITAL	WILLIAMSTON	\$251,861
SENTARA ALBEMARLE REGL MED CTR LLC	ELIZABETH CITY	\$3,322,971
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH	AHOSKIE	\$2,049,879
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH - CHOWAN INC	EDENTON	\$1,685,800
EAST CAROLINA HEALTH-BERTIE	WINDSOR	\$470,213
CAROLINA EAST MEDICAL CENTER	NEW BERN	\$5,949,954
CARTERET COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL	MOREHEAD CITY	\$424,571
Total:		\$28,351,907

[Third Way, [GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, 7/8/25](#)]

And Kicking Families Off Healthcare And Food Assistance.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick Nearly 42,000 People In NC-01 Off Their Health Insurance

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated 41,781 People In North Carolina’s 1st 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](#)]

NC-01: 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
17,000	24,781	41,781

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

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts In History, Threatening Food Assistance For More Than 60,000 Households In NC-01

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts 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](#)]
- **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](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Risked Food Assistance For 60,848 Households In NC-01

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 60,848 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In NC-01. [USDA, accessed [8/5/26](#)]

Who Receives SNAP?

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

In NC District 1, SNAP serves...

60,848
HOUSEHOLDS

Laurie Buckhout Message #4 Backup

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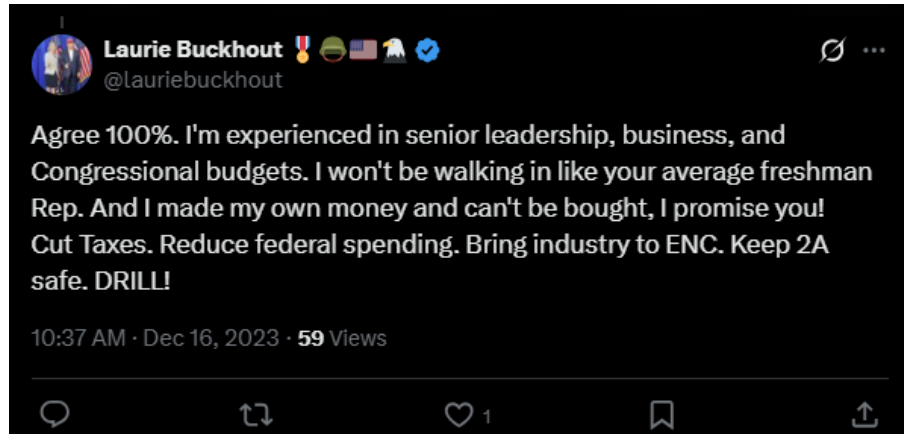
Laurie Buckhout Message #5 Backup

Buckhout and her allies want to let big oil companies drill off American coastlines, which could result in drilling right off the North Carolina coast. She has commanded oil companies to "DRILL!"

Buckhout And Her Allies Want To Let Big Oil Companies Drill Right Off American Coastlines, Which Could Result In Drilling Right Off The North Carolina Coasts. She Commanded Oil Companies To "DRILL!"

Laurie Buckhout Wanted Oil Companies To "DRILL!" In Eastern North Carolina

Buckhout Urged Oil Companies To "DRILL!" "Agree 100%. I'm experienced in senior leadership, business, and Congressional budgets. I won't be walking in like your average freshman Rep. And I made my own money and can't be bought, I promise you! Cut Taxes. Reduce federal spending. Bring industry to ENC. Keep 2A safe. DRILL!" [X, @lauriebuckhout, [12/16/23](#)]



[X, @lauriebuckhout, [12/16/23](#)]

Trump Endorsed Laurie Buckhout For Congress

Trump Endorsed Laurie Buckhout For Congress. “It’s an honor to receive the endorsement of @realDonaldTrump. NC-01 needs an America First FIGHTER. I was proud to serve in President Trump’s administration in the Department of War. I’m fired up to defeat Don Davis this November and keep advancing President Trump’s America First agenda for NC-01” [X, @lauriebuckhout, [3/11/26](#)]



Trump Said Buckhout Would Help To “Unleash American Energy DOMINANCE” In His Endorsement. “In his endorsement posted on Truth Social, Trump called incumbent Don Davis a ‘radical left Democrat’ that wants to raise taxes, abolish borders and supports "soft on crime" policies such as cashless bail. ‘As your next Congresswoman, [Buckhout] 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 Protect our always under siege Second Amendment,’ Trump wrote on Truth Social.” [WTKR, [3/11/26](#)]

Trump Pushed To Open North Carolina’s Coast To Offshore Oil Drilling

The Trump Administration Pushed To Open Coastal North Carolina For Oil Drilling

Trump Signed An Executive Order Rescinding Biden Administration Offshore Drilling Protections Along The Atlantic Coast. “Former President Joe Biden invoked his authority under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to ban offshore oil and gas leasing for more than 600 million acres of coastal waters — including the outer Atlantic continental shelf — before leaving office in January. Trump issued inauguration day executive orders to rescind Biden administration offshore drilling protections, encourage offshore energy exploration, pause offshore wind production, and declare a ‘National Energy Emergency’ directing federal agencies to remove regulatory barriers to new fossil fuel production.” [Port City Daily, [2/25/25](#)]

The Trump Administration Was Preparing A Proposal To Open Almost All U.S. Coastal Waters To New Offshore Drilling, Including Off The Southeastern Coast. “The Trump administration is readying a proposal to open almost all U.S. coastal waters to new offshore oil drilling despite opposition from state governors and the president’s previous efforts to close off some of the territory. The draft plan for selling oil leases includes waters near the southeast U.S. that President Donald Trump tried to close off while campaigning for reelection five years ago, a nod to Republican allies worried about the risk of spills fouling beaches and their tourism-tied economies. Documents detailing the expansive Interior Department proposal were reviewed by Bloomberg News. It isn’t clear that the drafted plans have been presented to Trump for his approval; they could change before they are published.” [Orlando Sentinel, [10/24/25](#)]

The Trump Administration’s Draft Only Protected Waters Around Cape Cod, Massachusetts And Hawai’i From New Offshore Oil Drilling. “The draft, developed by Interior’s Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, lays out the framework for possible auctions of oil and gas drilling rights in waters all along the U.S. East and West coasts, ringing Alaska and in the Gulf of Mexico. Prohibitions on drilling would likely remain in protected areas such as the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument southeast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument off Hawaii.” [Orlando Sentinel, [10/24/25](#)]

North And South Carolina Governors Josh Stein And Henry McMaster Called On The Trump Administration To Maintain A Moratorium On Offshore Drilling In Their States Intact. “Today North Carolina Governor Josh Stein and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster called on the Trump administration to maintain its moratorium on offshore drilling off the North and South Carolina coasts. ‘Because of the significant risks associated with offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production off the Carolina coasts, every North Carolina and South Carolina coastal municipality has passed a resolution opposing offshore drilling and seismic testing,’ wrote Governors Stein and McMaster. ‘This position has been reaffirmed by other municipalities and counties, as well as state legislators and members of our Congressional delegations from both parties. We ask you to respect the wishes of our states and our coastal communities and reaffirm President Trump’s decision to protect our coastlines and the industries they support.’” [NC Governor Josh Stein Press Release, [6/16/25](#)]

Laurie Buckhout Message #6 Backup

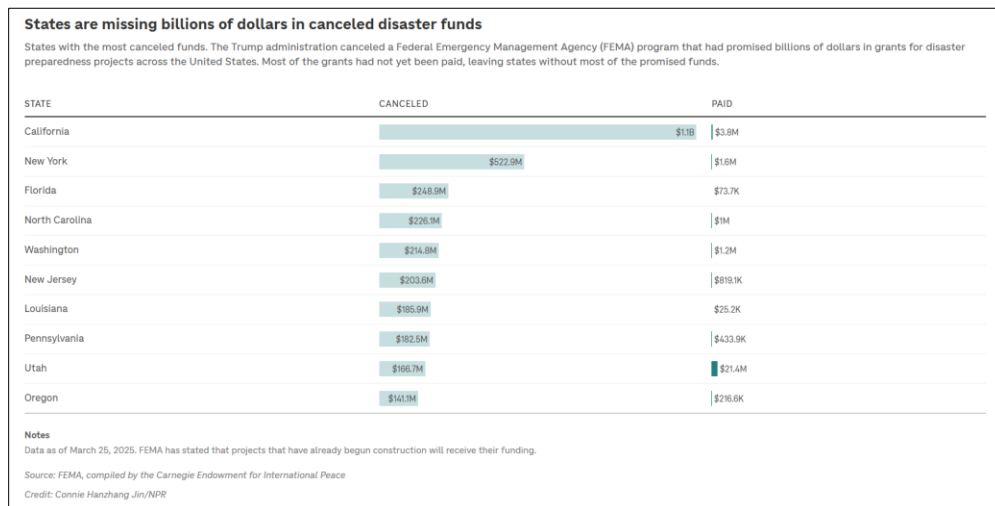
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Buckhout Supported Trump's Efforts To "Drastically Reduce The Amount Of Money Given To North Carolina For Hurricane Helene Response" And Said FEMA's Responsibilities Should Be Pushed Down To The States. "Questioned about the future of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the candidates had mixed answers on its role in the future. Under Trump, FEMA has drastically reduced the amount of money given to North Carolina for Hurricane Helene response and other work. Buckhout said that's probably how it should be for all emergencies in the future, with states picking up more of their own costs rather than the federal government. 'Pushing FEMA responsibilities down to the states is a very important thing to consider,' she said. 'I think that's right in line with the America First agenda.'" [WRAL, [2/19/26](#)]

March 2025: The Trump Administration Canceled \$226 Million In FEMA Grants To North Carolina. "In DePue, Ill., sewage will keep backing up into people's basements when there's heavy rain. In Rising Sun, Md., a mobile home park that has already flooded six times will remain in harm's way. And in Kamiah, Idaho, houses won't get upgrades that would protect them from wildfires These rural communities were awarded grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fix long-standing infrastructure problems, and they expected funding to be delivered this year. But last month, the Trump administration canceled their grants and hundreds of others, including ones that had already been promised but not yet paid out. Since 2020, FEMA has awarded about \$4.6 billion to communities across the U.S. through a program known as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). The goal was to help local, state and tribal governments protect residents from future disasters such as floods, wildfires, tornadoes and hurricanes." [NPR, [5/1/25](#)]



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