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CNBC: Trump Started The War With Iran. “U.S. President Donald Trump said he has no regrets about starting the Iran war and added that ‘If I had it to do again, I would do exactly what I did.’ Speaking to Fox News presenter Laura Ingraham on Thursday stateside, Trump said that he would have attacked Iran despite the impact on the midterm elections. ‘If we hadn’t done Iran, you would be cruising to

midterms victory right now,' Ingraham told Trump, to which Trump replied 'supposing we were cruising, and all of a sudden Iran has a nuclear weapon. They would use it.'" [CNBC, [9/11/26](#)]

- **July 2026: Bouchard Jr. "Said He Supported Trump's War In Iran."** "The Republican primary to choose a successor to U.S. Rep. John James in the 10th District has been competitive and nasty at times, but the contest has simmered down after President Donald Trump endorsed Michael Bouchard, the son of the longtime Oakland County Sheriff of the same name. [...] The paratrooper said he supported Trump's war in Iran, adding that 'I saw the intelligence that showed Iran was working towards a nuclear weapon. ... So he's the first president in 47 years to actually have the courage to step up and say, 'I'm not going to let Americans be vulnerable anymore.'" [Detroit News, [7/23/26](#)]
- **Politico: Bouchard Jr. Thinks The War With Iran Was "Necessary."** "Michael Bouchard sees things differently. The Michigan Republican House candidate and Bronze Star recipient served in the Army and National Guard, including a counter-ISIS deployment in Iraq for most of 2025 — which encompassed the last Israel-Iran war. Bouchard thinks the current conflict is a necessary, limited mission against a regional menace that has endangered and targeted U.S. service members for decades. 'I've seen peace through strength save my friends' lives, and that's what this is,' he said. 'No one wants to go to war less than somebody who's been to it. But we can't just put our heads in the sand and hope things don't happen.'" [Politico, [3/30/26](#)]

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HEADLINE: "Michigan Gas Prices Near \$5 A Gallon As Iran War Threatens More Pump Pain." [Detroit News, [9/16/26](#)]

JEC Minority: Michigan Families Had Spent At Least \$502 More Dollars On Gas Because Of Trump's Iran War. [JEC Minority, Press Release, [7/13/26](#)]

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Joint Economic Committee Minority: The Average US Family Paid \$310 More For Groceries In 2025. “New calculations from the Joint Economic Committee – Minority find that a typical American family paid \$310 more overall for groceries during President Trump’s first year in office compared to 2024.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, [January 2026](#)]

- **New York Times, November 2025: “President Trump’s Broad And Hefty Tariffs Have Boosted Food Prices Across The Board.”** “President Trump’s broad and hefty tariffs have boosted food prices across the board, extending a period of high inflation from after the pandemic. But the pinch is especially sharp for the immigrant diasporas from countries where tariffs are the highest.” [New York Times, [11/11/25](#)]

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The Auto Industry Had Suffered An Over \$35 Billion Loss Because Of Tariffs, Threatening More Than 41,000 Auto Jobs In MI-10

As Of March 2026, Automakers Had Lost At Least \$35 Billion Because Of Trump's Tariffs

HEADLINE: "Trump Tariffs Have Cost Automakers At Least \$35 Billion Since 2025." [Automotive News, [3/16/26](#)]

- **Reuters: Trump's 25% Tariff On All Auto Imports "Sent Shock Waves Through The Global Auto Industry."** "Stellantis said on Thursday it was temporarily laying off 900 workers at five U.S. facilities and pausing production at one assembly plant each in Mexico and Canada, after U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs were announced. Trump broadened the tariffs to a 10% baseline on all imports on Wednesday, with higher rates for some countries. These levies followed 25% duties on all auto imports announced last week, which sent shock waves through the global auto industry." [Reuters, [4/4/25](#)]
- **NPR Headline: "Carmakers Are Feeling Tariff Pain: GM Is The 2nd Company To Take A Hit To Profits."** [NPR, [7/22/25](#)]
- **New York Times Headline: "Ford Is Latest Carmaker to Blame Tariffs for Profit Slump."** [New York Times, [7/30/25](#)]

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Automaker Facilities In Michigan's 10th Congressional District				
Company	Facility	Location	Zip Code	Employees
Ford Motor Company	Sterling Axle Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48310	2,200
Ford Motor Company	Van Dyke Transmission Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48314	1,400
General Motors	GM Global Technical Center	Warren, MI	48092	22,764
Stellantis	Center Line Complex	Center Line, MI	48015	645
Stellantis	Sterling Heights Assembly Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48312	6,785
Stellantis	Sterling Stamping Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48312	1,805
Stellantis	Warren Truck Assembly Plant	Warren, MI	48091	4,145
Stellantis	Warren Stamping Plant	Warren, MI	48091	1,433
Stellantis	Warren Complex Parts Distribution Center	Warren, MI	48091	265
TOTAL:				41,442

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

- **Bridge Michigan: The Average ACA Plan Would Rise By 30% Because The ACA Premium Tax Credits Were Not Extended.** “With less than two weeks until open enrollment starts, thousands of Michigan residents face a triple challenge. Not only are premiums going up, but thousands of people who get their health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace may be forced to switch plans because their providers are either fleeing the state’s ACA exchange or scaling back coverage. In addition, it’s uncertain whether enhanced premium subsidies for ACA plans will continue. About 200,000 individuals may be unable to renew with their current insurer, Joe Sullivan, director of the Office of Innovation and Research at the Michigan Department of Insurance and

Financial Services (DIFS), told state lawmakers this week. Some providers have had to ‘reevaluate their position’ in the state, Sullivan said, amid a federal overhaul of coverage in the Trump era and the ongoing debate over health care subsidies, which are a central issue in the government shutdown. Members of Congress have been wrangling over a temporary spending plan, and whether it will include an extension of an ‘enhanced’ ACA premium tax credit benefiting millions of Americans. [...] Whether covered by ACA or an employer, Michigan residents can expect to pay more for health insurance in 2026, according to the rate requests insurers submitted over the summer to the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. The state is expected to post approved rates once open enrollment starts on Nov. 1, but projections show nationwide, the average ACA plan will rise by 30%.” [Bridge Michigan, [10/24/25](#)]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Kick Over 32,000 Michiganders In The Tenth District Off Of Their Health Care

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

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 32,000 People In Michigan’s 10th 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](#)]

MI-10: 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
12,500	20,266	32,766

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

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American Prospect: Data Center Developers Received \$83 Billion In Tax Breaks From The Big Beautiful Bill. “As the *Prospect* reported on Monday, just six companies, all of them related to the AI build-out, received \$83 billion in tax breaks last year thanks to the extension of various corporate tax benefits in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Like nearly all Republicans, Barrett voted for that bill, which enabled Microsoft, Google, Amazon, Meta, and Nvidia to spend more funds on building data centers.” [American Prospect, [8/20/26](#)]

CNBC: Annual Energy Costs For Households In Michigan Were Projected To Rise By An Average Of \$320 By 2035 Due To The One Big Beautiful Bill. “Electricity prices are expected to surge higher throughout the next decade due to energy policy changes in President Donald Trump’s ‘big beautiful’ bill, according to a new analysis from Energy Innovation, a non-partisan energy and climate think tank. Signed July 4, the bill mandates expanded oil and gas leasing, caps clean energy subsidies and rolls back tax credits that helped to make wind, solar and other clean power cheaper for manufacturers and more affordable for consumers, says Robbie Orvis, senior director for modeling and analysis at Energy Innovation. When the clean energy tax credits phase out at the end of 2025, that will bump up electricity costs for ordinary Americans, Orvis says. That’s largely because higher costs for clean energy development will slow the pace of new supply, just as U.S. energy demand hits record highs, he says, resulting in higher electricity bills and increased reliance on natural gas, which will also become more expensive with rising demand. [...] Overall, household energy costs will rise by \$170, on average, by 2035, researchers found. And that estimate may be conservative. A report from Princeton University’s Rapid Energy Policy Evaluation and Analysis Toolkit pegs the average increase at \$280 a year by 2035. Here’s how much more households in every state could pay annually, on average, by 2035, due to changes in energy policies under the “big beautiful” bill, according to Energy Innovation’s research. Michigan: \$320.” [CNBC, [7/14/25](#)]