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Hurd Voted Five Times In Total To Continue The Iran War

July 2026: Hurd Voted For A Fifth Time To Continue The War In Iran

July 23, 2026: Hurd Voted No On The War Powers Resolution To Direct The President To Remove Armed Forces From Hostilities With Iran. On 7/23/26, Hurd voted NO on "H. Con. Res. 89 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran." The resolution passed in the House 214-208. [U.S. House Clerk, H. Con. Res. 89, House Roll Call Vote 282, 7/23/26]

- **7/23/26: Associated Press: The House Passed A Resolution To Halt U.S. Military Action In Iran In A Bipartisan Vote.** "The House on Thursday narrowly passed a resolution to halt U.S. military action in Iran, sending a warning to President Donald Trump for the second time as the war has escalated and the future of the conflict is increasingly uncertain. The 214-208 vote requiring congressional approval for the war comes as the Senate is expected to consider a similar resolution later Thursday morning. Though the votes forced by Democrats are largely symbolic, they are meant as a strong signal to the Republican president that his support on Capitol Hill is chipping away as the war drags on and lawmakers in both parties have questioned his administration's endgame." [Associated Press, 7/23/26]

June 2026: Hurd Voted For A Fourth Time To Continue The War In Iran

June 3, 2026: Hurd Voted Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. On June 3, 2026, Hurd voted against "H.Con.Res.86 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran." The bill was passed by a vote of 215-208. [H. Con. Res. 86, Vote #199, 6/3/26]

- **TIME Headline: "Four Republicans Join Democrats In House Vote To Rein In Trump's Iran War Powers"** [TIME, 6/3/26]

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March 2026: Hurd Voted To Continue The War In Iran

March 5, 2026: Hurd Voted No On Removing The U.S. Armed Forces From Unauthorized Hostilities In Iran. On 3/5/26, Hurd voted NO on "H.Con.Res.38 - Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Islamic Republic of Iran." The bill failed in the House 212-219. [U.S. House Clerk, H. Con. Res. 38, House Roll Call Vote 85, 3/5/26]

- **The War Powers Resolution Would Have Required President Trump To Obtain Congressional Authorization For His Air War In Iran.** "The U.S. House of Representatives rejected an effort on Thursday to stop President Donald Trump's air war on Iran and require that any hostilities against Iran be authorized by Congress, backing the Republican president's military campaign on the sixth day of the expanding conflict. The vote was 219 to 212, largely along party lines, in the House, where Trump's fellow Republicans control a narrow majority of seats. Two Republicans voted in favor of the resolution and four Democrats voted against it. […] Supporters said the resolution, by requiring Trump to come to Congress for a war authorization, would force him to explain to Americans why the U.S. is fighting and how it might end." [Reuters, 3/6/26]

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7/10/26: Moody's Chief Economist Mark Zandi: The Iran War Cost U.S. Households About $150 Billion, Or $1,100 Per Household In Added Expenses. "A MARTÍNEZ, HOST: The latest escalation between the U.S. and Iran prolongs a war that has made life expensive for American households. Amid uncertainty over the ceasefire, costs are still piling up in a way that could have major implications for the midterm elections that are just four months away. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, has put a number on that financial pain. Mark, so you're trying to figure out what the average household in the U.S. is paying for the war? What did you find? […] ZANDI: Then there's the cost of interest rates. You know, they're up a lot. We can talk about that as well. And, of course, the military. And if you add it all up, it comes to just about $150 billion - almost, not quite. And there's a lot of uncertainty around that, obviously. But there's 133 million American households, so you do the accounting, you do the arithmetic, it's $1,100 per household." [NPR, 7/10/26]

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- **Higher Gas Prices Were Attributed To The Iran War.** "'Holiday travelers will find the cheapest prices in the metro and along population centers as a function of supply and demand. As folks head westward, which they're inclined to do for Labor Day, prices will increase sometimes dramatically,' said Skyler McKinley, the AAA Regional Director of Public Affairs. 'I just paid, for example, $5.29 per gallon in Routt County. If you're headed to Pitkin County, you're going to pay $5.77. If you're filling up on the I-70 corridor in Summit or Eagle County, you're going to pay probably closer to $4.50.' McKinley said the war with Iran and the trade conflict with Canada and Mexico are contributing to higher gas prices." [ABC 7, 9/3/26]

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While Coloradans Are Getting Squeezed By The Tariffs, Costing Them More Than $2,500 Per Year

Hurd Voted Seven Times To Continue Trump's Tariffs

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- **The House Rejected A Republican Effort To Delay, For Months, Any Vote On Cancelling President Trump's Tariffs.** "The House on Tuesday rejected a Republican effort to change the chamber's rules and delay for months any vote on canceling President Trump's tariffs, as G.O.P. defectors rebuked party leaders who have tried for a year to avoid weighing in on levies that are unpopular with many voters." [New York Times, 2/10/26]

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- **September 2025: Nearly Every U.S. House Republican Voted To Effectively Block Congress From Challenging Trump's Tariff Authority Through March 2026.** "House Republicans voted in near lockstep Tuesday to again cede congressional power over tariffs to President Donald Trump. A measure that effectively blocks challenges to Trump's sweeping global tariff declarations through March 2026 was adopted on a 213-211 vote. The vote was gaveled down only after GOP whips had a drawn-out struggle on the floor with a band of Republicans who initially opposed the legislation before flipping to yes. The vote was held open for more than a half-hour as they worked to bring the members back on board." [Politico, 9/16/25]

HEADLINE: "House Again Votes To Surrender Tariff Powers To Trump" [Politico, 9/16/25]

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- **House Republicans Pushed A Procedural Rule That Would Curb Congress's Power To Override Trump's Tariffs.** "Republicans are quietly pushing a procedural rule that would curb the power of the US Congress to override Donald Trump's chaotic tariff policy. The House of Representatives' rules committee on Wednesday approved a measure that would forbid the House from voting on legislation to overturn the president's recently imposed taxes on foreign imports." [The Guardian, 4/9/25]

HEADLINE: "House GOP Leaders Move To Quash Vote On Trump's Global Tariffs" [Politico, 4/9/25]

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- **New York Times: "House Republican Leaders On Tuesday Quietly Moved To Shield Their Members From Having To Vote On Whether To End President Trump's Tariffs."** "House Republican leaders on Tuesday quietly moved to shield their members from having to vote on whether to end President Trump's tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, tucking language into a procedural measure that effectively removed their chamber's ability to undo the levies. [New York Times, 3/11/25]

- **Politico: "GOP Leadership Slipped Language Into A House Rule On Their Stopgap Funding Bill That Would Prevent Any Member Of Congress From Bringing Up A Resolution**

Terminating Trump's Declaration Of A National Emergency." "GOP leadership slipped language into a House rule on their stopgap funding bill that would prevent any member of Congress from bringing up a resolution terminating Trump's declaration of a national emergency over fentanyl and undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. The president has used that emergency declaration to justify his tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China." [Politico, 3/11/25]

- **Reuters: The Procedural Vote Blocked "The Ability Of Congress To Quickly Challenge Tariffs Imposed By President Trump That Have Rattled Financial Markets."** "The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to block the ability of Congress to quickly challenge tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump that have rattled financial markets. […] The provision was tucked into a procedural vote related to the Republicans' six-month stopgap funding bill." [Reuters, 3/11/25]

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Trump's Tariffs Raised Costs For Coloradans On Things Like Groceries, Housing, And Utilities

Trump's Tariffs Raised Prices On Groceries

Trump's Tariffs Contributed To Prices Rising For Groceries. "President Donald Trump pledged to bring down grocery costs. But his administration's policies are contributing to an acceleration in prices, food economists and companies say. Grocery prices last month rose at their fastest pace in three years, stoked by Trump's tariffs, a crackdown on immigration, and extreme weather hurting food production. Prices jumped 0.6% in August from the month prior, according to the latest reading from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and they are up 2.7% from a year ago. Food prices are deeply personal to consumers, and weekly grocery bills shape their overall perceptions of the economy. More than half of Americans count grocery costs as a major stress in their lives. Low-income and middle-income Americans, hit the hardest by rising grocery costs, are changing where they shop and what they buy. Companies are also taking extreme measures to appeal to shoppers strained by higher prices, such as bringing back paper coupons." [CNN, 9/20/25]

Axios Headline: "Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up." [Axios, 9/11/25]

Denver Post: Trump's Tariffs Led To "Record High" Beef Prices. "Trump slapped tariffs on most countries around the globe in April. He and his administration still say that tariffs don't increase consumer prices, despite economic evidence to the contrary. Record-high beef prices have been a particular concern, and Trump had said he intended to take action to try and lower them. Trump's tariffs on Brazil, a major beef exporter, had been a factor. Trump signed an executive order that also removes tariffs on tea, fruit juice, cocoa, spices, bananas, oranges, tomatoes and certain fertilizers. Some of the products covered aren't produced in the United States, meaning that tariffs meant to spur domestic production had little effect. But reducing the tariffs will still likely mean lower prices for U.S. consumers." [Denver Post, 11/14/25]

Tariffs Raised Housing Costs

Trump's Tariffs Raised The Price Of Building Materials Like Copper By 25% And Steel By 21%. "Following President Trump's 2025 tariff announcements and the ensuing economic uncertainty, home construction costs increased over the last year and fewer new homes began construction. These challenges continue to grow in 2026, which will further drive up the cost to rent or buy homes and make it harder to address the nation's housing shortage. This Joint Economic Committee – Minority report includes findings from outreach that the Committee conducted to home builders, multifamily housing developers, and realtors, who detailed ways that tariffs and economic uncertainty are making it more difficult to build and sell homes. In addition, key new Committee calculations in this report show that: • Materials and other products that are used to build and furnish homes have become more expensive over the past year. Following Trump's tariffs on steel and copper, the price of copper and copper products in February 2026 was 25 percent higher compared to the year before and the price of steel mill products – including steel bars, wire, pipes and plates –increased by 21 percent.The most popular ovens at key retailers increased in price by $70 on average, or 9 percent. By the end of the first year of Trump's second term, the rate at which builders secured construction permits and started construction had sunk below late 2024 levels. August 2025 had the lowest issuance rate for residential permits since May 2020, one of the worst months of the pandemic-era slowdown in construction. As industry activity declines, there are now nearly 60,000 fewer jobs in home construction compared to December 2024." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, April 2026]

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Congressman Jeff Hurd answers to his corporate backers and the politicians in DC. His campaign is funded by corporate PACs and wealthy donors. His donors include out-of-state water interests and developers who tried to steal water from rural Colorado to send it to the Denver suburbs. Hurd talks about defending our water, but he answers to the people trying to take it.

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Hurd Received A Combined $14,000 From Elizabeth And Richard Uihlein

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Hurd Received $3,500 From Leadership At Renewable Water Resources

2023-2026: Hurd Received $2,500 From Bill Owens. [FEC, accessed 9/4/26]

2023: Hurd Received $1,000 From Sean Tonner. [FEC, 12/13/23]

Sean Tonner Was The President Of Renewable Water Resources. "Rancho Rosado, though, is not like the other ranches that fill the vast San Luis Valley. The property owner, Sean Tonner, also has an office in a Denver suburb, where he is head of a company called Renewable Water Resources. Tonner wants to drill a series of wells on his recently acquired ranch and pipe 22,000 acre-feet of water a year around the Sangre de Cristos to the ever-growing Front Range population center. Tonner argues folks at both ends of the pipeline would benefit by sending water to metro Denver and money to the economically distressed San Luis Valley. His company would get plenty, too. Selling the water at $25,000 an acre-foot — the going rate these days, according to water lawyers in the state — would generate $550 million in revenue…Former Colorado Gov. Bill Owens is an RWR principal; Tonner was his deputy chief of staff while he was governor. Since then, Tonner has consulted for both political campaigns and businesses, and he is listed as a managing partner at a lobbying and communications firm in Denver." [Colorado Sun, 10/7/19]

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Renewable Water Resources Was A Denver-Based Water Developer. "Owens and an unnamed Denver water developer are backing a determined effort to export 22,000 acre-feet of water a year out of the San Luis Valley via a pipeline that would deliver it to the Front Range. The name of the company is Renewable Water Resources (RWR). "[Center Post Dispatch, 9/9/24]

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Hurd Received $1,250 From Greg Walcher, Who Supported A $2 Billion Bond Measure To Build Major Water Projects On The Western Slope

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Walcher Backed Referendum A, A $2 Billion Bond Measure To Build Major Water Projects On The Western Slope. "The Republican former state natural resources chief is coming off a loss in Tuesday's race for Colorado's open House seat. He was beaten by moderate Democrat John Salazar after a campaign in which Walcher was repeatedly criticized for his stance on a single topic: water. At the height of Colorado's crippling drought, Walcher backed a $2 billion bond measure to build major water projects on the Western Slope. His decision to support Referendum A, took a heavy political toll, but Walcher said it was worth it, even though the referendum failed to win a single county. Western Slope voters said they suspected the plan was a way for the thirsty Front Range to control regional water supplies. Instead of apologizing, Walcher went on the offensive, warning voters the state still has not built any new water storage to prepare for the next drought and promising to work for more water projects." [9News, 11/3/04]

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Hurd Talks About Defending Our Water, But He Answers To The People Trying To Take It

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Jeff Hurd Message #3 Backup

Hurd's campaign took thousands of dollars from data center developers and days later voted to give them billions of dollars in tax breaks. With data centers posing a threat to our water supply, our health and our utility bills, we can't afford leaders like Hurd paving the way for data center construction in our community.

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Google Was Building Data Centers. "We build data centers that power essential technology and services as we invest in community development and lead the industry in data security and sustainability." [Google Data Centers, accessed 8/7/26]

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Koch Inc Cofounded Edged, A Data Center Development Company. "Koch Inc. is considering a sale of Edged, the data center developer it cofounded, in a transaction that could exceed $15 billion, according to a Bloomberg report Tuesday. The company has engaged Goldman Sachs Group Inc. to assess buyer interest and has received multiple bids, the report said. Discussions remain ongoing and no final agreement has been reached. Koch established Edged alongside entrepreneur Jakob Carnemark to develop, construct and operate data centers using a waterless cooling system. The firm currently runs seven data centers, including a 169-megawatt facility in Atlanta, with additional projects in development." [Yahoo Finance, 7/28/26]

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Major Data Center Companies Received $83 Billion In Federal Income Tax Breaks In 2025 Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Allowed Them More Capital To Expand Data Center Development

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American Prospect: The Tax Benefits In The One Big Beautiful Bill "Have Trickled Up The Most To Just Six Companies, Primarily Silicon Valley Titans That Are Dominating The AI Boom And Spending Lavishly On Data Centers." "Last year, corporations ran away with one of the biggest federal income tax breaks in history, thanks to rule changes, write-offs, and credits made permanent in President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). According to a recent analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), companies avoided paying more than $200 billion in federal income tax in 2025. The latest cuts have helped dozens of corporations, like Tesla, CVS, and liquefied natural gas behemoth Cheniere, pay zero in federal income tax while raking in more than $100 billion, but the benefits have trickled up the most to just six companies, primarily Silicon Valley titans that are dominating the AI boom and spending lavishly on data centers." [The American Prospect, 8/17/26]

- **Microsoft, Google-Parent Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, JPMorgan Chase, And Nvidia, Which Were Invested In Hyperscale Data Centers, Received An Estimated Together Received $83 Billion In Federal Income Tax Breaks In 2025.** "Matthew Gardner, a senior fellow at ITEP and author of the institute's latest report, estimates that Microsoft, Google-parent Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, JPMorgan Chase, and Nvidia, despite holding close to half a trillion dollars in cash reserves, together received $83 billion in federal income tax breaks last year, about 40 percent of the total granted to all corporations. What these hyperscalers and Jamie Dimon's bank (which is deeply involved in financing data centers) saved in federal income taxes is equivalent to roughly one-fifth of what hundreds of thousands of other entities paid in federal corporate taxes in 2025." [The American Prospect, 8/17/26]

- **American Prospect: Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Data Center Companies Were Able To Claim 100% Bonus Depreciation On Infrastructure Investments, Which Lowered Their Federal Tax Burden And Left Them "Flush With Tons Of Extra Cash To Continue Building Out More Infrastructure, Like Data Centers."** "Clever accounting, greenlit by Congress, has helped the Big Tech giants secure those massive gains. They've claimed billions in tax credits for research and development and selling products built using their intellectual property abroad. They've leaned on stock options to compensate their employees, in order to deflate how the IRS calculates their profits. And the hyperscalers have been able to write off billions in capital expenditures on AI infrastructure like data centers essentially overnight, preemptively claiming the machines they've installed have undergone wear and tear, years before they actually have. That process, known as 'bonus depreciation,' had been used by the feds to jump-start the economy at various points in the last 25 years, first in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, then during the recovery after the Great Recession. They began appearing outside of economic emergencies during the first Trump administration as part of another sweeping tax cut. That most recent measure was set to be phased out last year until OBBBA expanded and codified it forever, allowing companies to write off up to 100 percent of infrastructure investments in the first year of spending on them. That's left a handful of highly profitable companies flush with tons of extra cash to continue building out more infrastructure, like data centers, power plants, and memory chips, reaping further tax credits down the line as they go." [The American Prospect, 8/17/26]

2025: Analysis By American Century Investments Projected That The Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Give Data Center Developers Billions In Tax Breaks

American Century: Microsoft, Meta, Alphabet, And Amazon Were "Major AI 'Hyperscalers'" Projected To Save Between $14-$18 Billion In Taxes Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill. "Let's examine some real-world data. We recently received the second-quarter 2025 earnings reports from the major AI 'hyperscalers.' These are their projected AI-related capital expenditures for all of 2025: Alphabet, $85 billion; Amazon.com, $72 billion; Meta Platforms, $68 billion; Microsoft, $80 billion. The federal corporate tax rate is unchanged under the OBBB at 21%. Using rough estimates, these companies are expected to save between $14 and $18 billion on their tax bills for calendar year 2025 due to this issue alone. Zion Research Group estimates that the four firms would realize more than $55 billion in combined tax savings for this year." [American Century Investments, 9/4/25]

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- **Alphabet Was The "Parent Company Of Google**." "Alphabet is a collection of companies, including Google, Verily Life Sciences, GV, Calico, and X. In October 2015, Alphabet became the parent holding company of Google, with the companies far afield of our main internet products contained in Alphabet." [Alphabet, LinkedIn, accessed 8/12/26]
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- **Amazon Was Building Data Centers.** "AWS is building data centers to support the next generation of artificial intelligence (AI) innovation and customers' evolving needs. These capabilities combine innovations in power, cooling, and hardware design to create a more energy efficient data center that will underpin further customer innovation. As we grow, we invest relentlessly in efficiency. When a business moves from an on-premises data center to AWS, research estimates that data is processed 4.1 times more efficiently." [AWS Amazon, accessed 8/7/26]
- **Meta Was Building Data Centers.** "Meta data centers are part of the global infrastructure that brings our technologies and programs to life, making the future of human connection possible." [Meta, accessed 8/12/26]

The Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Make It Easier To Build Data Centers And Give Them "Enormous" Tax Breaks

HEADLINE: "**Factories, Data Centers Will Get A Boost From The 'One Big, Beautiful Bill'"** [Investopedia, 7/22/25]

Investopedia: The Big Beautiful Bill Was "Likely To Spur New Waves Of Investment" In AI. "The manufacturing sector is set to get a big boost from President Donald Trump's 'One Big, Beautiful Bill,' which is likely to spur new waves of investment, especially in sectors like AI and biotechnology. The sprawling budget bill introduces a series of tax deductions and credits for businesses, especially those that invest in research and development (R&D), AI buildouts, and domestic factory construction." [Investopedia, 7/22/25]

The Big Beautiful Bill's Tax Changes "Could Provide A Boon For AI Production In The U.S., Especially Amid A Surge In Data Center Construction." "The bill offers immediate deductions for investments made into research and development, including retroactively from 2022. The bill also boosts the tax credit for semiconductor production to 35% from 25% previously. Together, these changes could provide a boon for AI production in the U.S., especially amid a surge in data center construction by companies like Microsoft (MSFT), Alphabet (GOOG), Amazon (AMZN), and Meta Platforms (META)." [Investopedia, 7/22/25]

A Senior Research Analyst Said The Big Beautiful Bill Would Result In "Enormous" Short-Term Tax Savings For Data Center Builders. "Because both the factory itself and the machinery inside can be deducted immediately, some analysts said this could incentivize companies to build more of their supply chains in the U.S. 'This 'reshoring super-deduction' dramatically lowers the after-tax cost of domestic investment. This should encourage the onshoring of supply chains and manufacturing capacity and create more jobs for Americans,' wrote Brownstone Research Senior Analyst Nick Rokke. […] The bill offers immediate deductions for investments made into research and development, including retroactively from 2022. The bill also boosts the tax credit for semiconductor production to 35% from 25% previously. Together, these changes could provide a boon for AI production in the U.S., especially amid a surge in data center construction by companies like Microsoft (MSFT), Alphabet (GOOG), Amazon (AMZN), and Meta Platforms (META). 'With new data center costs reaching into the tens of billions of dollars, the short-term tax savings are enormous,' Rokke wrote. 'This change alone frees up billions in cash flow for the hyperscalers. And that cash will almost certainly be reinvested into even more compute infrastructure.'" [Investopedia, 7/22/25]

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Data Centers Posed A Risk To Colorado's Water Supply

A Data Center Developer In California Sued For The Right To Use Colorado River Water For A Data Center Cooling System. "The developer behind a proposed $10 billion data center has filed a lawsuit asserting his rights to Colorado River water in California's Imperial Valley. Sebastian Rucci is a Huntington Beach lawyer and businessman pushing the plan in a region already known as a big water user. The Imperial Valley sprouted as an agricultural center that's the largest user of Colorado River water in the seven states that rely on the river. Farmers use about 80% of the state's full allocation. As managing member of Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing, Rucci filed his lawsuit June 5 in California Superior Court in Imperial County. After two cities — El Centro and Imperial — snubbed Rucci's bid to get recycled wastewater to cool the proposed data center, the developer went back on a statement that he had no intention of using water from the over-allocated Colorado River." [KLAS, 7/23/26]

Colorado Legislative Council Staff: Reports "Communities May Experience Water Scarcity And Other Water-Related Challenges Following The Arrival Of Data Centers." "Water insecurity is an issue in the United States, even in states perceived to be water-rich, like Oregon (Schimpf and Cude 2020). Inadequate or inequitable access to clean, safe, and affordable water impacts drinking, cooking, sanitation, and hygiene. Although scientific research has not yet examined water insecurity by households and communities where data centers are planned or operating, concerns with data center impacts on water security appear in public reporting and legal filings (Shah 2026). Reports by the New York Times, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, and others found that communities may experience water scarcity and other water-related challenges following the arrival of data centers. These challenges may be compounded in areas with pre-existing water scarcity." [Colorado Legislative Council Staff, 3/5/26]

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Data Centers Introduced Several Pollutants Into Local Water Systems

Data Centers Were Found To Introduce Pollutants Into Water Supplies Like Biocides, Corrosion Inhibitors, Heavy Metals, And Salt Buildups Harmful To Local Vegetations And Increasing Salinity. "Data centers can introduce several types of pollutants into water systems. These pollutants fall into three main categories. Biocides: chemicals to prevent the growth of bacteria, mold, and algae in the cooling system, and the most common pollutant in data center water systems. Corrosion inhibitors: chemicals that prevent corrosion within cooling systems Heavy metals: metals, such as copper zinc, and lead, that can enter the water in trace amounts when metal components degrade. Additionally, fine salt dust that drifts in the atmosphere from evaporative cooling towers can settle on nearby soils and surface waters, potentially harming vegetation and increasing salinity in aquatic systems. This concern is especially pressing given that salt pollution is already a growing issue in certain water supply reservoirs, including the Occoquan." [Nature Forward, 2/4/26]

Data Centers Raised Utility Costs

HEADLINE: "Data Center Power Demands Are Contributing To Higher Energy Bills." [EESI, 2/24/26]

Bloomberg: Electricity Cost 267% More "Than It Did Five Years Ago In Area Near Data Centers," With Costs Being Passed Onto Consumers. "Wholesale electricity costs as much as 267% more than it did five years ago in areas near data centers. That's being passed on to customers." [Bloomberg, 9/29/25]

2025: A Report From The Union Of Concerned Scientists Found That Millions Of People Across States Were "Footing The Bill For An Additional $4.3 Billion In Electricity Infrastructure Projects Approved In 2024 Solely To Connect Wealthy Private Companies' Data Centers." "CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (September 15, 2025)—A new analysis by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) reveals how millions of people across Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia are footing the bill for an additional $4.3 billion in electricity infrastructure projects approved in 2024 solely to connect wealthy private companies' data centers." [Union of Concerned Scientists, 9/29/25]

New Data Centers Can Drive Up Residential Electricity Prices Due To The Increase In Power Demand And The Need For Infrastructure Improvements Whose Costs Are Passed On To Consumers. "There are two main reasons new data centers can push up residential electricity prices. First, data centers are power-hungry, requiring the development of new generation. Despite the massive new generation buildout being undertaken, there is still a projected shortfall of 49 gigawatts (GW)—roughly 5% of total generation in the U.S.—through 2028. Second, in addition to new generation, data centers necessitate the construction of improvements for electricity transmission and distribution, such as new high-voltage lines and substations. The cost of this new infrastructure is passed on to consumers through changing rate designs and deferred from data center operators through special contracts or incentive packages, as corroborated by recent Harvard Law School and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory studies." [Brookings Institute, 3/13/26]

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Backup Above

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Repealed Clean Energy Tax Credits, Including The Clean Electricity Income Tax Credit, The Clean Electricity Production Tax Credit, And The Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit

The One Big Beautiful Bill Terminated The IRA's 45Y And 48E Tax Credits For Projects That Did Not Commence Construction At Least 60 Days After The Bill's Enactment. "Now that the House has passed the Reconciliation Bill, it is headed to the Senate, where it is sure to be scrutinized and marked. […] Section 45Y and Section 48E (Clean Electricity Production Credit and Clean Electricity Investment Credit) The legislation passed by the House terminates Section 45Y and Section 48E for projects that do not commence construction before 60 days after the Bill is ultimately enacted or are placed in service after December 31, 2028, except for nuclear technologies, which are allowed a credit so long as construction begins by December 31, 2028." [Vinson & Elkins, 5/22/25]

- **45Y, The Clean Electricity Income Tax Credit And 48E, The Clean Electricity Production Tax Credit, Were Collectively Known As The Tech-Neutral Tax Credits.** "Clean energy and manufacturing projects have relied upon valuable tax credits, the §45 production tax credit (PTC) and the §48 investment tax credit (ITC), since 1992 and 2005, respectively. These long-running and generous tax credits have supported capital access and lowered the cost of development for the majority of wind, solar, and battery storage projects in the US. […] Since 2025, clean energy projects have had access to the new §48E clean electricity ITC and §45Y clean electricity PTC, also known as tech-neutral tax credits. The government has phased out the legacy §48 ITC and §45 PTC for projects starting construction after December 31, 2024, replacing them with tech-neutral tax credits." [Crux Climate, 3/26/25]

- **The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Phase Out The IRA's 45X Tax Credits Known As The Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit.** "The Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit provides a credit for domestic production of key clean energy components like solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, and critical minerals. Under the legislation, a phased reduction of the Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit begins in 2029. Production occurring after 2031 will now no longer qualify, one year earlier than current law. In addition, under the legislation, wind-energy components cease to be eligible after 2027, and the general phase-out mirrors the 45Y/48E schedule. Under current law, full credit is available through 2029 with a softer ramp-down (75% in 2030, 50 % in 2031, 25% in 2032, and zero thereafter). Similar to 45X, the nuclear production tax credit (45U) ends on December 31, 2031, one year earlier than current law." [Mayer Brown, 5/28/25]

Clean Energy Tax Credits Spurred More Clean Energy Production, Which Helped Lower Electricity Costs

Clean Energy Tax Credits Incentivized Utility Companies To Build Critical Large-Scale Wind And Solar Projects, Which Lower Electricity Rates. "Clean electricity tax credits aren't just for homeowners. While they help everyday people afford energy upgrades, they also promote the supply of clean energy in general. Recall that, unlike fossil fuels, solar and wind power have no fuel costs. Once they're built, the energy they produce is much cheaper. Tax credits make it easier for developers to build critical large-scale wind and solar projects, which lower electricity rates. The more clean energy we build, the less we rely on volatile fossil fuel markets — which means fewer price spikes during global crises or extreme weather. According to energy analysts, regions with more renewables on the grid often experience more stable (and lower) electricity prices over time. Expanding the supply of clean energy on the grid also helps push down wholesale electricity prices, which can lower the rates utilities charge consumers. Utilities can pass on the savings from cheaper clean electricity to ratepayers, especially in states where regulatory bodies require cost-based pricing." [Citizens Climate Lobby, 6/3/25]

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May 2025: Amprius Technologies Paused Development On Lithium-Ion Battery Manufacturing Facility In Brighton, CO Because Of “Market Dynamics.” “Amprius Technologies announced in 2023 that it would open a 775,000-square-foot lithium-ion battery manufacturing facility in Brighton that would employ about 330 people in the first phases. But in May, the California company told shareholders that it was pausing the project as it monitors ‘market dynamics.’Amprius CEO Kang Sun said in a statement that while the company has completed the plant’s design, there are no immediate plans to move forward to the next phase. Producing cutting-edge battery technologies at scale in the U.S. requires ‘a highly capital-intensive process’ and technical expertise that is still developing, he said. ‘Meanwhile, other countries have spent years building mature, cost-efficient battery industries, giving them a significant head start,’ Sun said.” [Denver Post, 7/13/25]

Susan Nedell, Senior Advocate In The West For E2 Attributed The Repeal Of Clean Energy Tax Credits To VSK Energy Inc Cancelling A $250 Million Solar Panel Factory In Brighton, CO. “Susan Nedell, senior advocate in the West for E2, believes the targeting of renewable energy incentives and programs played into the cancellation of plans to build a $250 million factory in Brighton to make solar panels. VSK Energy Inc., a joint venture between India-based Vikram Solar and the private equity firm Phalanx Impact Partners and the development firm Das & Co., announced the project in 2023. At the time, Sriram Das, chairman of VSK Energy and managing director of Das & Co, called the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act ‘a landmark moment for the clean energy future of the United States.’” [Denver Post, 7/13/25]

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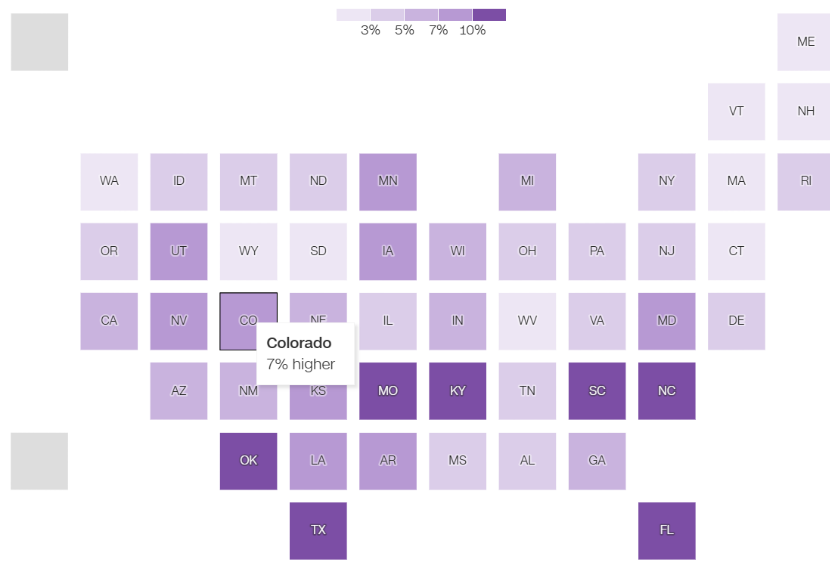

Notes: Data last updated July 4, 2025, taking into account changes made to the bill in the Senate. Data is not available for Alaska or Hawaii.

Source: Energy Innovation
Graphic: Soph Warnes, CNN

[CNN, 7/4/25]

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Jeff Hurd Message #5 Backup

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- **Social Security Trust Funds Were Financial Accounts In The U.S. Treasury That Held Social Security Taxes And Paid Out Retirement, Survivors, And Disability Benefits.** "The Social Security trust funds are financial accounts in the U.S. Treasury. There are two separate Social Security trust funds, the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund pays retirement and survivors benefits, and the Disability Insurance (DI) Trust Fund pays disability benefits. Social Security taxes and other income are deposited in these accounts, and Social Security benefits are paid from them. The only purposes for which these trust funds can be used are to pay benefits and program administrative costs." [Social Security Administration, accessed 7/22/26]

Social Security's Retirement Trust Fund Was Projected To Face A Funding Shortfall In 2032 In Part Due To Reduced Trust Fund Revenue From Trump's 2025 Tax Bill. "Social Security's retirement trust fund is projected to face a funding shortfall in 2032, a year earlier than last year's projections, according to an annual report released Tuesday, while Medicare's hospital insurance trust fund will be unable to pay full benefits in 2033, which is unchanged from last year's estimate… The new funding shortfall is mainly the result of lower projected birth rates, reduced immigration and reduced trust fund revenue due to the costs of Republicans' massive tax and spending bill that Trump signed into law last summer, according to the report." [PBS, 6/9/26]

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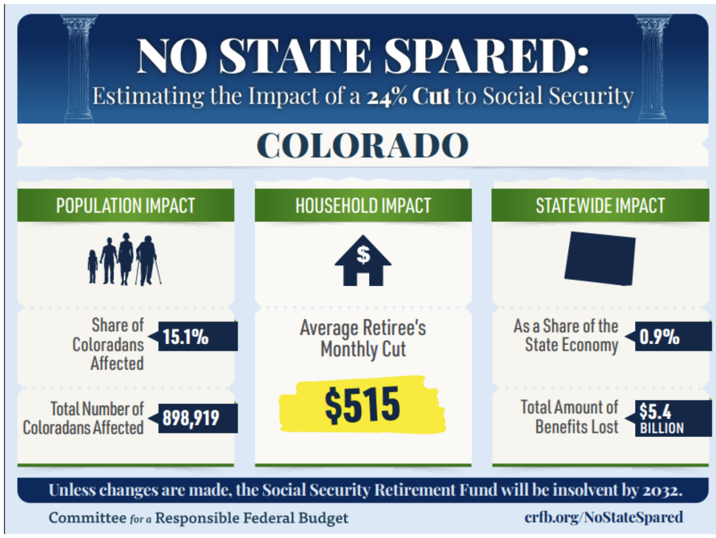

[Committee For Responsible Federal Budget, 6/3/26]

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To Give Tax Breaks To Billionaires

The One Big Beautiful Bill Cut Social Safety Net Programs To Pay For Tax Cuts That Benefited The Wealthiest

HEADLINE: "The Radical Republican Budget Bill Steals From The Poor To Give Tax Cuts To The Rich." [Economic Policy Institute, 7/2/25]

The Bill Was Designed To Cut Social Safety Net Programs To Pay For Massive Tax Cuts To The Wealthiest Households. "The bill is designed to cause a shocking upward redistribution of income. It includes draconian spending cuts—mostly to health care and food assistance for children and families—in order to give massive tax cuts to the wealthiest households. Because these cuts to health care and food assistance are so broad and deep, and because the tax cuts for anybody who is not already rich are so paltry, the bill will cause the bottom 40% of households to actually lose income on average. This group includes roughly 125 million people, and for a family of three it will include households with incomes up to $85,000. Meanwhile, households in the top 0.1% (those making over $3.3 million per year) will gain over $100,000 annually under this bill." [Economic Policy Institute, 7/2/25]

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 subside. That's a big selling point from President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans who pushed the law through Congress with no Democratic support. It will benefit everyone. But the biggest cuts go to the wealthiest taxpayers – the ones who pay the lion's share of taxes. For most families the savings will be miniscule in comparison, in raw dollars and as a share of income. And millions will lose subsidized health insurance and other benefits. Critics see a plan that widens income inequality and, worse, offsets tax cuts for the wealthy with draconian spending cuts that hit lower-income households." [Cronkite News, 7/16/25]

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

CBS: "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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Appendix

2023-2026: Corporate PAC Donations To Jeff Hurd For Congress	
PAC Name	**Amount**
AES Corporation Political Action Committee	$3,000.00
Alliant Energy Corporation Employee's Political Action Comm	$1,000.00
Altria Group, Inc. Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
Ameren Corporation Federal Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
Apache Corporation Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
Arch Resources Inc. Political Action Committee	$5,000.00
AT&T Inc. Employee Federal Political Action Committee	$4,000.00
BHFS-E, Pc Pac (Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Political Action Committee)	$2,000.00
Black Hills Corporation Political Action Committee	$2,000.00
BNSF Railway Company RailPAC	$7,000.00
Caterpillar Inc. Political Action Committee	$2,500.00
Centene Corporation Political Action Committee	$2,000.00
Chenega Corporation PAC	$4,000.00
Chevron Employees Political Action Committee - Chevron Corporation	$7,500.00
Chugach Alaska Corporation PAC	$6,500.00
CMS Energy Corporation Employees For Better Government- Federal	$1,000.00
Comcast Corporation & NBCUniversal Political Action Committee - Federal	$2,000.00
ConocoPhillips Spirit Pac	$3,500.00
Constellation Energy Corporation Employee Political Action Committee	$5,000.00
CRH Americas, Inc. PAC	$2,500.00
CSX Corporation Good Government Fund	$2,000.00
Delta Air Lines PAC	$1,000.00
Devon Energy Corporation Political Action Committee (Dec PAC)	$2,500.00
Diamondback Energy, Inc. Political Action Committee (Diamondback Energy PAC)	$2,000.00
Direct Supply, Inc. Partners PAC	$10,000.00
Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation PAC	$1,000.00
DTE Energy Company Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
Echostar Corporation And Dish Network Corporation PAC	$2,500.00
Edison International PAC	$2,000.00
Employees Of Quanta Services, Inc.	$2,500.00
Employees Of RTX Corporation Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
Entergy Corporation Employee Political Action Committee	$2,000.00
EQT Corporation PAC	$2,500.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Of Topeka PAC	$2,000.00
FedEx Corporation Political Action Committee	$2,000.00

Freeport-McMoran Inc. Citizenship Committee	$5,000.00
General Atomics Political Action Committee	$5,000.00
Genworth Financial, Inc. Political Action Committee (Genworth PAC)	$2,500.00
Google LLC NetPAC	$6,000.00
Guidewell Mutual Holding Corporation Political Action Committee)	$1,000.00
Gulf States Toyota Inc Federal Political Action Committee	$2,500.00
Halliburton Company PAC+	$2,500.00
Health Care Service Corporation Employees' Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
HF Sinclair Political Action Committee (Dino PAC)	$1,500.00
Honeywell International Inc. Technologies Public Affairs Council	$5,500.00
JBS Usa Food Company PAC	$1,000.00
Koch, Inc. Political Action Committee	$15,000.00
Lockheed Martin Corporation Employees' Political Action Committee	$3,000.00
Marathon Oil Company Employees Political Action Committee	$3,500.00
Molina Healthcare, Inc. PAC	$1,000.00
Molson Coors Beverage Company USA LLC PAC	$7,000.00
National Fuel Gas Company Federal Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
NetJets Inc. PAC	$1,000.00
Newmont Corporation PAC	$2,500.00
Nike Inc Federal Political Action Committee	$1,000.00
Norfolk Southern Corporation Good Government Fund	$2,000.00
Ovintiv USA Inc. PAC	$9,000.00
Parsons Corporation Political Action Committee	$2,500.00
Pattern Energy Group Inc. PAC	$2,500.00
PG&E Corporation Employees EnergyPAC	$1,000.00
Phillips 66 PAC	$10,000.00
PPL Corporation People For Good Government	$1,000.00
PricewaterhouseCoopers Political Action Committee I	$2,500.00
Reynolds American Inc. Political Action Committee; RAI Pac	$2,000.00
Salt River Valley Water Users' Association Political Involvement Committee	$1,500.00
Southern Company Employees PAC	$1,000.00
Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum	$1,000.00
Tenaska Inc Employees Political Action Committee	$2,000.00
The American Electric Power Committee For Responsible Government	$1,000.00
The Home Depot Inc. Political Action Committee	$7,500.00
Uber Technologies, Inc. Separate Segregated Fund	$1,000.00
UBS Americas Inc. Political Action Committee	$5,000.00
Union Pacific Corp. Fund For Effective Government	$4,000.00
United Airlines, Inc. Political Action Committee	$4,000.00

United Parcel Service, Inc. PAC	$3,500.00
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated PAC	$3,500.00
Verizon Communications, Inc. Political Action Committee	$2,500.00
Walmart Inc. Pac For Responsible Government	$2,000.00
Xcel Energy Employee Political Action Committee	$6,000.00
Total:	**$246,000.00**

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