

## **FACT SHEET: Rep. Mike Lawler Spreads Gutless Lies To New Yorkers While Slashing Medicaid**

New York Representative Mike Lawler (NY-17) has spent months doubling down on lies about Medicaid, trying to pull the wool over the eyes of his constituents while supporting the House GOP's budget resolution slashing nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations at the behest of Donald Trump. The Congressional Budget Office has [exposed](#) the truth, proving that GOP budget goals can not be reached without cutting Medicaid.

The truth is, there was *never* a way to find \$880 billion in cuts without gutting Medicaid and throwing millions of people off their health care. Lawler voted for a budget that will force seniors to be thrown out of nursing homes, kids with disabilities to go without the support they need, patients fighting cancer to not be able to afford their treatments – and the list goes on and on. Lawler has been gaslighting New Yorkers to try and avoid the backlash he knew would follow from taking life-saving health care away from his constituents in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and big corporations. **Read some of his most egregious lies:**

### **What Mike Lawler Is Actually Doing In Washington D.C.**

- **February 2025: Lawler Voted To Advance A Budget Resolution Slashing Medicaid Funding By Nearly \$1 Trillion.** On February 25, 2025, Rep. Lawler [voted](#) to advance a budget resolution directing the House Energy & Commerce committee to [cut](#) \$880 billion in funding – nearly all of which (93 percent) would have to come from Medicaid. The motion passed the House 217-215, with all but one House Republican voting for the resolution and all House Democrats present opposing.
- **April 2025: Lawler Voted For A Budget Resolution Slashing Medicaid Funding By Nearly \$1 Trillion.** On April 10, 2025, Rep. Lawler [voted](#) in favor of a budget resolution directing the House Energy & Commerce committee to [cut](#) \$880 billion in funding – nearly all of which (93 percent) would have to come from Medicaid. The resolution passed the House 216-214, with all but two House Republicans present voting for the resolution and all House Democrats present opposing.

### **The Consequences For New Yorkers Living In Mike Lawler's Congressional District (NY-17)**

- Mike Lawler and House Republicans are putting health care at risk for [over 238,000 New Yorkers in the 17th district](#). Medicaid disproportionately serves children, older people, and people with disabilities, and in New York, this includes:
  - [948,600](#) older New Yorkers
  - [2,108,100](#) children
  - [3,917,653](#) working adults

- [3,031,700](#) non-elderly New Yorkers of color
  - [3,978,600](#) women
  - [4 in 9](#) New Yorkers with disabilities
- Cutting Medicaid expansion funding would leave at least **25,300** additional people uninsured and [80 lives would be lost](#) per year in New York's 17th district.
- [92 percent](#) of New York voters in the 17th district oppose cuts to Medicaid.
- Republicans will create at least a [\\$13 billion hole](#) in the New York state budget to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations.

### **The Lies Mike Lawler Has Been Spewing About Medicaid**

- **November 2024: Lawler Spread Falsehoods About Medicaid Fraud, Sharing An Unconfirmed, Speculative Report and Denouncing Enrollment Numbers.** Lawler [spread falsehoods](#) about Medicaid fraud in November 2024, reposting an article on X baselessly claiming millions of New Yorkers could be defrauding the system and adding a caption: "With this many New Yorkers receiving Medicaid payments, it's no wonder why our state budget is unsustainable. It's supposed to be a social safety net for those who need it the most. Those who are defrauding the system must be held accountable!"
- **February 2025: Days Before Voting To Advance The Budget Resolution Cutting Medicaid, Lawler Promised He Would Not Cut Medicaid Benefits.** Lawler [promised](#) his New York constituents in February that he would not vote to cut Medicaid, declaring on CNN: "I will not cut Medicaid benefits."
- **February 2025: Lawler Falsely Claimed The House GOP Budget Would Protect Medicaid and Fired Off Accusations of "Fear-Mongering" About Medicaid Cuts In the Budget.** After voting to advance the House GOP budget resolution in February 2025, Lawler posted a thread on X defending his vote. He falsely [claimed](#) House Republicans were focused on "protecting" Medicaid in the House GOP budget resolution in February and [fired off accusations](#) of widespread "fear-mongering" about Medicaid cuts.
- **February 2025: Lawler Falsely Claimed The House GOP Budget Resolution Would Not Slash Medicaid.** During a Fox Business interview in February, Lawler [claimed](#) that "Medicaid wasn't mentioned once in the budget resolution we passed."
- **March 2025: Lawler Promised Once Again He Would Not Cut Medicaid.** During a Fox Business interview in March, Lawler [promised](#) his New York constituents that he would not vote to cut Medicaid: "I've been very clear: I will not cut Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid."

**FACT CHECK: The House Budget Resolution Orders Nearly \$1 Trillion In Targeted Cuts – Nearly All of Which Are “Expected To Come From Medicaid.”**

- **CBO**: **Medicaid Outlays Will Account For 93 Percent of House Republicans \$880 Billion In House Energy & Commerce Budget Cuts.** “In CBO’s January 2025 baseline budget projections, mandatory outlays for the accounts that the Members asked about total \$8.8 trillion for the 2025–2034 period. Medicaid outlays account for \$8.2 trillion, or 93 percent, of that amount.” [Congressional Budget Office, “Mandatory Spending Under the Jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce,” [3/5/25](#)]
- **KFF**: “The House Energy & Commerce Committee (which has jurisdiction over Medicaid) is instructed to reduce the federal deficit by at least \$880 billion over 10 years, with nearly all those cuts expected to come from Medicaid.” [KFF, [4/10/25](#)]
- **The New York Times**: “Mathematically, the budget committee’s instructions mean the committee would need to make major cuts to either Medicare, Medicaid or both. Congressional leadership has been signaling that Medicaid has been the main focus. ... If the budget resolution is going to become public policy, it will require legislation that cuts health programs.” [The New York Times, [2/25/25](#)]
- **The Washington Post**: “The House-passed budget proposal pretty clearly requires cutting Medicaid, and that’s a big political problem. ... Republicans will need to get more specific if they want to pay for extending Trump’s tax cuts. And both the math and their comments make clear that will involve significant Medicaid cuts.” [The Washington Post, [2/26/25](#)]
- **New York Magazine**: “Republicans are using their traditional tactic of not acknowledging that Medicaid cuts are Medicaid cuts.” [New York Magazine, [2/25/25](#)]
- **Letter from Eight House Republicans**: “The House Budget Resolution proposed \$880 billion in cuts to programs under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, with Medicaid expected to bear the brunt of these reductions.” [Letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson, “RE: Protecting American Communities in the Budget Reconciliation Process,” [2/19/25](#)]
- **Sahil Kuper, NBC News**: “[The Republican budget] tells Energy & Commerce Cmte, which oversees Medicaid, to find cuts of \$880 billion. Republicans openly say spending less on Medicaid will be part of that.” [Sahil Kuper, X, [2/25/25](#)]