

Save Health Care & Food Assistance in West Virginia

March St. Patrick's Day Recess Town Hall Toolkit

The U.S. Congress is advancing [a budget resolution that sets up massive cuts](#) in federal funding for health care and SNAP (food assistance) — all to offset deep tax cuts for the country's wealthiest households and businesses.

Our Senators & Representatives need to hear from us that cutting Medicaid & SNAP isn't an option. Call on them to hold in-person town hall meetings during their recess!

West Virginia's U.S. House members, Representatives Carol Miller and Riley Moore both [voted](#) to move forward the budget resolution, though they both reportedly told advocates that Medicaid wouldn't be touched. But it will be [nearly impossible](#) for Congress to enact cuts of the size instructed without significant cuts to health care.

The budget resolution shows a stark picture of the current priorities of the U.S. House: the cost of extending tax cuts for households with incomes in the top 1 percent — \$1.1 trillion through 2034 — equals roughly the same amount as the proposed potential cuts for health coverage under Medicaid and food assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It would shift massive costs to our state and to local charitable providers, which are already stretched thin.

The good news is that all members of our federal delegation will have another chance to vote on the budget before any cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, or education funding are finalized. But we need to make sure they hear from residents who rely on these programs.

We need to call on them to hold an in-person town hall the week of March 17th with both the Senate and House in recess. Call on them to meet with West Virginians who'd be impacted by cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and other vital programs.

Three Steps You Can Take Right Now to Protect Health Care and Food Assistance

1. **Call your U.S. House representative's office and ask them to hold a town hall during March recess.** *Not sure who your U.S. House member is? Find out [here](#).*

Contact Information

Rep. Riley Moore



(202) 225-2711 (DC office) or (304) 350-6987 (District office)

Rep. Carol Miller

(202) 225-3452 (DC office) or (681) 945-6556 (District office)

Sample Script

My name is _____ and I live in _____. I was very concerned by Representative Miller/Moore's vote on the House budget resolution and I am calling on him/her to meet with West Virginians who would be impacted by cuts to Medicaid and SNAP by holding an in-person public town hall during the March recess.

- 2. Call both of your U.S. Senators and ask them to reject any cuts to Medicaid and SNAP food assistance.** *U.S. Senators represent the full state, so you are represented by both and can/should contact both!*

Contact information

Senator Shelley Moore Capito

(202) 224-6472 (DC office)

Senator Jim Justice

202-224-3954 (DC office)

Sample Script

My name is _____ and I live in _____. The House budget would be very harmful for West Virginians and our economy, and violates President Trump's commitment to lowering costs for residents by increasing health care and food costs for many families. I am asking Senator _____ to reject ANY cuts to Medicaid or SNAP.

- 3. Post on social media, tagging YOUR U.S. House member and U.S. Senators with the hashtag #WVRecessTownHall, calling on them to hold a town hall with constituents during the March recess.**

Sample social media posts

- *Medicaid and SNAP are essential to West Virginians, but they're being put on the chopping block to fund tax cuts for the wealthy and businesses. @reprimmoore must meet with constituents who'd be harmed by cuts to these programs in the House budget #WVRecessTownHall*
- *The budget advancing through Congress could cut Medicaid and SNAP by \$1.1 trillion, the same amount the top 1% would receive in tax cuts. @reprimmoore, we need you to prioritize programs critical to West Virginians, not more tax breaks for the wealthy. #WVRecessTownHall*

- *West Virginians elected @sencapito to lower costs for West Virginians, but cuts to Medicaid and SNAP would increase health care and food costs for families. No cuts to Medicaid or SNAP. #WVRecessTownHall*
- *West Virginia has:*
 - *500,000 residents on Medicaid*
 - *277,000 residents on SNAP*
 - **ZERO** *billionaires**@JimJustice_WV no cuts to Medicaid or SNAP #WVRecessTownHall*
- *We all know someone who relies on Medicaid & SNAP. Cuts will take away health care and food from kids and families, put health care jobs in jeopardy, and worsen our state's care crisis. @sencapito must stand with West Virginians and protect Medicaid & SNAP #WVRecessTownHall*

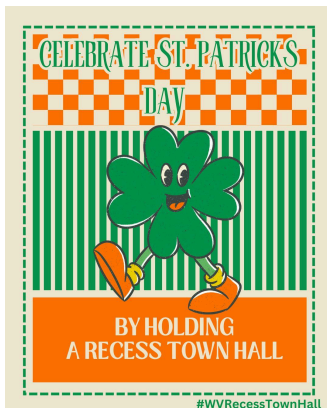
And if you're feeling festive, please feel free to utilize these St. Patrick's Day-themed graphics and social media templates!

Graphics can be found here: ▀ March St. Pat's Recess Graphics

Our health depends on health coverage, not luck! @repileymoore must meet with West Virginians who rely on Medicaid to explain why he supports cuts to vital health programs! #WVRecessTownHall

SNAP isn't just a lucky charm for families' food security, it's survival! @repcarolmiller protect food assistance and health care for West Virginians #WVRecessTownHall

Billionaires have enough gold at the end of their rainbows. Protect SNAP and Medicaid for West Virginians @sencapito #WVRecessTownHall



Social media handles to tag

Rep. Carol Miller

X: @repcarolmiller

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RepCarolMiller>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/RepCarolMiller>

Rep. Riley Moore

X: @repileymoore

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MooreforWV>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/moore4wv/>

Senator Shelley Moore Capito

X: @sencapito

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/senshelley/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sencapito/>

Senator Jim Justice

X: @JimJustice_WV

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100044187231175>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/senjimjustice>

Bonus Action for Those Who Want to Do More!

Draft a Letter to the Editor to submit to your local newspaper about the importance of protecting Medicaid and SNAP.

You can find a step-by-step LTE outline here: [Op-Ed Template: Protect Medicaid](#)

And a template and guidelines here courtesy of Families USA:

<https://familiesusa.app.box.com/s/l50kckzezxu9umj8klarbbdny55fyr6?emci=0ab35631-3cf8-ef11-90cb-0022482a93b5&emdi=e2fd991e-1af9-ef11-90cd-0022482a9fb7&ceid=7002309>

And if you need any assistance or support sharing your own story via an LTE, please reach out to Alex at agallo@wvpolicy.org