Letter To The Editor

The Ramsey County Advocacy Team (RCAT) of the League of Women Voters Minnesota strongly opposes cuts to SNAP and Medicaid programs that help provide food and medical care for the less fortunate in our society in a bill (The One Big, Beautiful Act, H.R 1) that was recently passed by Congress and signed into law. As a result, to continue to support these programs administered at the county level, property taxes will need to be increased. In Ramsey County, this coming two year budget proposal recently recommended increases in property tax 9.75% for 2026 and 7.5% for 2027. Increases will be occurring in counties throughout the state. This is a very unfortunate law, that will have significant repercussions for the people who depend on these programs and for many who will now be declared ineligible. It also places a financial tax burden on medium to lower income homeowners. Many of these various cuts do not take effect for another couple of years, so there is time for policy reversals under a future Congress. Four out of eight of Minnesota's U.S.House Representatives voted for this bill. Please call your representatives to let them know what you think. Visit LWVMN.org/take-action to learn more.This bill will seriously impact our family, friends, community, and ourselves as it becomes effective in these next several years. There is time to reverse this bill!