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Donald Trump's destructive policies are ripping away Michiganders' economic security. Between his massive cuts to government spending, the Trump-GOP Big, Ugly Bill, and his disastrous tariff regime, Trump's agenda is hurting the local economy in all areas, stoking a dire affordability crisis as food prices, energy bills, health care costs, and housing costs spike.

A majority of Michiganders believe Trump's tariffs are hurting their families' financial situation – and for good reason. Small business owners are sounding the alarm about rising costs and health care premium hikes. Local food businesses are being forced to raise prices, electricity bills in the state have shot up, and tens of thousands of residents stand to lose their health care as a result of the Trump-GOP budget. Michigan is one of the states hardest hit by Trump's cancellation of clean energy investments, which have cost the state more than 6,000 jobs this year alone. For buyers and renters alike, housing has become increasingly unaffordable for median-income Michigan households, with costs rising and supply curtailed by Trump's tariffs. Even the state's automotive industry is in turmoil, with 60 percent of Michiganders saying that Trump's tariff policies are hurting the car business.

Throughout Trump's second term, the President and Republicans in Congress have worked in lock-step to reward their rich and powerful friends at the expense of everyone else. They are obliterating the economic security of millions across the country, and working families are the ones paying the price.

That is why state leaders like ourselves are coming together to highlight what President Trump has done to hurt Michigan families across our great state and to fight back against this reckless administration. We hope you will join us in standing up to Trump and his agenda, which is skyrocketing costs across the Great Lakes State.

Signed,

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Michigan Cost Of Living

- **COST-OF-LIVING IS A TOP CONCERN FOR MICHIGANDERS:** Michigan shoppers are facing high prices [due to Trump's tariffs](#). According to the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Michigan voters are [expressing concerns](#) about the cost of groceries and the job market, with most saying they are paying more for groceries, utilities and other staples. A recent poll from the Regional Chamber found:

- [72 percent](#) of Michigan voters believe that Trump's tariffs cause higher prices.
- [Nearly 60 percent](#) of Michigan voters believe the economy is weakening, and almost 40 percent of voters expect a recession in the next year.
- [More than half](#) of Michigan voters say they are paying more for car and home insurance.

- **COST OF GROCERIES IS UP:** Food costs are [rising](#) nationwide thanks to Donald Trump's tariffs and America-last trade policies – especially in Michigan. Michigan's grocery prices are [up 27 percent](#) since 2019, and food prices are rising 20 percent faster than inflation overall (up [3.6 percent](#) year-over-year for food compared to [2.99 percent overall](#)). The prices of goods like spices and food packaging have [shot up](#) this year as a result of Trump's tariffs. Detroit residents now [spend the largest share of their income](#) on groceries of any major city in the U.S., with local wages growing slower than grocery prices.
- **HEALTH CARE COSTS ARE UP THANKS TO TRUMP & REPUBLICANS:** The Trump-GOP Big, Ugly Bill [cuts](#) \$1 trillion from Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). **As many as 750,000 Michigan residents** [stand to lose](#) their health care because of Trump and Republicans' changes to Medicaid and the ACA. Michigan hospitals could [lose out on](#) half a billion dollars in Medicaid funding annually due to these cuts, and the state is [already seeking](#) \$200 million annually from the federal government to shore up rural health care in anticipation of slashed budgets.

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→ The Trump-GOP plan to [rip away](#) ACA tax credits will hit Michigan small businesses especially hard. **Nearly 100,000 small business owners** in the state [rely](#) on the ACA for coverage – 1 in 6 ACA enrollees in Michigan– and 87 percent of small business owners [reportedly](#) want Congress to permanently extend ACA tax credits.

- **MICHIGAN ENERGY COSTS SKYROCKETING:** Since Trump took office in January, household electric bills are [up 11 percent](#). **68 percent of Michigan voters say they are paying more for utilities.** Michigan's largest energy provider, Consumers Energy – which serves 6.8 million Michiganders – [hiked](#) natural gas rates by over 8 percent. The company is also [pushing](#) for an electricity rate hike of over 13 percent for Michigan households. Another utility provider, Great Lakes Energy, [raised rates](#) as well to cover the cost of repairing the state's power grid, which was damaged by spring storms. Longer-term, the average Michigan utility customer will see bills [rise](#) by an estimated \$320 annually because of Trump and Republicans' [removal](#) of tax credits for clean energy
- **JOB CUTS & LOST INVESTMENT:** Trump and Republicans have cut trillions in funding for health care, food aid, and energy investments. **These cuts are estimated to cost Michigan 41,500 total jobs** and [amount](#) to a loss of more than \$4.5 billion in state GDP.

- Across Michigan's metro areas, [unemployment](#) has reached as high as 6.9 percent in Saginaw, 6.8 percent in Flint, 6.3 percent in Battle Creek and 6.2 percent in Bay City this year.
- Michigan's manufacturing sector [lost](#) 9,200 jobs between August 2024 and August 2025.
- Climate Power [reports](#) that Michigan has seen over 6,000 clean energy jobs canceled or delayed since January, making the state one of the [hardest hit](#) by Trump's attack on clean energy.

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- **AUTO INDUSTRY IN TURMOIL:** Trump's disastrous policy agenda is hurting Michigan's critical auto industry. [Over 60 percent](#) of Michigan voters say they believe Trump's tariffs could hurt the state's auto industry. In addition to his tariffs, Trump has already **cancelled hundreds of millions of dollars in Michigan energy investments**, terminating numerous grants amounting to [\\$888 million](#) in clean energy funding for Michigan, devastating the state's auto industry:

- General Motors [announced](#) that they would be **laying off 1,200 workers** at their electric vehicle plant in Detroit and **cancelling a \$55 million factory that would have created 300 jobs**, citing "decisions" made by the Trump administration.
- Fortescue **canceled a \$210 million Detroit electric vehicle battery factory that would have created up to 600 jobs**, [blaming](#) Trump and Republicans' cuts.
- XALT Energy **laid off 324 workers** and [announced](#) it would **close two electric vehicle battery plants** located in Midland and Auburn Hills.
- A [supplier](#) for General Motors announced it would permanently **lay off 143 workers** at their Oakland County plant.
- Electric vehicle battery component manufacturer Dana Incorporated **laid off over 100 employees** based in Auburn Hills.

- **HOUSING CRUNCH:** Michigan [ranks](#) 33rd in the country for affordable housing and **the gap between rent and wages has been growing wider in the state**. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority [reports](#) a shortage of 119,000 housing units statewide. According to a Realtor.com report in November 2025, new home construction has [lagged](#) in Michigan, with the state accounting for just 1.5 percent of all new home permits nationwide despite representing 3 percent of the U.S. population. **Homebuilders and homebuyers are among the most impacted by Trump's tariffs**. Trump's tariffs on building materials are expected to [increase](#) the price of a new home in Michigan by about \$10,900, and despite the housing crunch and growing affordability concerns, the Trump administration is plowing ahead with sweeping changes to housing programs that will leave 7,000 Michigan households, including roughly 2,000 families with children [at risk](#) of imminent homelessness.

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- **SMALL BUSINESSES STRUGGLE:** Many small business owners in Michigan, from [Detroit](#) to [Ann Arbor](#), say they are [struggling](#) with rising costs, supply chain disruptions, and economic uncertainty [as a result of Trump's tariffs](#). **Trump's tariffs are threatening entire local industries in Michigan.** The state's farming and agriculture industry, for example, which [supports](#) more than 800,000 jobs across Michigan and [contributes nearly \\$126 billion](#) to the state economy, has seen exports fall precipitously for products like wheat, cherries, apples, and soybean meal, costing Michigan farmers more than \$277 million in export revenue.
- **HELP RIPPED AWAY:** Trump's budget cuts are **ripping away vital assistance** for health care, food, disaster aid, and more from hundreds of thousands of Michiganders.

- Thanks to Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress, Michiganders who buy health insurance on their own through the ACA are [facing](#) an **average premium increase of over 20 percent** for 2026, and **nearly 500,000 people across the state** will see their coverage costs for next year [soar](#) after the Trump-GOP budget [ripped away](#) critical tax credits that make ACA coverage affordable.
- Trump and Republicans in Congress [cut \\$187 billion](#) in food assistance, which could [leave 123,000 Michigan residents with reduced or eliminated food aid](#). These cuts to federal food aid will harm Michigan's economy by [around \\$415 million](#).
- Trump and Republicans cut billions in clean energy tax credits. As a result, **around 7,500 of Michiganders** employed in the clean energy industry [could lose their jobs](#), and the average Michigan utility customer will see bills [rise](#) by an estimated \$320 annually by 2035 because of the [removal](#) of tax credits for clean energy.
- The Trump administration's decision to **leave Michiganders to fend for themselves after a devastating ice storm** will cost northern Michiganders tens of millions of dollars. The recent decision to deny disaster aid to two electric utilities in rural northern Michigan could [result](#) in surcharges and rate hikes equivalent to at least \$4,500 per household.