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The Truth Behind the Big Beautiful Bill (BBB)

By Elena Super

As I reflect over the past couple of weeks of political drama, I found that I had experienced a roller coaster of emotions. Like the ride I experienced as a kid, I found myself sluggishly trekking up an incline until my anticipation turned to anxiety as the BBB went to the Senate and the days debates and arguments progressed. I held on tight as the discussions went up and down and with every twist had hoped that Republican legislators would have the cojones to end the ride once and for all. But as my faith began to wither, I realized that the ride was not ending, but just preparing me for the next incline.

We all know that the second ride back to the House was no easier than the first and the results left us further dejected. As we disembarked from the ride there were those that lost their lunch, others were trying to regain their sea legs, and – well, the majority shouted with glee and jubilation as their actions mimicked the dance of their puppet master. But once the smoke dissipates and the mirrors start to break, reality will set in for everyday people. Every day people of all parties will be hurting. Particularly the people who found themselves succumbed by the effects of the Kool-Aid while branding themselves by wearing garb of the grifter; they will be regretting their vote and hurting the most.

The next couple of pages includes the basic nuts and bolts of the bill, provided by the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center. Believe me there is much more to the story and is good reading material should you need help getting to sleep. You can find the report in its entirety at: [7.01.25 - Senate Republicans Pass Their MegaBill. Here's What You Need to Know – Congressional Progressive Caucus Center](#).

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Lonely Precincts Looking for Great Men and Women to Call Their Own!

Do you believe that we are at risk of losing our Democracy and that voting is critical to our existence as a democratic republic? Do you have the desire to want to do something locally in our county to help bring about change? If so, you may be just the right person to represent the Miami County Democrats within your local community as a Precinct Committee Person (PCP).

PCPs across the county are the grassroots of the party. They serve as liaisons between the local Party and county residents who may or may not be registered to vote. PCPs contact voters by mail, phone, or by knocking doors to ensure that voters can obtain absentee ballots when needed and have the information needed to make informed voting decisions.

There are over 4000 registered Democrats in Miami County so you are not alone. *When united we will not only stand, but we will thrive!* If interested in joining a great team or learning more, call 913-259-4455.



Contacts to add to your speed dial

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Representative Sharice Davids

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SUMMER EVENTS

July 23, 2025 – Wednesday

Miami County Fair Parade

Paola – 7:00 p.m.

August 4, 2025 – Monday – Monthly Meeting

The Voter Network – Guest Speaker Maryam Abid

Paola Community Center 7:00 p.m.

September 1, 2025 – Monday

NO Monthly meeting as we are participating in the

Louisburg Labor Day Parade

Louisburg (Broadway) 10:00 a.m.

September 13, 2025 – Saturday

Miami County Democrats Fundraiser – **Stay tuned!**

October 6, 2025 – Monday – Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker Rina Khan with Loud Light

Family friendly parades are a great way to demonstrate our presence within the County. If you would like to help decorate the float or participate in the parade, please send an email to chair@miamicoksdems.org.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

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Health Care — KEY DATES

WHAT IS HAPPENING?	WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?
Ending advanced premium tax credits	December 31, 2025
Imposing work reporting requirements on people with Medicaid coverage, with narrow exceptions	January 1, 2027 (<i>unless state seeks waiver to impose requirements sooner</i>)
Capping provider taxes that states use to finance their Medicaid programs gradually for states that expanded Medicaid, eventually reaching a 3.5% cap	October 1, 2027 (cap begins lowering) through October 1, 2031 (cap hits 3.5%)
Imposing new out-of-pocket costs of up to \$35 per service for adults with Medicaid coverage if their incomes are between 100-138% of the federal poverty level, with narrow exceptions	October 1, 2028

Food Assistance — KEY DATES

WHAT IS HAPPENING?	WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?
Imposing work reporting requirements on additional people enrolled in SNAP, including on older adults up to 65 and on parents of children as young as 13	Upon enactment
Forcing states to take on up to 15% of the cost of SNAP benefits, a tremendous new burden that may force states to cut households off food assistance or end SNAP programs entirely	October 1, 2027 <i>(with a two-year delay for states with high "payment error rates")</i>

Ending Clean Energy Incentives — KEY DATES

WHAT IS HAPPENING?	WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?
Prohibiting receipt of Investment and Production Tax Credits if recipient purchases components from "foreign entity of concern," such as businesses incorporated in China (otherwise known as "material assistance" restrictions)	December 31, 2025 <i>(Projects must begin construction by then to avoid the material assistance restrictions)</i>
Eliminating tax credit for purchase of new electric and hybrid cars	September 30, 2025
Eliminating tax credit for used electric and hybrid cars (tax credit 25E)	September 30, 2025
Eliminating tax credit for energy-efficient home improvements (e.g., energy-efficient windows) (tax credit 25C)	December 31, 2025 <i>(Projects must be placed into service by then to claim this credit)</i>
Eliminating tax credit for residential clean energy projects (e.g., solar panel installation) (tax credit 25D) 	December 31, 2025 <i>(Projects must be placed into service by then to claim this credit)</i>



**Miami County Democrats
Celebrating Uncle Sam
Fundraiser**

Saturday – September 13
Stay tuned for details!

Tax Changes — KEY DATES

WHAT IS HAPPENING?	WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?
Expanding the estate tax exemption to \$15 million, from \$10 million	Permanently, beginning in tax year 2026
Creating new \$25,000 tax deduction for tipped income for individuals, which phases out for income above \$150,000	Tax years 2025-2028
Creating a new \$12,500 tax deduction for overtime compensation for individuals, which phases out for income above \$150,000	Tax years 2025-2028
Creating a new \$6,000 tax deduction for individuals 65 and older, which phases out for individuals whose income exceeds \$75,000	Tax years 2025-2028
Increasing cap on SALT deductions to \$40,000 for households making under \$500,000 in 2025, and to \$40,400 for households making under \$505,000 in 2026. Thereafter, the cap increases by 1% annually through 2029, when it permanently reverts to \$10,000. The cap phases down for households making more than the aforementioned limits until it hits \$10,000.	Through 2029

So how will Kansans, particularly in Miami County, be impacted overall? It's hard to say because the issues are so complex. But to put things in perspective it helps to know how the County relates to the State as a whole. According to the United States Census July 1, 2024 report, the state of Kansas has a population of 2,970,606; which includes 35,737 residents of Miami County.

A projection of the impact of changes in healthcare on Kansas over the next 9 years can be found in the June 6, 2025 CAP Article **The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Confirms the Devastating Harms of House Republicans' One Big 'Beautiful' Bill Act** <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/the-cbo-confirms-the-devastating-harms-of-house-republicans-one-big-beautiful-bill-act/>

State		Estimated health insurance coverage losses, 2034	Number of people at risk of losing some or all SNAP benefits	Number of jobs put at risk by elimination of clean energy tax credits
Kansas		75,000	43,000	9,672
KS-03*	Sharice Davids	15,000	Fewer than 5,000	6,194

*KS-03 is comprised of portions of Wyandotte County, and all of Anderson, Franklin, Johnson, and Miami Counties.

The numbers above, as far as I'm concerned, are staggering considering that DOGE never disclosed conclusive findings of fraud and waste within Medicaid or any other service. And the loss of healthcare and food subsidies are only a small portion of the negative impact made by this administration. The impacts of tariffs on small business owners who rely on raw materials and products from outside the U.S. and ICE raids on immigrants that support our farmers will be devastating over the coming years.

According to a story reported on July 9, 2025 by Congressional Correspondent Lisa Desjardins on PBS 60% of the BBB is attributed to tax cuts while **adding approximately 4 trillion dollars to our national debt**. You may

benefit from the bill if you: earn over \$50,000 in a high tax state, are a farmer receiving subsidies or, are a recipient of an estate. You won't fare so well if you earn less than \$18,000, work in the solar or wind industries, or are in your 50's or 60's and are on Medicaid or receive SNAP. A lot of the tax cuts stop after the 2026 elections, creating an opportunity to blame the ill effects on whomever is elected into office.

The loss of income generated tax revenues over the next 10 years are astounding. If you're looking for a holiday or birthday gift, the \$200 tax applicable to the sale of gun silencers has been eliminated. Yes, you read that right! You know, just like in the movies, the metal attachment that can be add to a gun so a shot can't be heard. The **loss** of incoming tax revenue from silencers alone is estimated at \$1.7 billion. Yes, that's billion with a B – *and that's a lot of silencers*. While incoming tax revenues allocations will include, and are not limited to, \$200 million to the Kennedy Center, \$85 million for the expense of moving space shuttles, and \$40 million to build the Garden of Heroes (a selection of statues created to depict different Americans identified by President Trump).



In the meantime, the President has ordered that funding allocated for education that was previously approved by Congress to be withheld from distribution to states across the country. The table below explains the impact to school districts in Miami County. The Paola school district will be discussing the district's budget and short comings at the BOE meeting on August 11th. Check with your local district for additional information.

FEDERAL FUNDING BEING WITHHELD FROM MIAMI COUNTY SCHOOLS				
	Teacher and school leader support		Student Academic Enrichment	
	Public	Non-Public*	Public	Non-Public*
USD #367 Oswatomie	\$42,909		\$24,333	
USD #368 Paola	\$32,388	\$1,279	\$24,117	
USD #416 Louisburg	\$25,659	\$2,450	\$14,552	\$1,390

*These funds cover services that are required by law to be provided to children that attend private schools.

We need to fight back in whatever manner we can. People need to step forward to run for office and we need to vote the current administration out. **But most of all we need to demonstrate kindness and humanity to everyone, no matter their nationality or political party because we are all in this together.**



Miami County Democrats

Monday, August 4

7:00 p.m.

Paola Community Center

Guest Speaker

Maryam Abid



Join fellow Democrats for
BREAKFAST and conversation!

Saturday August 16

9:00 a.m.

El Potro in Paola

**Text or call 913-259-4455 by
August 14th to save your seat!**