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***Statement on President Trump's Devastating Tax Bill Gutting Critical Services  
for Low-Income Families***

***Attorneys Call on Albany and City Hall to Mitigate Harm to Low-Income New  
Yorkers Who Will Bear the Consequences of This Legislation***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives now passing President Trump's devastating tax bill, which includes harmful cuts to Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program, and vital social safety net programs that millions of New Yorkers rely on for access to healthcare and other basic essentials:

"This reckless legislation will have catastrophic and far-reaching consequences for millions of low-income New Yorkers. For starters, the bill includes [devastating cuts to Medicaid](#), a vital program that nearly seven million New Yorkers rely on for access to affordable healthcare. It also introduces strict work requirements for Medicaid eligibility and forces recipients to reapply for coverage every six months, imposing needless bureaucratic hurdles that could result in close to one million New Yorkers losing access to healthcare.

"SNAP benefits – which provide food assistance to low-income individuals and families – will also face [massive cuts](#), with Trump's bill shifting billions of dollars in costs historically covered by the federal government onto states. New York could be forced to spend billions to make up for the losses or see hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers – including children, seniors, and people with disabilities – lose their benefits. Even those who remain enrolled in the program will face a reduction in benefits as a result of expanded work requirements and a suspension of states' ability to increase benefits based on rising food costs.

"With this bill one step closer to becoming law, it is incumbent upon our leaders in Albany and City Hall to immediately put pen to paper and begin strengthening the critical social safety net programs that this bill will recklessly slash. Increasing funding for Medicaid, as well as enacting legislation that enshrines into law protections for our most vulnerable neighbors, is the only way to ensure that all New Yorkers are safeguarded amid the devastating losses this bill will impart on New York."

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