



Republican Destruction in Our Neck of the Woods

MEDICAID

- In the 2nd Congressional District, represented by Tim Burchett, 18% of the total population receives Medicaid benefits, totaling 147,000 people.
- In Tennessee, Medicaid covers 46% of all births, 42% of all children, 57% of all nursing home residents.
- 6,250 people are projected to lose Medicaid coverage in the 2nd Congressional District.
- Tennessee has the highest number of hospital closures per capita in the US.

WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

- Maternal mortality in Tennessee is the worst of all 50 states in the US.
- In the 2018-2022 timeframe 199 mothers died delivering babies in Tennessee.
- Cutting Medicaid will lead to fewer doctors and fewer hospitals providing women's healthcare.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

- In Loudon County, 7,089 citizens, 11.7% of the total population, receive SNAP benefits (food stamps).
- 1,400 of these recipients are projected to lose their subsidy.
- Of Tennessee recipients, 66% are families with children, 33% are seniors or disabled, and 33% are working families.
- Each recipient's benefit is \$6.25 per day for an average of \$320 per family a month.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE (LFPA)

- In Tennessee 12% of the total population is food insecure.
- In Tennessee, LFPA was providing \$4.1 million for school lunches and \$8.2 million for food banks, all of which is being terminated.
- All purchased food came from local farmers, denying them this income.
- In Loudon County, local food pantries have cut food distribution by half.

LIBRARIES

- Loudon County has five libraries – Greenback, Lenoir City, Loudon, Philadelphia, Tellico Village.
- A significant portion of federal assistance to Loudon County libraries was for technology and computer services.
- Library computers are used by individuals without internet access for job searches, employment applications, and tax preparation and filing.
- Youth without internet access use library computers for schoolwork.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

- The Department of Interior is cutting budgets of all national parks, including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the most visited park in the US
- Currently, 6 of 10 campsites are closed
- 7 of 11 picnic areas are closed
- Staff has been reduced by 10% with more cuts to come

EDUCATION

- (Loudon)) Tennessee 2nd Congressional District is in jeopardy of losing \$5,258,000 of federal support for K-12 education.
- Loudon County School District has lost \$95,000 of federal support for the after-school program LAUNCH providing extended learning, STEM education, tutoring, and arts enrichment.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

- The University of Tennessee has lost 42 federal grants totaling \$37.7 million.
- Terminated grants were addressing pesticide safety, HIV research, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, Covid-19, rural mental health, and climate change among many other critical areas.
- Stop Work Orders have been issued for many projects, including a \$30 million climate change-smart agriculture initiative by the UT Institute of Agriculture. ~~