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Federal Budget Resolution Harms New Mexicans Despite Efforts by Congresswoman Wilson and Senator Bingaman

The budget resolution passed by Congress last night is bad news for the nation, and bad news for New Mexico: it gives more tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, while cutting programs for New Mexicans.

New Mexico stands to lose \$100 million in healthcare funding over the next few years. This will undoubtedly mean further cuts in enrollment and/or benefits in the state's Medicaid program.

New Mexico Senators Bingaman and Udall voted against the budget which includes further tax cuts for the wealthy, at the expense of adequate funding of programs that benefit many New Mexicans. Senator Domenici, and Congressmen Pearce and Wilson all supported it.

"We appreciate the Congresswoman's efforts to encourage many of her Republican colleagues to go on record opposing Medicaid cuts," said Bill Jordan, Deputy Director of New Mexico Voices for Children. "But," he continued, "in the end she voted to support those cuts in healthcare for the children, elderly and disabled who rely on Medicaid."

If Wilson and one other Republican had voted against the budget, it would have failed in the House.

"Once again, we see misplaced priorities and a callous disregard for the needs of ordinary Americans. The wealthy get tax cuts, children get program cuts," said Jordan.

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