

HOW THE “BIG UGLY BILL” IMPACTS AAPIs IN LA

Trump’s “Big Ugly Bill” (H.R. 1) will cause millions of low-income and immigrant families to **lose access to critical health and nutrition safety net programs** in order to **extend his tax cuts for the wealthy** and **aggressively expand the administration’s immigration detention and deportation regime**. This factsheet details the consequences this bill will have on the health, safety, and wellbeing of AAPIs in LA.

IN LA COUNTY...



1 IN 6 ANGELENOS
is Asian American or Pacific Islander



23%

Asian Americans
are low-income

28%

Native Hawaiian & Pacific
Islanders are low-income

* Certain subgroups qualify as low-income at **greater rates** than the broader AAPI population.

37%

Cambodian
Americans

35%

Pakistani
Americans

35%

Samoan
Americans

HEALTH CARE

AAPIs IN COVERED CALIFORNIA COULD SEE NET PREMIUMS INCREASE BY 74% BY 2026

Up to **1.3 million Californian adults** and **110,000 children** could lose access to health care due to new, burdensome work requirements for Medi-Cal required by the Big Ugly Bill. **Many lawfully present immigrants are at risk** of losing Medi-Cal entirely due to additional restrictions based on immigration status.

Instead of extending pandemic-era health insurance tax credits, the Trump administration let them expire. Now AAPIs in Covered California, who make up **+25% of enrollees**, could see their net premiums **increase by 74%** starting next year.

In the next decade, estimates say that these changes could result in **3.4 million Californians losing their health care entirely**.



**1 IN 4 AAPI ANGELENOS
ARE COVERED BY MEDI-CAL**



CALFRESH IMPACTS



98,000 AAPI HOUSEHOLDS IN LA ARE AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR CALFRESH BENEFITS AS EARLY AS 2026.

The Big Ugly Bill slashed the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as CalFresh in California, and could result in **over 3 million California families** losing some or all of their benefits, putting at risk the nearly **98,000 AAPI households** in LA currently enrolled in CalFresh as early as next year.



IMMIGRATION

* California is home to more than **10 million immigrants**, with more than **1 in 3** residing in Los Angeles.



2 IN 3
Asian Americans in
LA are immigrants



1 IN 4
Pacific Islanders in
LA are immigrants

**107,000+ OF THE UNDOCUMENTED IN LA ARE AAPI
and 111,000+ AAPIs WITH LEGAL STATUS ARE LIVING
WITH UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBER(S)**

The Big Ugly Bill allocates **\$170+ billion** for immigrant detention and enforcement that will **supercharge the federal government's power** to continue this campaign of terror. This is an **unprecedented expansion** of ICE and Department of Homeland Security budgets, nearly **quadrupling ICE's annual detention budget** and enabling the agency to **increase their staffing by the thousands**.

The number of Asians arrested by ICE **has tripled** since 2025, with **Californians accounting for 20% of all Asian arrests**. In June and July, ICE arrested almost **2,800 Angelenos**, kidnapping neighbors off the street and tearing families apart.



TAX IMPACTS

**IN 2026, AAPIs FACE A 1% TAX
WHEN SENDING MONEY BACK
TO ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS**



Under the Big Ugly Bill, Asian immigrant communities that will be hardest hit are **Indian, Chinese, and Filipinos** whose home countries are in the top five destinations for remittances transfers.

According to a recent national survey, the most common reasons why Asian adults send money back home are to help with ordinary expenses like **food, clothing (63%), and health expenses (50%)**.

**AAPI HOUSEHOLDS COULD
LOSE \$2,200 IN CHILD TAX
CREDIT FOR THEIR 2025 TAXES**



While the Big Ugly Bill provides a small increase to the child tax credit overall, new eligibility requirements based on immigration status could strip eligibility from up to **910,000 Californian families with U.S. Citizen children, at a cost of \$2,200 per child starting in their 2025 taxes**.



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