



MESSAGE: Republicans' Broken Promises Are Costing Minnesotans

- **Republicans promised to lower costs. Instead, Minnesotans are paying more for health care, gas, groceries, and everyday necessities.** Republicans aren't holding up their end of the deal, and their broken promises have made life less affordable for working families.
- **Republicans promised they had a health care plan. Instead, they voted to make health care more expensive.** Minnesota families are paying more to see a doctor, fill prescriptions, and keep the coverage they need to stay healthy.
- **Republicans promised to keep America out of costly foreign wars. Instead, Trump's new strikes on Iran are pushing oil prices higher and driving another spike in gas prices.** Minnesota families have already spent hundreds of dollars more per household on Trump's war of choice that shows no signs of stopping.
- **The costs don't stop at the pump or the doctor's office.** Republicans' agenda has also increased the price of groceries and other essentials, costing households more than \$1,000 on average since the start of Trump's war and squeezing family budgets when they're already hurting.
- **The worst is still ahead if Republicans continue down this path.** As Trump's conflict overseas continues and the impacts of Republican health care cuts continue to hit Minnesota mailboxes, families are working harder than ever and dipping into their hard-earned savings to make ends meet.
- **Minnesota Democrats are fighting to bring your costs down and help your family get a little breathing room.** While Republicans break their promises, we're focused on lowering prices and putting working families first.

FACTS

- 66% of Americans are worried about being able to afford health care for their family, and 57% say the same about groceries. 67% say that recent increases in gas prices have caused financial hardship for their household. [[Source](#)] [[Source](#)]

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- ACA deductibles have increased to a record \$3,786 on average. ACA monthly premiums are up about \$780/year on average. [\[Source\]](#)
- That means a family of four making \$70,000 is paying \$3,182 more on average, which comes out to ~\$265 more a month on average. [\[Source\]](#)
- Americans have spent \$56.4 billion more on gas since the start of Trump's unpopular war of choice with Iran.
- Minnesota families have spent \$867 million more on gas — \$403 more per household — since the start of Trump's unpopular and unnecessary war of choice with Iran. [\[Source\]](#)
- Americans have spent more than \$1,000 per household and \$132 billion overall on higher prices for gas, food, and other daily expenses.
- Roughly one-third of the world's fertilizer moves through the Strait of Hormuz. Potential shortages of petroleum, helium, and fertilizer threaten to drive higher prices on everything from dishwashers, to cars, to groceries. [\[Source\]](#)

IN THE NEWS

- **NEW YORK TIMES: The Trump administration has lurched back into a war against Iran that had never really ended.** [\[Source\]](#)
- **REUTERS: Oil prices rise for 4th day as US strikes on Iran raise fears of wider conflict** [\[Source\]](#)
- **PBS: Middle-income Americans straining to pay for Affordable Care Act health insurance are unlikely to get relief next year** [\[Source\]](#)
- **NBC NEWS: How grocery prices have changed since Trump took office** [\[Source\]](#)

QUOTES

Republicans running for the state legislature have made it clear that they'll only make

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your life less affordable:

- **“Well, that's what happens when you have unlimited prosperity. You know, you people get soft.”** —41B MNGOP candidate Will Beck arguing against economic stability for Minnesota families
- **“We don’t need a mandate on minimum wage.”** —SD14 MNGOP candidate Bernie Perryman opposing minimum wage laws, citing them as unnecessary
- **“We can't do things like artificially inflate wages for the jobs of someone working at a mall for \$15 per hour.”** —SD24 MNGOP candidate Nels Pierson opposing minimum wage laws for retail workers
- **“When people come into my office and chat with me about the school lunch issue that came back, I believe communities will take care of themselves.”** —3A MNGOP candidate Roger Skraba on his belief that universal school meals are unnecessary

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