

Nonprofit Advocacy and H. R. 1

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Impact Areas

Calfresh/SNAP

- Elimination of SNAP-ed by October 2025
- Stricter work requirements
- Noncitizen eligibility changes
- Increased state administrative burdens
- Reduced deductions and freezing the Thrifty Food Plan will decrease benefits



Impact Areas

Immigration

- New and increased fees for immigration processes, effective immediately
- Increased funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and US Customs and Border Protection, making it the most highly funded law enforcement in the country

<i>Applications for Relief or Protection from Removal</i>	
Name & Form	Fee Amount
Adjustment of Status (Form I-485)	\$1,500
Asylum (Form I-589)	\$100
Annual Asylum Fee	\$100 (annually every calendar year that the asylum application is pending)
Cancellation of Removal for Certain Permanent Residents (Form EOIR-42A)	\$600
Cancellation of Removal and Adjustment of Status for Certain Nonpermanent Residents (Form EOIR-42B)	\$1,500
Suspension of Deportation (Form I-881)	\$600
Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") (Form I-821)	\$500
Waiver of Inadmissibility (Form I-601)	\$1,050

Source: Department of Justice

Impact Areas

Environment

- Rolls back pollution reduction and clean energy incentives
- Reduced regulations will worsen climate change outcomes



Impact Areas

Medi-cal/ ACA subsidies

- Rising premiums in 2026
- Greater difficulty retaining Medi-Cal due to paperwork, reporting, and audits
- Starting January 1, 2026, newly arrived lawful immigrants **no longer qualify for ACA marketplace subsidies** even if under poverty. This reverses the ACA's "five-year wait exemption."
- **More frequent redeterminations**
- **Enhanced documentation & verification**

Impact Areas

Student Loan Caps/ Forgiveness

- Repeal of President Biden's student loan forgiveness plan (originally up to \$20K in relief).
- Elimination of SAVE Plan (income-driven repayment cap at 5% of discretionary income).
- Restoration of interest accumulation during deferment and forbearance periods.
- Cuts to Pell Grant funding and freezing of maximum Pell award amount.
- Elimination of Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) for new borrowers post-2025.

Tax- Credit

- EV Tax credit ends October 2025
- Ends Energy Efficient Home tax credit by end of 2025
- Existing individual tax cuts extended
- No tax on tips and overtime from 2025-2028
- \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts for individuals and corporations across the nation– with the top 1% claiming \$1 trillion of the benefit.
- Child Tax Credit: Continues to exclude 2 million California children and for the first time denies the credit to U.S. citizen children who don't have a parent with a SSN
- Other tax benefits- Denies additional tax benefits to people without ssn, such as tax credits for college students.

HR 1 Impacts and Nonprofits:

- Bill introduces new excise taxes on executive compensation and endowment income for large nonprofits and universities. May restrict corporate deductions, possibly reducing philanthropic work.
 - Changes to healthcare, student loans, immigration fees, and environmental policy will increase community needs. Shifts demand onto nonprofits- but also opens collaborative funding opportunities- administrative burdens may rise.
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What Can Nonprofits Do?

Educate the Community	The bill passed, so you can inform the public of what it does and remain in compliance
Mobilize the Community	If you're interested in grassroots lobbying, you can organize your members to make a statement
Make Demands of Policymakers	If you're interested in direct lobbying, you can organize staff to declare a position with policy makers

Types of Lobbying

Nonprofits *can* lobby! You can educate without lobbying, but if you'd like to use this moment to explore advocacy for the first time, you should know there are 2 different tests you can lean into to help you do so and remain in compliance:

“Insubstantial” Test

501(h) Election

Types of Lobbying

- Direct Lobbying: Communicating with legislators or their staff to influence specific legislation.
 - Grassroots Lobbying: Urging the public to contact legislators about specific legislation
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Lobbying Tests

- Insubstantial simply means “not very much”, but neither Congress nor the IRS has defined the limits around “insubstantial” lobbying
 - The IRS can’t take away your tax-exempt status unless you go over the limit by 150% over four years. The allowable lobbying budget is based on the organization’s *annual exempt purpose expenditures*.
 - Nonprofits interested in advocacy typically file for the 501(h) expenditure test (or 501h Election) (filing IRS form 5768) to set a numerical value
 - A one time form to complete that sets an annual lobbying limit based on your organization’s budget
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Organization's Annual Expenditures	Overall Lobbying Limit
\$500,000 or less	20%
\$500,000 to \$1 million	\$100,000 + 15% of excesses over \$500,000
\$1 million to \$1.5 million	\$175,000 + 10% of excesses over \$1 million
\$1.5 million to \$17 million	\$225,000 + 5% of excesses over \$1.5 million
Over \$17 million	\$1,000,000

Source: Alliance for Justice

For Grassroots organizations: 25% of total lobbying limit

C3 Impacts in Advocacy

ACA Subsidy Rollback (effective 2026):

Impact: Could reduce healthcare affordability, especially for low-income populations nonprofits serve

C3 Role: Can educate the public about the changes, share nonpartisan data on coverage loss, and advocate for policy solutions.

Student Loan Caps & PSLF Changes:

Impact: Educators healthcare workers, and nonprofit employees relying on PSLF could face higher repayment burdens. Graduate students may be disproportionately affected.

C3 Role: Inform employees and communities about repayment changes and help navigate new requirements.

C3 Impacts in Advocacy

Tax Cuts & Budgetary Shifts:

Impact: Potential reductions in federal revenue could result in cuts to grants, social services, and safety-net programs that C3s rely on for funding or that their communities depend on.

C3 Role: Share fiscal data to demonstrate the real-world effects on services. Share impact stories.

Environmental Rollbacks:

Impact: Communities served by environment nonprofits could face increased pollution risk, reduced conservation funding, and climate resilience setbacks.

C3 Role: Educate on the consequences of policy changes, and mobilize grassroots to protect environmental safeguards.

C3 Impacts in Advocacy

Immigration Policy & Funding:

Impact: Increased enforcement and higher immigration fees limits access to visas, asylum, and other processes.

C3 Role: Legal assistance, public education, and resource navigation.

SNAP Program Changes:

Impact: Stricter eligibility, benefit cuts, increases food insecurity for vulnerable populations.

C3 Role: Publicize data on food insecurity, food drives, and advocate for benefit adequacy.

Thanks!

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