



## **The Big Beautiful Bill is Signed Into Law**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Thursday, July 3, 2025, the House passed the Big Beautiful Bill ahead of President Trump's July 4 deadline. The reconciliation bill passed with a 218-214 vote in favor of the bill. All sitting Democrat Representatives voted against the passage of the bill, with two Republican Representatives (Representative Thomas Massie from Kentucky and Brian Fitzpatrick from Pennsylvania) voting against party lines. To commemorate the signing of a bill that he has been campaigning for since the beginning of his term, President Trump held a signing ceremony over the weekend.

The bill's text is near 1,000 pages, and includes a tax break extension President Trump campaigned on, as well as provisions for stronger crackdowns on immigration, across the board cuts to Medicaid, sweeping tax cuts, an extension for the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), and more. Among those provisions, the extension to RECA needs to be highlighted.

The RECA program expired on June 10, 2024, after the House failed to act on Senators Hawley and Lujan's S.3853. Most of the provisions of S.3853 were incorporated into the RECA language of the reconciliation bill. Most notably for Navajo, the program is reauthorized through December 31, 2028, and expands coverage to more mine site workers including post-71 miners. The amendments also expand eligibility for downwinders in *all* of New Mexico, as well as all northern Arizona. The amendments increase the compensation levels for new applicants from 50 to \$100,000 to adjust for inflation. This is a major victory for the Navajo Nation as it is not only the largest amendment to the RECA program ever, but it also includes nearly all of the provisions we have long fought for.

A summary of the provisions found within H.R. 1, known as the One Big Beautiful Bill can be found [here](#).