



DATE: November 26, 2025

TO: Interested Parties

FR: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

RE: BATTLEGROUND REPORT: Republicans are Serving Price Spikes This Thanksgiving

As families across the country prepare to gather around the table this Thanksgiving, they are facing high costs on holiday essentials thanks to Senate Republicans' toxic, price-spiking agenda – which is backed by every single GOP Senate candidate.

*“Americans are paying more and getting less this Thanksgiving thanks to Republicans’ toxic agenda and their refusal to address the affordability crisis,” said **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee spokesperson Maeve Coyle**. “Their reckless policies have created uncertainty for millions of families who are now struggling to keep up with skyrocketing costs on everything from electricity to their holiday dinner, and in 2026, voters will reject the Republican Senate candidates who back these harmful price spikes.”*

Here are the facts about the Republican affordability crisis, how it’s impacting American families this Thanksgiving, and how Republican Senate candidates in battleground states are supporting policies that increase costs.

REPUBLICANS ARE SERVING PRICE SPIKES THIS THANKSGIVING:

- **Thanksgiving dinner overall:** This year, the price of groceries for a typical full Thanksgiving meal is approximately [\\$140.25](#) (nearly 10 percent higher than last year, and three times the current rate of inflation).
- **Turkey:** The wholesale price of frozen turkeys is [up nearly 40 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Ham:** The price of an 8-pound bone-in spiral ham is [up nearly 50 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Squash:** The price of a 3-pound butternut squash is [up nearly 13 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Onions:** The price of a 1 lb bag of sweet onions is [up 56 percent](#) compared to last year, while the price of a canister of fried onions is up [15.16 percent](#).
- **Yams:** The price of a single can of McCall Farms canned yams is [up 8.51 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Cheese:** The price of two bags of shredded Sargento cheese is [up 13.64 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Pasta:** The price of a single box of De Cecco elbow pasta is [up 16.27 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Cranberries:** The price of a single can of Ocean Spray cranberry sauce is [up 22.25 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Potatoes:** The price of a single box of Idahoan Foods mashed potatoes is [up nearly 5 percent](#) compared to last year.



- **Gravy:** The price of a single packet of McCormick turkey gravy mix is [up 7.36 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Pie Crusts:** The price of two packs of refrigerated pie crusts is [up 12.68 percent](#) compared to last year
- **Pecans:** The price of 12 ounces of pecans is [up 11.22 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Apples:** The price of 3 pounds of Honeycrisp apples is [up 8.23 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Aluminum Foil:** The price of Reynolds Wrap Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil is [up nearly 40 percent](#) compared to last year.
- **Travel:** The price of airline fares is up [3.2 percent](#) compared to the same time last year.

IN THE STATES — REPUBLICAN SENATE CANDIDATES SUPPORT TOXIC, PRICE-SPIKING AGENDA AND RECKLESS TARIFFS:

- In **Alaska**, **Dan Sullivan** [supports](#) reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs and [voted](#) to end or reduce food assistance for [27,000 Alaska families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *Alaska Beacon*: [The messy reality of feeding Alaska](#); *The New Republic*: [Inside the Hunger Crisis in America's Last Frontier](#); *New York Times*: [In Alaska and Hawaii, Higher Food Prices Intensified SNAP Anxiety](#); *The New Republic*: [The Shocking Price of Groceries in Rural Alaska](#)
- In **Georgia**, **Buddy Carter**, **Mike Collins**, and **Derek Dooley** support reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs, and voted to, or backed, ending or reducing food assistance for [729,000 Georgia families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *WMAZ*: [Grocery Store Prices Continue To Climb, As Central Georgia Shoppers Feel The Impacts](#); *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*: [Metro Atlanta Consumers Grapple With Higher Prices On Food, Other Goods](#); *CBS*: [Tariffs Drive Up Coffee Prices, Atlanta Shops Struggle To Keep Up](#)
- In **Iowa**, **Ashley Hinson** [supports](#) reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs and [voted](#) to end or reduce food assistance for [134,000 Iowa families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *KCRG*: ["Half the families we serve are already skipping meals." Iowa food banks react to tariff impacts](#); *KGAN*: [Drought and tariffs contribute to beef price surge, the industry braces for more](#); *We Are Iowa*: [Iowa cattle rancher speaks out about beef prices amid tariff battle](#); *KCCI*: [Iowa restaurants face financial challenges amid rising costs](#)
- In **Maine**, **Susan Collins** [supports](#) reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs and [voted](#) to greenlight ending or reducing food assistance for [101,000 Maine families](#) – its largest cut in history.



- Read more: *Portland Press Herald*: [Maine food businesses and shoppers seeing higher costs as tariffs hit](#); *Lewiston Sun Journal*: [Maine farmers, restaurants struggle with rising cost of beef](#); *Maine Morning Star*: [Maine experts say feds 'hiding the evidence' by eliminating key food security survey](#); *NHPR*: [Maine electric prices to hit highest level in three years](#)
- In **Michigan**, **Mike Rogers** [supports](#) reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs and [backed](#) ending or reducing food assistance for [796,000 Michigan families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *WILX*: [MDARD report warns of tariff impacts on food prices](#); *The Michigan Daily*: [Trump administration tariffs raise concerns for Michigan's food prices and sustainability](#); *The Alpena News*: [Federal tariffs affecting food and crop costs](#); *WLNS*: [Whitmer says Trump's tariffs are 'crushing' Michigan's economy amid rising costs](#); *Patch*: [MI Grocery Prices Have Increased: What That Means For The Holidays](#)
- In **New Hampshire**, **John E. Sununu** and **Scott Brown** support reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs, and [backed](#) ending or reducing food assistance for [44,000 New Hampshire families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *Keene Sentinel*: [NH families face 'structural affordability crisis,' new report finds](#); *In Depth NH*: [As National Headwinds Hit NH Economy, Unemployment Rises and Costs Climb: NHFPI Study](#); *WMUR*: [Lawmakers, advocates say high home prices driving young people out of New Hampshire](#)
- In **North Carolina**, **Michael Whatley** [supports](#) reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs and [backed](#) ending or reducing food assistance for [784,000 North Carolina families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *WLOS*: [North Carolina coffee roaster cites tariffs, other setbacks for price increase](#); *ABC 11*: [As new tariffs take effect, US consumers footing more than half the burden: Report](#)
- In **Ohio**, **Jon Husted** [supports](#) reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs and [voted](#) to end or reduce food assistance for [717,000 Ohio families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *WTOL*: [Toledoans pinch pennies as grocery costs outstrip income growth](#); *Crain's Cleveland Business*: [Ohio families scramble for solutions amid rising costs, especially for basics](#); *WCMH*: [Study: Ohio cities among those where residents spend the most on groceries](#); *Cleveland.com*: [Electric bills doubled for many Ohioans — and they're furious: The Readers Write](#); *ABC 6*: [Columbus residents face utility rate hikes amid rising costs](#)



- In Texas, [John Cornyn](#), [Ken Paxton](#), and [Wesley Hunt](#) support reckless tariffs that are spiking food costs, and [Cornyn](#), [Paxton](#), and [Hunt](#) all voted to, or backed, ending or reducing food assistance for [1.5 million Texas families](#) – its largest cut in history.
 - Read more: *El Paso Times*: [El Paso urges residents to attend meetings, speak out on proposed gas rate hike](#); *NBC 5 DFW*: [Black Friday looks different for retailers amid tariff-related price hikes](#); *Community Impact*: [Energy experts urge state to tackle power affordability, efficiency as Texas grows](#); *CBS News*: [State Fair of Texas sees 400,000 drop in attendance compared to 2024, with cost cited as key factor by families](#)

AMERICANS ARE REJECTING REPUBLICANS' HIGHER PRICES:

- **Reuters:** [Cost-of-living worries haunt Americans ahead of midterms, Reuters/Ipsos poll finds](#)
 - **"Americans are worried about the cost of basic needs** including healthcare, food, housing and energy, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found, suggesting those concerns could be critical in next year's midterm elections that will determine control of the U.S. Congress."
- **Fox News:** [Voters say White House is doing more harm than good on economy](#)
 - "Some **76% of voters view the economy negatively**. That's worse than the 67% who felt that way in July and the 70% who said the same at the end of former President Biden's term."
 - **"Voters blame the president.** About twice as many say President Donald Trump, rather than Biden, is responsible for the current economy. And three times as many say Trump's economic policies have hurt them (they said the same about Biden's last year). Plus, approval of how Trump is handling the economy hit a new low, and disapproval of his overall job performance hit record highs among core supporters."
- **Newsweek:** [America's Middle Class Turns on Trump Amid Affordability Crisis](#)
 - "America's middle class—once a core pillar of Donald Trump's political coalition—is showing signs of breaking away as **frustration over living costs intensifies**, according to new polling and economic data."
 - "YouGov/Economist polling over the past three months shows **a clear downward trend in Trump's standing with middle-class Americans**. In September, the group split 44 percent approval to 54 percent disapproval (–10). By October, approval slipped to 42 percent and disapproval reached 53 percent (–11). **The latest November numbers show a sharper deterioration: just 40 percent approve of Trump's performance, while 58 percent disapprove—a steep net decline of 18 points.**"



- CBS News: [Latino voters cite affordability, economy as top concerns in new poll ahead of 2026 midterm elections](#)
 - **“A sweeping new survey of 3,000 registered Latino voters across the country finds that economic anxiety continues to dominate the political mood heading into the 2026 midterm elections**, with cost of living, jobs, and housing far outpacing other issues as top priorities for the nation's second-largest voting bloc.”
 - **“Pocketbook concerns dominate nearly every measure of voter sentiment. Nearly two-thirds (65%) of Latino voters surveyed say President Trump and congressional Republicans are not doing enough to improve the economy — a 5-point increase since April — and half of respondents believe Mr. Trump's economic policies will make them personally worse off next year.”**

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