

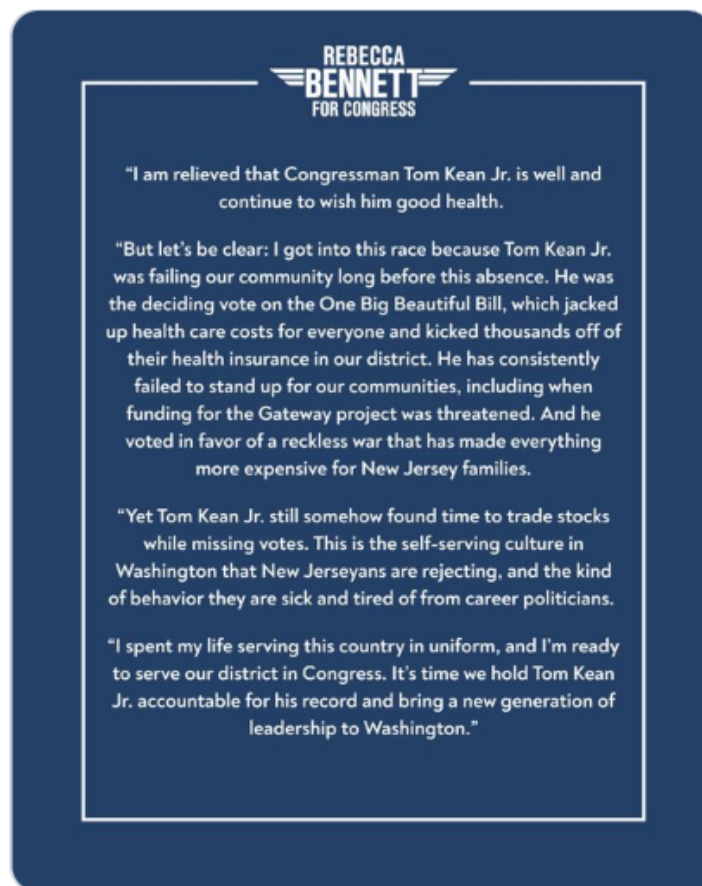
STATEMENT

Rebecca Bennett opposes protecting the Child Tax Credit that directly helps working families afford the rising cost of raising children and supports policies that would increase childcare costs in New Jersey by almost \$3,000. Bennett's positions would take money away from parents when families need help the most.

Verification

Bennett Has Repeatedly Criticized The “Awful” One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB)

In June 2026, Bennett Criticized Rep. Kean For “Failing Our Community,” Citing His Support For The OBBB. “I am relieved that Congressman Tom Kean Jr. is well and continue to wish him good health. But let’s be clear: I got into this race because Tom Kean Jr. was failing our community long before this absence. He was the deciding vote on the One Big Beautiful Bill, which jacked up health care costs for everyone and kicked thousands off of their health insurance in our district. He has consistently failed to stand up for our communities, including when funding for the Gateway project was threatened. And he voted in favor of a reckless war that has made everything more expensive for New Jersey families. Yet Tom Kean Jr. still somehow found time to trade stocks while missing votes. This is the self-serving culture in Washington that New Jerseyans are rejecting, and the kind of behavior they are sick and tired of from career politicians. I spent my life serving this country in uniform, and I’m ready to serve our district in Congress. It’s time we hold Tom Kean Jr. accountable for his record and bring a new generation of leadership to Washington.” (@RebeccaForNJ07, [Twitter](#), 6/30/26)



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(@RebeccaForNJ07, [Twitter](#), 6/30/26)

In February 2026, Rebecca Bennett Criticized The Big “Ugly Bill.” “.@realDonaldTrump can call his ugly bill whatever he wants. In NJ-07, families will feel the consequences: higher healthcare costs, cuts to essential programs, and even more strain on already stretched budgets. @KeanForCongress was the deciding vote.” (@RebeccaForNJ07, [Twitter](#), 2/24/26)



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(@RebeccaForNJ07, [Twitter](#), 2/24/26)

AUDIO: In February 2026, Bennett Criticized The OBBB, Saying That It Was “Taking Away Benefits From People That Need It To Just Give Tax Breaks To The Wealthiest Among Us.” ATTENDEE: “Where do you stand on like the big beautiful bill as a whole and specifically the SALT relief part. BENNETT: “I think that this an example of you don’t get to make a mess and then kind of clean it up a little bit and then try to get credit for it. So, I would say that that’s what the SALT deduction is. If they just let the SALT cap expire, we would be better off than what they did which they put in this \$40,000 cap so I would say that to me is the piece of it is that it’s still hurting families here and we have to make sure we are getting the full SALT deduction back. And I would say just generally the bill to me was, we’re taking away benefits from people that need it to just give tax breaks to the wealthiest among us and so for me it’s about what are our values, what do we stand for as a country, and what do we believe in.” (Rebecca Bennett, [Remarks At A Meet And Greet](#), 2/7/26) Minutes 18:23-19:07

VIDEO: In July 2025, Bennett Criticized The OBBB By Calling It “Awful” And The “Complete Opposite Of What We Should Be Doing As A Society.” QUESTIONER: “What could, or would you do to help those who stand to lose Medicaid, SNAP, and other benefits due to Republican budget cuts?” BENNETT: “Yeah, well you know I will say on that one the legislation that got passed is awful and I just think it is the complete opposite of what we should be doing as a society. We should be supporting people that need care and not taking it away to give tax breaks for the wealthiest among us. And for wha- I mean really, we’re taking health care and food benefits away, taking health care away from the people that need it the most, we’re taking food benefits away from kids and seniors, we’re blowing up the deficit and for what? Just to give tax breaks for, for billionaires. It just doesn’t make any sense, it’s generational theft, it is the complete opposite of what we should be doing as a country.” (Rebecca Bennett, [Remarks At A Virtual Meet And Greet](#), 7/10/25) Minutes 32:48-33:33

VIDEO: In July 2025, Bennett Said, “A Lot Of People In This District Are Really Going To Suffer” Because Of The OBBB. BENNETT “Our plan for the campaign is to make it very, very clear that what he is doing in Washington is directly impacting people’s lives here in the district. And of course, the top if mind is the legislation that’s just got passed. Unfortunately, a lot of people in this district are really going to suffer and really going to be hurt because of that legislation but we are going to hold him accountable for that.” (Rebecca Bennett, [Remarks At A Virtual Meet And Greet](#), 7/10/25) Minutes 14:20-14:40

The OBBB Prevented Over 100,000 Families From Having Their Child Tax Credit Cut In Half. (“Key Individual Tax Policies From The Trump Tax Cuts Set To Expire For NJ-07 Constituents,” [United States House Committee On Ways And Means](#), Accessed 2/25/26)

Impact on NJ-07 Residents by the Numbers	
102,260	NJ-07 families would see their household's Child Tax Credit cut in half.
81%	of NJ-07 taxpayers would see their Guaranteed Deduction slashed in half.
99,140	Small Businesses in NJ-07 would be hit with a 43.4% tax rate if the 199A Small Business Deduction expires.
81,976	NJ-07 taxpayers would be impacted by the return of the Alternative Minimum Tax.
3,215	Family-Owned Farms in NJ-07 would have their Death Tax Exemption slashed in half next year.

("Key Individual Tax Policies From The Trump Tax Cuts Set To Expire For NJ-07 Constituents," [United States House Committee On Ways And Means](#), Accessed 2/25/26)

Bennett Repeatedly Advocated For Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$25 An Hour

AUDIO: In May 2026, Bennett Supported Raising The Minimum Wage To \$25 An Hour.

QUESTIONER: "I was wondering, will you continue to help stand with the minimum wage requirement of \$25 that Congressman Mejia put in so that young Americans like me can actually prosper as we continue to go through the 21st century." BENNETT: "So the short answer to your question is yes. You know, I'll just say to me this is, you know we are living through affordability crisis right now so it's about what can we do." (Rebecca Bennett, [Comments At A Campaign Meet And Greet](#), Bernardsville, NJ, 5/27/26) Minute 44:02-44:22

VIDEO: In May 2026, Bennett Said She Believes The Minimum Wage Should Be Raised To Up To \$25 An Hour. QUESTIONER: "Should we increase the federal minimum wage."

BENNETT: "I think we should, yes." QUESTIONER: "To what?" BENNETT: "I signed on to a couple of my, I'm grateful to have the support of several labor unions. But I believe we should work towards up to a \$25 minimum wage." (Rebecca Bennett, [Comments At A NJ-07 Democratic Primary Debate](#), 5/27/26) Minutes 54:03-54:15

VIDEO: In May 2026, Bennett Raised Her Hand When Asked If She Agreed That The Minimum Wage Should Be Increased To \$25 An Hour. WILDSTEIN: "Congresswoman Mejia recently proposed a \$25 an hour federal minimum wage. Raise your hand if you would vote with her on that." (Rebecca Bennett, [NJ-07 Democratic Primary Debate](#), 5/12/26) Minutes 1:34:34-1:34:48



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A February 2026 Report Found That Raising The Minimum Wage Just One Dollar Could Lead To Prices Increasing By 5.5%. "Economists studying wage hikes over decades have found minimum wage increases contribute to inflation by raising costs of everyday goods and services. That means wage hikes push affordability further out of reach. A majority of American labor

economists surveyed by EPI reported that higher minimum wages increase the overall cost of living, particularly for lower-income households.¹ One review of U.S. minimum wage studies, shows raising the minimum wage \$1 above the current \$7.25 federal rate could trigger price increases of up to 5.5%.² (Minimum Wage Hikes Will Worsen The Affordability Crisis, [Employment Policies Institute](#), February 2026)

An August 2023 Study Found That Raising The Minimum Wage To \$17 An Hour Would Increase Child Care Costs By 20% For The Average American Family. “Using data on childcare workers’ wages across the 50 states and regulations restricting childcare providers’ ability to reduce costs, the analysis in this Backgrounder estimates that a \$17 federal minimum wage would raise the cost of childcare by an average of 20 percent across the U.S., adding \$4,185 per year in childcare costs for a family with two children.³ See the appendix for a detailed description of the data and assumptions used for these estimates. The impacts would be greatest in lower-cost areas; in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and West Virginia, costs would surge between 41 percent and 48 percent. High-cost areas like California, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and Washington State would experience much smaller impacts, with price increases below 3 percent.” (Rachel Greszler, “How A \$17 Federal Minimum Wage Would Drive Up The Cost Of Childcare,” [The Heritage Foundation](#), 8/14/23)

- **The Study Found That Child Care Costs Would Increase By \$2,929 For The Average New Jersey Family.** (Rachel Greszler, “How A \$17 Federal Minimum Wage Would Drive Up The Cost Of Childcare,” [The Heritage Foundation](#), 8/14/23)

MAP 2

The Impact of a \$17 Minimum Wage on Childcare Costs

Enacting a \$17-per-hour federal minimum wage would increase the costs of childcare by thousands of dollars in most states.

