

Proposed Resolution #4

62nd AFSCME Council 65 Convention

October 17th and 18th 2025

TITLE: PROTECTING PUBLIC PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES

WHEREAS: Programs like Medicaid, Medicare, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Affordable Care Act have long served as lifelines for working families, retirees, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS: Recent federal legislation includes deep and harmful cuts to these vital programs, placing millions of Americans at risk of losing access to food, health care, and basic economic security; and

WHEREAS: These cuts create both immediate and future threats. States are already required to implement expanded work requirements for SNAP, which will result in millions losing access to food assistance. Starting in 2026 and continuing through 2028, changes to Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act will increase costs for recipients and shift burdens to states, leading to further reductions in coverage and access; and

WHEREAS: These harmful cuts come at the same time as new tax breaks for billionaires and large corporations, deepening inequality and economic injustice; and

WHEREAS: AFSCME members are on the frontlines providing services funded by these programs. Many of our members and the communities we serve also rely directly on these benefits for survival and well-being;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: AFSCME Council 65 opposes all efforts to cut or weaken programs like Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, and the Affordable Care Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: AFSCME Council 65 will work to educate members, lawmakers, and the public about the immediate and long-term harm these cuts will cause, especially in rural communities and among seniors, people with disabilities, and working families; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: AFSCME Council 65 will continue to fight for fully funded public programs that promote health, dignity, and economic justice. The Council will advocate for State and Federal budgets that put people first and invest in the well-being of every community.

Submitted By Local: **AFSCME COUNCIL 65 EXECUTIVE BOARD**