



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

## FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL

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The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Leader Schumer,

As Mayor of Flagstaff, Arizona, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed cuts to clean energy and social programs outlined in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. While I understand and respect the importance of fiscal responsibility, I am deeply concerned about the disproportionate and harmful impact these reductions will have on cities like ours.

Flagstaff has built strategic partnerships with federal agencies to deliver the quality of life our residents expect and deserve. These collaborative investments in clean energy programs, affordable housing, and essential social services represent shared commitments to our community's progress, safety, and wellbeing. The proposed cuts would break these vital partnerships and undermine the collaborative framework that has enabled our city to thrive and serve our residents effectively.

In its current state, the Act calls for the repeal of any unobligated funding from key programs in the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, while also making significant cuts to the Department of Energy's budget. These changes would hinder innovation, grant opportunities, and technical assistance for cities like Flagstaff, weakening economic development across Arizona and forcing the state to abandon critical infrastructure and clean energy projects that were poised to create jobs. The Act would also repeal residential clean energy and energy efficiency credits, which would directly affect community members' ability to make their homes more efficient, healthy, and comfortable. It would also negatively impact small businesses in the energy sector.

In addition to the harmful impacts to clean energy, the bill also abolishes the HUD State Rental Assistance Block Grant, effectively ending federal rental assistance and public housing formula grants, putting Flagstaff low-income renters and families at greater risk.

I urge you to reconsider the structure and scope of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and to stand with municipalities that are striving to meet challenges with limited tools. Thank you for your time, and for your continued attention to the voices of local communities.

Sincerely,

Becky Daggett,  
Mayor, City of Flagstaff, on behalf of the Flagstaff City Council