

BROKEN PROMISES: Trump's Broken Promise to Lower Your Energy Bills

On the campaign trail, President Trump promised to slash energy bills in the first year of his presidency. Instead, electricity bills have risen, climbing up to 13 percent nationally since the start of 2025, **nearly three times faster than inflation**.

These higher bills are a direct result of Trump and Republicans' failed policies that restrict clean energy—the fastest and cheapest sources of power to build—while he props up high-cost fossil fuel generation. Trump's defense of fossil fuels is to make good on his promise to **provide Big Oil donors “a great deal” if they helped him raise \$1 billion for his campaign**. The money now flowing out of Americans' wallets thanks to higher electricity, heating, cooling, and gasoline bills is flowing straight into these donors' pockets.

Trump and Republicans are waging this war on low-cost clean energy on multiple fronts. Trump is simultaneously raising taxes on clean energy, blocking approvals for new projects, imposing tariffs on our energy infrastructure, and using executive authority to kill hundreds of low-cost clean energy projects already underway that would have brought much-needed power online. At the same time, he is using the resulting power shortages to justify keeping expensive old coal plants running, costing communities millions. **Trump doesn't care if your bills go up**, he is only focused on serving his Big Oil donors.

As Trump and Republicans are killing clean, affordable energy, their policies are driving up energy prices in other ways. Here's how they're forcing Americans to pay the bill:

- Trump's **“America Last” foreign energy policy** has sent oil, gasoline, and diesel prices skyrocketing, leaving families to choose between food and fuel.
- Trump is **sending more natural gas to other countries**, leaving Americans more susceptible to global fuel price shocks, like we saw this winter.
- Trump is pushing a major **buildout of AI data centers** with nothing but a toothless pledge to protect consumers from potential energy bill increases.
- Trump is leaving communities paying for **extreme weather by denying climate change** – which makes fires and storms worse – and repealing policies to address it.
- Trump is cancelling federal support to rebuild **aging grid infrastructure**, rather than investing in the transmission and storage needed to lower costs.

It's not just electricity and fuel prices, Trump's climate and energy policies are ballooning costs across the economy, from property insurance to groceries, and health care. The cost to our health from fossil fuel air pollution and climate change alone is **\$820 billion each year**.

Trump and Republicans' energy and climate policies amount to one big broken promise to American consumers. Instead of cutting your energy bills in half, **their policies are more likely to double them during Trump's presidency**.