One Year Later, the Inflation Reduction Act Is Lowering Costs for Families in Alaska

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the law is already lowering costs for families. The IRA's impacts will only grow in future years as investment increases and additional climate and health care provisions from the law take effect and start to help American families.

The IRA has spurred clean energy and manufacturing investments

The Inflation Reduction Act made the largest investments in fighting climate change and in clean energy production in U.S. history. The law makes it cheaper for companies to manufacture the equipment needed to produce renewable energy and to build and operate clean energy infrastructure using solar, wind, geothermal, and other forms of renewable energy.

- Since the Inflation Reduction Act was signed, 272 clean energy projects have been announced across 44 states, creating 170,606 (and counting) clean energy jobs, and totaling $278 billion in new private-sector investment.
- Alaska is eligible for at least **$3,000,000** in planning grants funded by the IRA that support local efforts to reduce climate pollution.

The IRA has lowered health care costs for millions of people

The Inflation Reduction Act enacted a number of measures that reduce out-of-pocket health care costs for households.

- The Inflation Reduction Act lowered prescription drug costs for Medicare enrollees by capping insulin co-pays at $35 a month beginning earlier this year. Had these caps been in place in 2020, **1,026** people in Alaska would have saved roughly **$598** per year in lower out-of-pocket costs.
- The law also helped lower health insurance premiums for nearly 15 million low- and middle-income Americans by extending enhanced premium tax credits for Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange plans. In Alaska, **25,572** people saved an average of **$622** on their ACA exchange plans this year.

The IRA has made the tax system fairer and more responsive

The Inflation Reduction Act initially invested $80 billion in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) over the next 10 years to increase tax enforcement for the wealthiest of the wealthy, while also improving customer service for hardworking American families. Already, the Inflation Reduction Act has helped the IRS:

- Recover $38 million in unpaid taxes by closing 175 delinquent tax cases against millionaires;
- Answer 3 million more customer service phone calls than during the 2022 filing season while cutting phone wait times from 28 minutes to 3 minutes; and
- Serve 140,000 more taxpayers in person.