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Ideas & Opinions — Jim Driggers: Does Rep. Kiley think he's being tricked?

Jim Driggers | Letter to the Editor

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Thanks for publishing Paul Hauck's "The 'facts' that weren't" letter on July 23. I particularly liked his last line, "And it proves the old adage: It is easier to trick a man than to convince him he has been tricked." I'm submitting this letter hoping it's easier, but not impossible.

Rep. Kevin Kiley issued a press release regarding the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) President Trump signed into law on July 4. Rep. Kiley wrote, "Californians will soon get something long overdue: major tax relief."

As a retired, married man who owns my home and has no children, I'll get some tax relief. But for my relatives living in the Central Valley, OBBBA's helpful tax consequences are going to be crushed by its harmful consequences, such as cuts to SNAP and Medi-Cal (Medicaid). OBBBA's changes to the Child Tax Credit will worsen the financial well-being for the lowest income families in California and throughout the U.S. For example, a family with two parents and two eligible children would have to earn more than \$35,900 to get the full \$2,500 tax credit for each child.

If you think Rep. Kiley thinks he's being tricked when he believes he's helping you, let him know too. If you're his constituent, he should be working for your well-being — not his.

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