



## ISSUE UPDATE

**DATE:** January 12, 2018  
**TO:** Concerned Parties  
**FROM:** Hilary O. Shelton, Director, Washington Bureau

### **PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS HARMFUL AND DANGEROUS TAX REFORM BILL INTO LAW**

***NEW TAX LAW INCREASES THE FEDERAL DEFICIT BY \$1.5 TRILLION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS, THREATENING AUTOMATIC CUTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY, T.A.N.F., AND OTHER “SAFETY NET” PROGRAMS AND WOULD RESULT IN AN ESTIMATED 13 MILLION AMERICANS LOSING ACA HEALTHCARE COVERAGE***

#### **THE ISSUE:**

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed very harmful and dangerous bill into law. Rather than use the U.S. tax code to address income inequality issues and centuries of bias against low- and middle-income Americans, including Americans of color, this new law exacerbates the problems. By increasing the deficit by \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years (an estimate by the official, non-partisan Congressional tax scorekeeper, the Joint Committee on taxation, even after assuming the bill leads to economic growth), the result will be automatic cuts in Social Security, Food Stamps, and other necessary “Safety Net” domestic programs. The new law also ends the Individual Mandate, a central tenant of the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. “Obamacare”). The result will be an estimated 13 million fewer people having health care within a decade.

The heart of the tax bill is a permanent reduction in the corporate tax level, by more than 10%, from 35% to 21%. Most other changes, specifically those to individual taxes paid by low- and moderate-income Americans, are temporary and will have expired by 2026. While the new law will reduce taxes for all income groups in both 2018 and 2025, in general, higher income households receive larger average tax cuts as a percentage of after-tax income, with the largest cuts as a share of income going to taxpayers in the 5<sup>th</sup> percent of income earners and above. On average, in 2027 taxes would change little or may actually increase above current levels for lower- and middle-income groups while continuing to decrease for higher-income groups.

Almost 45% of the lowest income Americans, those currently earning less than \$25,400 per year, will see no change in their taxes in 2019, while the majority of American households with a current annual incomes of between \$48,600 and \$86,100 will see a cut of just over \$900 in their taxes in 2019. Meanwhile, the top 1% of income earners, those who currently make more than \$732,800 per year, will see their 2019 tax bill go down by an average of more than \$51,000.

Some of the provisions which are counter to the legislative priorities of the NAACP in the House-passed or Senate-passed bills were dropped from the final bill, including a tax deduction for teachers who use their own money to purchase school supplies; a reduction in tax breaks for student borrowers; and the elimination of the medical expense deduction. Unfortunately, the fact is that this bill does not even begin to address, and in many cases exacerbates, tax related inequities affecting low- and middle-income Americans is an opportunity lost. Furthermore, the loss of revenues to the US Treasury will undoubtedly result in more cuts to crucial education, employment, criminal justice and other social programs which will have repercussions for generations to come.

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**ALABAMA**

Shelby ▽

Strange ▽

**ALASKA**

Sullivan ▽

Murkowski, L. ▽

**ARIZONA**

McCain ?

Flake ▽

**ARKANSAS**

Boozman ▽

Cotton ▽

**CALIFORNIA**

Feinstein ▲

Harris ▲

**COLORADO**

Gardner ▽

Bennet ▲

**CONNECTICUT**

Blumenthal ▲

Murphy ▲

**DELAWARE**

Coons ▲

Carper ▲

**FLORIDA**

Nelson ▲

Rubio ▽

**GEORGIA**

Perdue ▽

Isakson ▽

**HAWAII**

Hirono ▲

Schatz ▲

**IDAHO**

Risch ▽

Crapo ▽

**ILLINOIS**

Durbin ▲

Duckworth ▲

**INDIANA**

Young ▽

Donnelly ▲

**NEVADA**

Cortez Mastro ▲

Heller ▽

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Hassan ▲

Shaheen ▲

**NEW JERSEY**

Booker ▲

Menendez ▲

**NEW MEXICO**

Udall, Tom ▲

Heinrich ▲

**NEW YORK**

Schumer ▲

Gillibrand ▲

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Burr ▽

Tillis ▽

**NORTH DAKOTA**

Heitkamp ▲

Hoeven ▽

**OHIO**

Portman ▽

Brown ▲

**OKLAHOMA**

Inhofe ▽

Lankford ▽

**OREGON**

Wyden ▲

Merkley ▲

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Toomey ▽

Casey ▲

**RHODE ISLAND**

Reed, Jack ▲

Whitehouse ▲

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Graham ▽

Scott ▽

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Rounds ▽

Thune ▽

**TENNESSEE**

Alexander ▽

Corker ▽

**TEXAS**

Cruz ▽

Cornyn ▽

**UTAH**

Hatch ▽

Lee ▽

**VERMONT**

Leahy ▲

Sanders (Independent) ▲

**VIRGINIA**

Warner ▲

Kaine ▲

**WASHINGTON**

Murray ▲

Cantwell ▲

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Manchin ▲

Capito ▽

**WISCONSIN**

Baldwin ▲

Johnson ▽

**WYOMING**

Enzi ▽

Barrasso ▽

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**Senate vote #323****H.R. 1, Final version of the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act"****December 20, 2017****The bill passed by a margin of 51 yeas to 48 nays (1 not voting).****U.S. SENATE**

# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**House vote #692**  
**H.R. 1, Final version of the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act"**  
**December 19, 2017**  
**The bill passed by a margin of 227 yeas to 203 nays (2 not voting).**

<b>ALABAMA</b>		
1	Byrne	▽
2	Roby	▽
3	Rogers, Mike	▽
4	Aderholt	▽
5	Brooks, Mo	▽
6	Palmer	▽
7	Sewell	▲
<b>ALASKA</b>		
AL	Young, Don	▽
<b>ARIZONA</b>		
1	O'Halleran	▲
2	McSally	▽
3	Grijalva	▲
4	Gosar	▽
5	Biggs	▽
6	Schweikert	▽
7	Gallego	▲
8	<b>VACANT</b>	▼
9	Simena	▲
<b>ARKANSAS</b>		
1	Crawford	▽
2	Hill	▽
3	Womack	▽
4	Westerman	▽
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		
1	LaMalfa	▽
2	Huffman	▲
3	Garamendi	▲
4	McClintock	▽
5	Thompson, Mike	▲
6	Matsui	▲
7	Bera	▲
8	Cook	▽
9	McNerney	▲
10	Denham	▽
11	DeSaulnier	▲
12	Pelosi	▲
13	Lee	▲
14	Speier	▲
15	Swalwell	▲
16	Costa	▲
17	Khanna	▲
18	Eshoo	▲
19	Lofgren	▲

20	Panetta	▲
21	Valadao	▽
22	Nunes	▽
23	McCarthy	▽
24	Carbajal	▲
25	Knight	▽
26	Brownley	▲
27	Chu	▲
28	Schiff	▲
29	Cárdenas	▲
30	Sherman	▲
31	Aguilar	▲
32	Napolitano	▲
33	Lieu	▲
34	Gomez	▲
35	Torres	▲
36	Ruiz	▲
37	Bass	▲
38	Sánchez	▲
39	Royce	▽
40	Roybal-Allard	▲
41	Takano	▲
42	Calvert	▽
43	Waters	▲
44	Barragan	▲
45	Walters	▽
46	Correa	▲
47	Lowenthal	▲
48	Rohrabacher	▲
49	Issa	▽
50	Hunter	▲
51	Vargas	▲
52	Peters	▲
53	Davis, Susan	▲
<b>COLORADO</b>		
1	DeGette	▲
2	Polis	▲
3	Tipton	▽
4	Buck	▽
5	Lamborn	▽
6	Coffman	▽
7	Perlmutter	▲
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>		
1	Larson, John	▲

2	Courtney	▲
3	DeLauro	▲
4	Himes	▲
5	Esty	▲
<b>DELAWARE</b>		
AL	Blunt Rochester	▲
<b>FLORIDA</b>		
1	Gaetz	▽
2	Dunn	▽
3	Yoho	▽
4	Rutherford	▽
5	Lawson	▲
6	DeSantis	▽
7	Murphy, Stephanie	▲
8	Posey	▽
9	Soto	▲
10	Demings	▲
11	Webster	▽
12	Bilirakis	▽
13	Crist	▲
14	Castor	▲
15	Ross	▽
16	Buchanan	▽
17	Rooney, Tom	▽
18	Mast	▽
19	Rooney, Francis	▽
20	Hastings	▲
21	Frankel	▲
22	Deutch	▲
23	Wasserman Schultz	▲
24	Wilson, Frederica	▲
25	Diaz-Balart	▽
26	Curbelo	▽
27	Ros-Lehtinen	▽
<b>GEORGIA</b>		
1	Carter, Earl	▽
2	Bishop, Sanford	▲
3	Ferguson	▽
4	Johnson, Hank	▲
5	Lewis, John	▲
6	Handel	▽
7	Woodall	▽
8	Scott, Austin	▽
9	Collins, Doug	▽

10	Hice	▽
11	Loudermilk	▽
12	Allen	▽
13	Scott, David	▲
14	Graves, Tom	▽
<b>HAWAII</b>		
1	Hanabusa	▲
2	Gabbard	▲
<b>IDAHO</b>		
1	Labrador	▽
2	Simpson	▽
<b>ILLINOIS</b>		
1	Rush	▲
2	Kelly, Robin	▲
3	Lipinski	▲
4	Gutierrez	▲
5	Quigley	▲
6	Roskam	▽
7	Davis, Danny	▲
8	Krishnamoorthi	▲
9	Schakowsky	▲
10	Schneider	▲
11	Foster	▲
12	Bost	▽
13	Davis, Rodney	▽
14	Hultgren	▽
15	Shimkus	▽
16	Kinzinger	▽
17	Bustos	▲
18	LaHood	▽

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<u>OHIO</u>		
1	Chabot	▽
2	Wenstrup	▽
3	Beatty	▲
4	Jordan	▽
5	Latta	▽
6	Johnson, Bill	▽
7	Gibbs	▽
8	Davidson	▽
9	Kaptur	▲
10	Turner	▽
11	Fudge	▲
12	Tiberi	▽
13	Ryan, Tim	▲
14	Joyce	▽
15	Stivers	▽
16	Renacci	▽
<u>OKLAHOMA</u>		
1	Bridenstine	▽
2	Mullin	▽
3	Lucas	▽
4	Cole	▽
5	Russell	▽
<u>OREGON</u>		
1	Bonamici	▲
2	Walden	▽
3	Blumenauer	▲
4	DeFazio	▲
5	Schrader	▲
<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>		
1	Brady, Robert	▲
2	Evans	▲
3	Kelly, Mike	▽
4	Perry	▽
5	Thompson, Glenn	▽
6	Costello	▽
7	Meehan	▽
8	Fitzpatrick	▽
9	Shuster	▽
10	Marino	▽
11	Barletta	▽
12	Rothfus	▽
13	Boyle	▲
14	Doyle	▲
15	Dent	▽

16	Smucker	▽
17	Cartwright	▲
18	VACANT	▽
<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>		
1	Cicilline	▲
2	Langevin	▲
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u>		
1	Sanford	▽
2	Wilson, Joe	▽
3	Duncan, Jeff	▽
4	Gowdy	▽
5	Norman	▽
6	Clyburn	▲
7	Rice, Tom	▽
<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>		
AL	Noem	▽
<u>TENNESSEE</u>		
1	Roe	▽
2	Duncan, John Jr.	▽
3	Fleischmann	▽
4	DesJarlais	▽
5	Cooper	▲
6	Black	▽
7	Blackburn	▽
8	Kustoff	▽
9	Cohen	▲
<u>TEXAS</u>		
1	Gohmert	▽
2	Poe	▽
3	Johnson, Sam	▽
4	Ratcliffe	▽
5	Hensarling	▽
6	Barton	▽
7	Culberson	▽
8	Brady, Kevin	▽
9	Green, Al	▲
10	McCaul	▽
11	Conaway	▽
12	Granger	▽
13	Thornberry	▽
14	Weber	▽
15	Gonzalez	▲
16	O'Rourke	▲
17	Flores	▽
18	Jackson Lee	▲
19	Arrington	▽

20	Castro	▲
21	Smith, Lamar	▽
22	Olson	▽
23	Hurd	▽
24	Marchant	▽
25	Williams	▽
26	Burgess	▽
27	Farenthold	▽
28	Cuellar	▲
29	Green, Gene	▲
30	Johnson, Eddie Bernice	▲
31	Carter, John	▽
32	Sessions	▽
33	Veasey	▲
34	Vela	▲
35	Doggett	▲
36	Babin	▽
<u>UTAH</u>		
1	Bishop, Rob	▽
2	Stewart	▽
3	Curtis	▽
4	Love	▽
<u>VERMONT</u>		
AL	Welch	▲
<u>VIRGINIA</u>		
1	Wittman	▽
2	Taylor	▽
3	Scott, Robert	▲
4	McEachin	▲
5	Garrett	▽
6	Goodlatte	▽
7	Brat	▽
8	Beyer	▲
9	Griffith	▽
10	Comstock	▽
11	Connolly	▲

<u>WASHINGTON</u>		
1	DelBene	▲
2	Larson, Rick	▲
3	Herrera Beutler	▽
4	Newhouse	▽
5	McMorris Rodgers	▽
6	Kilmer	▲
7	Jayapal	▲
8	Reichert	▽
9	Smith, Adam	▲
10	Heck	▲
<u>WEST VIRGINIA</u>		
33	McKinley	▽
34	Mooney	▽
35	Jenkins, Evan	▽
<u>WISCONSIN</u>		
1	Ryan, Paul	▽
2	Pocan	?
3	Kind	▲
4	Moore	▲
5	Sensenbrenner	▽
6	Grothman	▽
7	Duffy	▽
8	Gallagher	▽
<u>WYOMING</u>		
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