

## CAN WE AFFORD THIS TAX SCAM?

This bill offers the perfect opportunity to engage with their representatives in a meaningful way to hopefully affect the passing of the disaster of a tax bill that is being proposed.

The massively unpopular House and Senate tax bills have now been referred to a conference committee to be "reconciled" and the result will need to be voted on again by the House and by the Senate. Both the House and the Senate versions contain massive tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy while raising taxes for many middle class taxpayers and small businesses.

Both bills contain assaults on Americans' healthcare, with the Senate bill repealing the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate. The House bill also slams the middle class by eliminating deductions for medical expenses.

Both bills generate huge deficits that are expected to result in dramatic spending cuts, which House Majority Leader Paul Ryan is already "promising" to offset with cuts to crucial programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

Provisions of both bills raise taxes for colleges, universities and students, by taxing endowments for the first time, eliminating the interest deduction on student loans and taxing tuition benefits of grad students as income.

The bills also eliminate deductions for state and local taxes (SALT) and would plunge home prices in blue states, which typically have higher taxes and provide higher services, setting off a cascade that could cause a nationwide recession.

GOP leadership is determined to pass a tax bill to satisfy donors, but given the numerous problems, conflicting interests among GOP legislators and the adverse impacts on their constituents, it is still possible we can defeat this terrible bill with sustained pressure.

It is time that we call on our representatives, both Democrat and Republican, to produce a bipartisan tax bill that does not so significantly hurt our lower and middle class communities. It is imperative that both parties in congress work together to create bill that doesn't simply line the pockets of big corporations. This is a chance for our legislators to prove to us that they have enough courage to step across the aisle and work towards a solution that benefits all U.S. citizens, not just the wealthy. Please take some time this week to call your legislators know that we will not stand idly by while tax scams such as this are forced upon us.

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