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National	274	34	8	1	12	33	0	362
State	197	309	11	96	81	NA	37	731
TOTAL	471	343	19	97	93	33	37	1,093

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Common Dreams: Trump's Christmas Gift to Himself: Study Details How President Will Profit Off GOP Tax Bill

By Jake Johnson
December 23, 2017

President Donald Trump has repeatedly described the Republican tax bill he signed into law on Friday as "an incredible Christmas gift" to low-income and middle class Americans—despite the numerous analyses showing that the legislation will ultimately raise taxes on millions in the middle class. The president hasn't, however, called the tax bill a massive "check to himself." But a [new study \(pdf\)](#) published on Friday by **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)** demonstrates that this would, in numerous ways, be a more accurate description of the \$1.5 trillion plan.

Freedom's Phoenix: Blog: Trump Signs GOP Tax Cut Heist into Law

By Stephen Lendman
December 23, 2017

This bill is solely about further enriching America's privileged class - a Christmas present for them, a lump of coal for most others.

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, 83% of the benefits go to the top 1%. By 2027, taxes for 92 million middle-class households will be higher than now. Medicaid will be severely eroded, Medicare cut by \$400 billion over the next decade.

The Real Agenda News: Trump stands to Gain Big Time on Newly Approved Tax Cuts

By Luis R. Miranda
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Americans for Tax Fairness communications director TJ Helmstetter called the GOP bill "a money grab by the ultra-wealthy, including the multimillionaires in Congress and Trump's own cabinet," who'll benefit hugely.

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Common Dreams: 'Corporations Are Literally Going Wild,' Says Trump as He Signs Tax Bill Most Americans Hate

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A study (pdf) published Friday by **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found that the president "will undoubtedly be among the very wealthy who will benefit enormously from his tax plan."

"Trump's exact tax savings are difficult to estimate since he has refused to release his tax returns unlike every other president over the last 40 years—but it is likely to be at least \$11 million a year and perhaps as much as \$22 million," ATF concluded.

Common Dreams: Trump Likely To Benefit By At Least \$11 Million Per Year From Trump-GOP Tax Bill

By Americans for Tax Fairness

December 22, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF’s press release regarding Trump’s potential tax benefits from the GOP tax bill.

Huffington Post: Op-ed: The GOP Won Its Tax Cut For The 1 Percent, But The Battle To Stop It Will Help Progressives Win The War

By Robert Creamer
December 21, 2017

And organizations like Not One Penny and **Americans for Tax Fairness** that spearheaded the campaign against the Republican tax bill plan to run major efforts over the months ahead to drill this frame into the consciousness of the voters.

The Guardian: Trump will personally save up to \$15m under tax bill, analysis finds

By David Smith
December 20, 2017

TJ Helmstetter, communications director of Americans For Tax Fairness, said: "This is not tax reform, it's a money grab by the ultra-wealthy, including the multimillionaires in Congress and Trump's own cabinet, who will benefit. When all is said and done, over 80% of the tax cuts will wind up in the pockets of the top 1%. Meanwhile, all of this will be paid for by the middle class and families who are struggling to get by."

Common Dreams: 'Government for Sale': In Dead of Night, Senate GOP Passes Tax Bill Only Their Donors Can Love

By Jake Johnson
December 20, 2017

"Plainly speaking: a vote for this bill is a vote to inflict harm on millions of hardworking families to please corporate campaign donors and the six thousand lobbyists who pushed for it," **Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement following the Senate's vote. "It's a money grab by the richest one percent and the wealthiest corporations, period."

Common Dreams: 'We Do Not Forgive...We Do Not Forget': Angry Vows to Oust GOP After Tax Scam Vote

By Julia Conley
December 20, 2017

"Americans won't forget," said **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **ATF**, in a statement. "They'll remember who swindled them to give tax breaks to billionaires and corporations that ship jobs offshore. They'll remember who is taking away healthcare from 13 million people while lowering taxes for Donald Trump and his heirs."

The Washington Post: Editorial: A win for the wealthy, the entitled and the irresponsible

By Washington Post Editorial Board
December 20, 2017

“The bill is a victory for wealthy heirs, who will no longer have to pay estate taxes on inheritance worth up to \$22 million. It helps tax dodgers and their lawyers, who will have some potentially huge new loopholes to exploit. Because the drafting process was so hasty and sloppy, no doubt there are many hidden in the text that even its authors do not realize are there. ... The bill is a victory for corporations that look like the Trump Organization, the president’s privately held real estate business. ... The bill is a victory for the discredited theory of trickle-down economics. ... The bill is a win for know-nothing anti-intellectualism. ... The bill is a victory for corrosive partisanship. Republicans could have hashed out a better, bipartisan plan, but they never seriously tried. ... Most of all, the bill is a victory for fiscal irresponsibility. ... Longer-term, the picture is bleaker. Taxes will have to rise and spending on entitlement programs drop to fix sharply unbalanced budgets to come. This is the ‘victory’ Republicans just handed the country.”

Common Dreams: Americans Overwhelmingly Reject the Trump-GOP Tax Plan

By Americans for Tax Fairness
December 20, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF’s press release detailing public polling on the GOP tax plan.

Supermarket News: Restaurants, retail groups hail passage of tax plan

By Bret Thorn
December 20, 2017

However, advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which advocates for higher taxes on the wealthy and large corporations, called the act a “monstrosity.”

“It’s a money grab by the richest 1 percent and the wealthiest corporations, period,” executive director **Frank Clemente** said in a statement, arguing that the tax cut would be paid for by raising taxes on working families “and raiding Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other critical services they cherish and depend on.”

Bustle: How Much Will Trump Save On The Tax Bill? A New Study Estimates He'd Save A Staggering \$15 Million

By Joseph D. Lyons
December 20, 2017

The GOP have suggested that the bill is for the middle class, but TJ Helmstetter, **Americans For Tax Fairness's communications director**, disagreed. "When all is said and done, over 80% of the tax cuts will wind up in the pockets of the top 1%. Meanwhile, all of this will be paid for by the middle class and families who are struggling to get by," he told The Guardian. Helmstetter called the bill a "money grab by the ultra wealthy," not tax reform.

Common Dreams: As Votes Loom, Opponents Make Final Push to Defeat Deeply Unpopular #GOPTaxScam

By Julia Conley
December 19, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness reached similar conclusions in their analysis last month, reporting that 53 percent of the bill's tax cuts go to corporations and the rich, and that those cuts are largely paid for by taking away healthcare from working families.

Common Dreams: While Republicans Try to Ram Their Unpopular Tax Plan Through Congress, Americans Continue to Voice Their Objection...

By Americans for Tax Fairness
December 19, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release about constituent calls to Congress generated by ATF and partner groups.

The Nation: Op-ed: How to Make Lawmakers Rue the Day They Voted for This Scam of a Tax Bill

By Sarah Anderson and Chuck Collins
December 19, 2017

As **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, puts it, "We may not have won in Washington, but at least we won in the rest of the country."

Common Dreams: Reaction To Final Passage Of GOP Tax Scam: Americans Won't Forget

By Americans for Tax Fairness
December 19, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on the final House passage of the GOP tax bill.

Morning Consult: Exclusive: GOP Engages Political Ground Game to Defend Tax Overhaul in 2018

By Ryan Rainey
December 19, 2017

Tim Hogan, a spokesman for Not One Penny, said Monday that the coalition's supporters have placed 1.2 million phone calls since Oct. 1, and that the campaign against the GOP tax agenda will not subside if the bill becomes law. Not One Penny is a group supported by numerous left-leaning advocacy groups, including MoveOn.org, Indivisible, **Americans for Tax Fairness** and unions such as the Communications Workers of America.

Common Dreams: Here Are the 227 GOP House Members Who Just Voted to Raise Taxes on 90 Million Working Families to Give Tax Breaks to Millionaires and Corporations

By Jessica Corbett
December 19, 2017

"These are the 227 GOP House members who voted for the #GOPTaxScam. They voted to raise taxes on over 90M working families, while giving massive tax breaks to millionaires and corporations that will be paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and education. SHAME!" **Americans for Tax Fairness** tweeted after the vote, accompanied by what they called a "list of shame."

thepeoplesvoice.org: Blog: GOP Tax Cut Heist Heads Toward Enactment

By Stephen Lendman
December 18, 2017

Following deficit hawk Bob Corker's about face, **Americans for Tax Fairness** issued the following statement:

"Hypocrisy rules in Washington. With Bob Corker's reversal, the myth of the deficit hawk is now dead."

New York Times: Editorial: Tax Bill Lets Trump and Republicans Feather Their Own Nests

By Stephen Lendman
December 18, 2017

"Whatever the Republicans' protestations, this malodorous loophole is further confirmation that congressional leaders are doing everything they can to maximize benefits for the wealthy at the expense of almost everybody else. ... The tax bill's generosity toward real estate titans stands in stark contrast to its stinginess toward the average wage earner as well as its very real damage to taxpayers in high-cost states. ... This bill is bad enough. No less revolting is the dishonest and sneaky way it was written."

Common Dreams: Deficit Hawk Myth Dead as GOP Unite Over Morally and Economically 'Obscene' Tax Bill

By Jon Queally
December 16, 2017

"Hypocrisy rules in Washington." So said **Frank Clemente, executive director for Americans for Tax Fairness**, in the wake of the release by the Republican conference committee of the party's final tax plan on Friday and news that both Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Mark Rubio (R-Fl.) had ended their so-called "principled" opposition to the bill and would vote 'Yes.'

The Intercept: A Year in the Ohio River Valley - Hard Times in Trump Country

By Stacy Kranitz and Alice Speri
December 16, 2017

In 2014, in response to the Affordable Care Act, Walmart announced it would stop offering insurance to 30,000 part-time employees. According to an estimate the same year by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart and its founder, the Walton family, received \$62.1 million in subsidies and tax breaks in West Virginia, including \$52.8 million in public assistance for its employees.

The Washington Post: Editorial: The Rubio tax bill saga is a perfect expression of Republican

By The Washington Post Editorial Board
December 15, 2017

“But it is telling how easy it was for Republicans to drop top income tax rates, how hard it has been for Mr. Rubio to secure even a limited victory for low-income people and how irrelevant concerns about ballooning the national debt have been for most in the GOP. ... What started as a bipartisan push for smart tax-code reform mutated over the past year into an expensive, one-sided legislative power play animated by ideological misconceptions rather than a sober assessment of the country’s real needs.”

POLITICO: Jones' win adds urgency to GOP tax push

By Bernie Becker
December 13, 2017

“Republicans in the House and Senate should take heed and re-evaluate their support for the monstrous tax bill that will rip healthcare away from millions while raising taxes on middle class families and blowing up the deficit, just so millionaires and corporations can get a tax break,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in a statement shortly after Jones was declared the winner.

Common Dreams: As Final Tax Vote Looms, Progressives Demand McConnell Seat Doug Jones "Immediately"

By Jake Johnson
December 13, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF), said in a statement late Tuesday that Jones's victory represents a repudiation of "the Trump-GOP agenda" and implored Republicans to "re-evaluate their support for the monstrous tax bill that will rip healthcare away from millions while raising taxes on middle class families."

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The Wealth Advisor: Here's How Many Billions America's Richest Would Save On Estate Tax Repeal

By Mary Papenfuss
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USA TODAY: Editorial: Tax cuts the GOP will regret

By USA TODAY Editorial Board
December 10, 2017

“If it were not abundantly clear already, the tax bill shows how Republicans aren’t allowed to act in their own best interests, let alone the nation’s. That is because they are captive to a militant faction within the GOP, a coalition of the very rich and the very angry. ... If and when a final measure passes, Republican lawmakers will declare victory and will go into the primaries with a sense of confidence. But if they represent remotely competitive states or districts, they will have considerable explaining to do in general elections. They might wish they had come empty-handed rather than being burdened by a grossly unfair tax cutting plan such as this.”

Freedom's Phoenix: Blog: GOP Tax Cut a Bonanza for Big Pharma

By Stephen Lendman
December 9, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)**, "(t)he Pharma Big 10 owe an estimated \$133 billion on their \$506 billion in offshore profits if they are repatriated to the US at the 35% rate (virtually no US corporate giants pay) less credit for foreign taxes paid."
House and Senate bills on these profits would cut their tax liability "to 14% in the House and to 14.5% in the Senate (rates...based on cash assets...much lower if based on non-cash assets such as plants and equipment)," said ATF.

Daily Kos: The 15 richest families could reap \$300 billion from Republican tax cuts

By Joan McCarter
December 8, 2017

Mother Jones spoke with **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group focused on progressive tax reform, about how these changes to the estate tax will benefit the ultra-wealthy, specifically the top 15 richest Americans, as ranked and reported by Forbes. If the exemptions are doubled, each estate would save \$4.4 million for a couple, or \$2.2 million for a single person. And if the tax is repealed, that's where things get interesting: According to numbers crunched by Americans for Tax Fairness, in that scenario, the people who inherit money from this tiny group of people could potentially save more than a whopping \$300 billion combined.

Pharmacy Choice: Americans for Tax Fairness: Bernie Sanders, Lloyd Doggett Demand Drug Companies to Stop Dodging Taxes Following Release of New Report

December 8, 2017

A new report released today by Americans for Tax Fairness exposes just how much the pharmaceutical industry stands to gain if the Trump-GOP tax plan becomes law.
The report examines the profits, taxes, and drug prices of the 10 biggest U.S. pharmaceutical companies, the "Pharma Big 10": Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Merck & Co., Gilead Sciences, AbbVie, Amgen, Eli Lilly & Co., Bristol-Myers Squibb, Biogen and Celgene.

Reader Supported News: [Blog: The Impending Destruction Of Medicaid By GOP Tax Cuts: Cruel And Un-American](#)

By Jgeyman
December 8, 2017

According to a just-released analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** of the latest iteration of the Senate GOP tax bill, two-thirds of families earning \$55,000 to \$93,000 a year will see a tax increase, 53 percent of the tax cuts will go to corporations and businesses, and 62 percent of tax cuts will go to the richest 1 percent in 2027, up from 18 percent in 2019.

Common Dreams: [Brave Flight Passenger Confronts Jeff Flake](#)

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Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

Mother Jones: [This Is How Many Billions of Dollars Each of the 15 Richest Families in America Will Save If We Repeal the Estate Tax](#)

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POLITICO Morning Tax: [Double twos?](#)

December 7, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness: New report finds that 10 biggest pharmaceutical companies have a combined half trillion dollars offshore.

Truthout: The Fight Isn't Over: Organizers Call for Sustained Momentum Against Tax Bill

By Negin Owliaei
December 6, 2017
Syndicated from Inequality.org

The weeks preceding the Senate vote saw a flurry of protests and rallies aimed at stopping the tax bill in its tracks. Groups like **Americans For Tax Fairness** have been publishing nonstop updates and fact sheets to educate the public.

VICE Impact: Op-ed: Billionaires Convinced the GOP Congress to Vote for a Bill That Will Cost Us All a Lot of Money

By Jasper Craven
December 6, 2017

While Blackstone and other corporate heavyweights have, for years, reduced their tax bills through fancy footwork, they apparently still believe they are forking over too much money to the feds. In truth, corporate taxes contribute substantially less to the U.S. Treasury than they used to. Sixty years ago, America's largest companies contributed one-third of all federal tax revenue. Today, just one-tenth of federal revenues come from corporations, according to **Americans For Tax Fairness**.

Rewire: Advocates: GOP Tax Bill 'Devastating' for Marginalized Groups

By Auditi Guha
December 5, 2017

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Think Progress: Hundreds of protesters fight the GOP tax bill on Capitol Hill

By Rebekah Entralgo
December 5, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nearly 300 protesters stormed the the Cannon Office Building at the House of Representatives Tuesday afternoon, flooding the halls with chants of “Kill this bill, don’t kill us.”

The protesters focused on the offices of Congress members who voted yes on the GOP tax package and are vulnerable in the 2018 midterm elections. Among them: Reps. Ryan Costello (R-PA), Barbara Comstock (R-VA), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Charles Dent (R-PA), John Katko (R-NY), David Reichert (R-WA), David Joyce (R-OH), and Ed Royce (R-CA).

Freedom’s Phoenix: Blog: The Colossal GOP Tax Cut Scam Boosted by Overnight Senate Passage

By Stephen Lendman
December 2, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness said the following about passage of the Senate tax cut bill:

"All but one Republican in the Senate just voted to raise taxes on 87 million middle-class families, add a trillion dollars to the deficit, and trigger automatic cuts to Medicare. All so that their corporate campaign donors and billionaire benefactors can get massive tax cuts."

Vox: “Lots of outrageous things in the bill aren’t getting the kind of attention they ought to”

By Ella Nilsen
December 1, 2017

With the stakes so high, liberal activists are pressing ahead, in hopes they can derail the GOP effort. There’s certainly no lack of action. As the sun set and senators started debating the tax bill on Thursday, progressive groups including Not One Penny, MoveOn, and **Americans for Tax Fairness** gathered outside for a “people’s filibuster protest,” and were joined by lawmakers including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN). Activists stayed there for the rest of the night and into the morning.

The Nation: Steve Bannon and Members of Trump’s Inner Circle Stash Investments in Offshore Tax Havens

By Joshua Holland
December 1, 2017

In 2015, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that American companies were holding \$2.1 trillion in profits in various tax havens around the world, and under current law, they don’t have to pay taxes on them until they “repatriate” those dollars.

Common Dreams: Voters Urged to "Melt the Phone Lines" to Stop Senate From Passing #GOPTaxScam

By Julia Conley
November 30, 2017

The Progressive Change Campaign Committee, with other resistance groups, began a 24-hour "People's Filibuster" at 3:00pm on Thursday, ahead of the Senate vote on the Republican tax bill, expected by Friday. Organizations including Not One Penny, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, and **Americans for Tax Fairness** all planned to participate in the all-night rally at the U.S. Capitol.

Mic: [From phone campaigns to screaming street protests, Republicans are "under siege" over their tax plan](#)

By Will Drabold
November 30, 2017

"[Groups] have understood all along that the tax fight is a health care fight," TJ Helmstetter said. Helmstetter is a spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of groups opposed to tax cuts for wealthy Americans.

Newsweek: Op-ed: Trump's Tax Plan Is Seriously Bad For Our Health

By Kyle Ragins
November 29, 2017

The bill would force cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and other programs that help everyday Americans to pay for massive tax cuts for the very wealthy and big corporations.

Congressional Republicans may try to pass off repeal of this portion of the ACA as a cost-saving measure for working families, but it would actually increase health care costs for millions of families, and the rest of the tax bill makes it clear that they're focused on reducing taxes for the very wealthy and corporations – not with Americans struggling to afford visits to the doctor.

Common Dreams: New Tax Fight Radio Ads In Tennessee And Arizona

By Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund
November 29, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

Common Dreams: Corporations Admit Investors, Not Workers, Will Reap Rewards of #GOPTaxScam

By Julia Conley
November 29, 2017

Groups including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Tax Policy Center, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, have all found that the notion of long-term, meaningful benefits for the middle- and lower-classes is indeed just a story.

Common Dreams: Here Are the Four Biggest Lies Trump Told in His Final Tax Scam Sales Pitch

By Jake Johnson
November 29, 2017

Trump claimed that the Republican tax bill would prevent corporations from sending jobs and profits overseas to boost their bottom-lines.

The opposite is the case, noted **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) and others. The GOP plan would actually "encourage" outsourcing, according to a number of independent analyses.

POLITICO Morning Tax: Momentum's back

By Bernie Becker
November 29, 2017

Turning to the radio waves, **Americans for Tax Fairness** has new spots in Arizona and Tennessee calling on Corker, McCain and Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) to oppose the tax plan.

POLITICO Morning Score: TAX CUT AIR WAR — 45Committee, Not One Penny, Alliance for Retired Americans out with new spots

By Maggie Severns
November 29, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund is up with 60-second radio ads both in Arizona, targeting Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake, and in Tennessee, targeting retiring Sen. Bob Corker.

The Washington Post: Democrats once seen as potential yes votes on tax cuts appear to walk away

By David Weigel
November 28, 2017

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Common Dreams: 'Kill the Bill, Don't Kill Us': Protesters Arrested as GOP Pushes Senate Tax Bill Forward

By Julia Conley
November 28, 2017

In addition to the impact the bill would have on health coverage, analyses by groups including the Tax Policy Center, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, and **Americans for Tax Fairness** have all found that while middle class households may see tax cuts initially under the Republican plan, by 2027 most of the benefits of the proposal would be going to the wealthiest Americans.

NASDAQ: The Zacks Analyst Blog Highlights: IDEXX Laboratories, Luminex, Masimo, Align Technology and Cooper Companies

By Zacks Equity Research
November 28, 2017

While the bill claims to primarily focus on the easing of tax woes for middle-class Americans, the massive cut in corporate taxes tells a different story altogether. In fact, a research report by CNBC reveals that Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, slammed the new tax code as a "a big giveaway to millionaires and corporations," neglecting the ones who are in real need of it.

Zack's.com: 5 MedTech Stocks to Beat Tax Hazards With Positive Returns

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Freedom's Phoenix: Blog: What's Wrong with the GOP Tax Cut Plan? Everything for Ordinary Americans

By Stephen Lendman

November 26, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) published "13 terrible things about the Senate GOP tax plan:

1. America's top 1% benefits greatly.
 2. By 2027, 87 million middle class households will pay higher taxes than today.
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Common Dreams: Dozens of #TrumpTaxScam Sit-Ins and Rallies Planned for Final Resistance Push

By Julia Conley

November 24, 2017

Members of the Trump resistance are expected to assemble at the offices of so-called "moderate" Republicans to demand that the elected officials listen to their concerns about the tax bill, which groups including **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Tax Policy Center say would eventually raise taxes for middle-income Americans, after giving them temporary, meager tax cuts.

Common Dreams: 3 Steps to Take Before Thanksgiving to Stop the #TrumpTaxScam

By Andrea Germanos
November 22, 2017

An analysis out this week by **Americans for Tax Fairness** outlined "13 terrible things" about the Senate proposal, including that it gives most of the tax cuts to the richest 1 percent and effectively makes seniors pay for tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy.

Conscious Life News: New Report Details '13 Terrible Things' About Senate GOP Tax Plan

By Common Dreams Staff
November 22, 2017
Syndicated from Common Dreams

The analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)**—a campaign of more than 425 national, state, and local groups that advocate for progressive tax reform—is just latest in a series of warnings about the consequences of passing what's being called the #GOPTaxScam.

Newsmax: Poll: Arizona, Tennessee, Maine Voters Oppose GOP Tax Plan

By Solange Reyner
November 22, 2017

The poll was conducted by Democratic pollster Hart Research Associates and provided to USA Today by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

Common Dreams: New Report Details '13 Terrible Things' About Senate GOP Tax Plan

By Common Dreams Staff
November 21, 2017

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Vox: “We have to kill it in the Senate”: how liberal activists think they can kill the tax bill

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Common Dreams: All Evidence Shows #GOPTaxScam Is Horrible. Only Question: Can It Be Stopped?

By Jon Qually
November 18, 2017

While **Americans for Tax Fairness** has put out this "13 Terrible Things About the House Republican Tax Plan" (pdf), the Senate this week voted out of a committee their version of a tax bill that also hammers the working class and sets the stage for eviscerating safety net programs in the name of giving corporations a permanent tax cut. According to this breakdown by the ATF, Senate plan offers clear and present inequities between what it would cut from the budget over the next decade versus what it gives in tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy:

Freedom's Phoenix: Blog: The Great American Tax Cut Swindle

By Stephen Lendman
November 17, 2017

Following Thursday's House vote, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) issued the following statement, saying:

"227 House Republicans just voted to increase taxes on millions of working families and add trillions to the deficit, which will lead to deep cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and education."

Common Dreams: Reaction to House GOP Vote to Raise Taxes on Middle Class Families

November 16, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

Coyote Prime: Blog: "'Welfare for the Wealthy': 227 House Republicans Pass \$1.5 Trillion Tax Cut for Corporations and the Rich"

November 16, 2017

"With this bill, the House GOP is moving to rig the system further for the powerful and elite against everyday Americans," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement following Thursday's vote. "It's immoral that many hardworking families will pay a higher tax bill or lose access to critical services like healthcare so that some CEO can get a bigger bonus and buy a bigger yacht. Millions of Americans in the middle and at the bottom will be the losers from this tax plan, while the wealthiest will benefit."

Common Dreams: Leaders Schumer and Pelosi Join Members of Congress and Patriotic Millionaires for Rally Against GOP Tax Plans

November 14, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

The Daily Beast: Can the Democrats Stop This Tax ‘Reform’ Scam?

Michael Tomasky
November 14, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness is emphasizing the unpopular cuts for corporations and the wealthy, the possible elimination of state and local deductions, and the fact that these tax cuts will be paid for by things like \$1 trillion in Medicaid cuts.

The Washington Post: Column: Republican tax bills would be paradise for plutocrats

By Katrina vanden Heuvel
November 14, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, has sensibly called on Congress to investigate before it legislates. Reform should start by exposing the various scams and dodges, rousing public ire to counter the lobbying weight of big business. Legislation could focus on shutting down the loopholes and cracking down on tax havens abroad. The first step would be to end "deferral" of taxes on profits reported abroad.

Real Clear Politics: Roskam at the Center of Political Fight Over Taxes

By James Arkin
November 13, 2017

Roskam is also at the center of the political debate over taxes as Democrats vilify the plan and Republicans search for a legislative victory to run on next year.
.... But Democrats there are energized and expect to rally support against the measure. A variety of grassroots organizations have popped up to protest Roskam and lay the groundwork for a campaign against him, many falling under the umbrella group Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th. On Friday, protesters gathered outside the congressman's district office, handing out postcards to deliver to him listing reasons to oppose the bill — a play on the GOP's promise to simplify the tax code so anyone can file their return on a postcard-size form. This Thursday, protesters will rally outside a local Republican organization where Roskam is headlining its annual Reagan Day Dinner.

The Wall Street Journal: Groups Spend Tens of Millions to Sell Tax Bill to Middle Class

By Julie Bykowicz
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Resilience.org: (Blog) There Can Be No Genuine Tax Reform Without Addressing Hidden Wealth

By Chuck Collins
November 9, 2017
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Common Dreams: Americans for Tax Fairness Reaction to Election Results

November 8, 2017
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Truthout: [Blog: Nine Reasons to Stop the GOP's Giant Tax Gift Bucket](#)

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Inequality.org: [Blog: Trouble in the Offshore Paradise](#)

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Common Dreams: Blog: Call Congress Now to Stop Trump's Giant Tax Giveaway

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November 3, 2017
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The Western Journal: Top Democrats Speak Out Against GOP Tax 'Abomination'

By Jason Hopkins
November 3, 2017

The protest was the result of coordination by several progressive groups. like the Center for American Progress, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee and **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Common Dreams: 'The Cut Cut Cut Act': Americans for Tax Fairness Statement on House GOP Tax Bill

November 2, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

Common Dreams: 3 Ways GOP Tax Plan Would Save Trump Family Millions Annually and Billions Overall

November 2, 2017
By Julia Conley

The elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) would have saved Trump \$30 million in 2005, according to analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. The AMT was introduced nearly 50 years ago to keep wealthy Americans from avoiding income taxes using deductions and credits. The Tax Policy Center says the vast majority of taxpayers liable for the AMT make over \$200,000 per year, while 0.3 percent have a yearly income of less than \$100,000.

Common Dreams: New Poll Shows Just 25 Percent Think GOP Tax Plan Is a Good Idea

November 1, 2017
By Andrea Germanos

A call-to-action for the event, organized by groups including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Public Citizen, and Progressive Change Campaign Committee, states, "Join us to help make sure our response to this bill is loud and clear: NOT ONE PENNY in tax cuts for the rich!"

Common Dreams: As GOP Releases Tax Plan, Patriotic Millionaires Issue Dire Warning to the Middle Class

October 31, 2017

By Patriotic Millionaires

The Taxpayer Action Center was designed and implemented with contributions from think tanks and grassroots organizations including the Institute for Policy Studies, the Economic Policy Institute, FACT Coalition, Public Citizen, Hedge Clippers, Prosperity Now, Center for American Progress, Indivisible, Not One Penny, NETWORK, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Take On Wall Street, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and Citizens for Tax Justice.

Common Dreams: Call Congress Now, Say Progressives, To Stop GOP "Billionaire First" Budget

October 26, 2017

By Common Dreams Staff

Backing the #NotOnePenny campaign, a coalition effort led by **Americans for Tax Fairness** and public interest groups, Democratic members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus released the following video deploring the GOP's budget which they call "a rigged plan that lowers taxes for the billionaires and wealthy corporations on the backs of the middle class":

Common Dreams: House Budget Vote Immoral Calamity

October 26, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's statement on the House budget vote.

Intrepid Report: Blog: Senate passes deplorable budget bill

By Stephen Lendman

October 23, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness spokesman TJ Helmstetter said the following about Thursday's vote: "Fifty-one Republican Senators just voted to cut Medicaid by \$1 trillion and Medicare by \$500 billion so that millionaires and corporations can get a tax cut. It's immoral and despicable."

U.S. News: The Last Chance for Tax Reform

By Andrew Soergel

October 20, 2017

But with steep tax cuts expected from the GOP that would, among other things, significantly reduce corporate tax rates and simplify the individual income side of the tax code, analysts have noted that it's tough to figure out exactly how Republicans could leave programs like Medicare untouched without exploding the deficit.

"One way or another, small businesses and their communities will pay for these massive budget cuts," Amanda Ballantyne, national director of the Main Street Alliance advocacy group, said in a statement earlier this month, warning of cuts to "vital community services like Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, education and infrastructure."

Common Dreams: 'The Next Big Fight Begins': Groups Mobilize to Stop 'Grotesque' GOP Tax Cuts

By Jake Johnson

October 20, 2017

The group's letter highlights two coalitions that will be key players in the fight ahead: Not One Penny and **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Together, these organizations plan to "partner on days of action, coordinate floods of calls to Congress, and use creative ways to channel and dramatize the public's opposition to a bill that would make an already-rigged economy much more rigged in favor of the already best-off."

Truthout (Blog): 51 GOP Senators Just Voted To Cut \$1.5 Trillion from Medicare and Medicaid To Give Super-Rich and Corporations a Tax Cut

October 19, 2017

By John Queally

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"51 Republican Senators just voted to cut Medicaid by \$1 trillion and Medicare by \$500 billion so that millionaires and corporations can get a tax cut. It's immoral and despicable," said TJ Helmstetter, a spokesperson for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in a statement immediately following the vote.

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USA Today: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes

By Herb Jackson

October 11, 2017

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

"The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

CNN: Exclusive: Priorities USA to go back on TV with \$250K tax reform ad buy

By Ashley Killough

October 10, 2017

Priorities is the latest group to inject a messaging campaign into the tax reform debate. Other progressive groups like MoveOn.org, Indivisible, and a coalition of liberal groups known as **Americans for Tax Fairness** have also been active in opposition to the tax reform plan.

Intrepid Report: House passes draconian budget

By Stephen Lendman

October 10, 2017

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“These tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations will ultimately be paid for by cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, disability services, and other national priorities, while the expansion of the deficit will further threaten Social Security. The Republicans who voted to advance this plan owe their constituents an explanation.”

Conscious Life News: House GOP Passes Budget That ‘Should Not Be Allowed in a Humane Society’

By Jake Johnson
October 6, 2017
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Common Dreams: 219 Republican House Members Just Voted To Cut Medicaid, Medicare, And Public Education To Give Tax Breaks to Millionaires And Corporations

October 5, 2017

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Common Dreams: House GOP Passes Budget That ‘Should Not Be Allowed in a Humane Society’

By Jake Johnson
October 5, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), denounced the GOP budget resolution in a statement following Thursday's vote, arguing it is "the first step toward an immoral tax scheme that will hand trillions of dollars to millionaires and corporations at the expense of America's working families, many of whom will actually see a tax increase."

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Junior College: Gillibrand: Trump tax reform plan 'cruel joke'

By Adam Carter
October 3, 2017

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Law360: 100 Groups Urge Opposition To GOP Territorial Tax System

By Phillip Rosenstein
October 3, 2017

One-hundred groups, including the AFL-CIO and **Americans for Tax Fairness**, urged Congress Monday to oppose the "incredibly bad idea" of adopting a territorial tax system as part of the GOP's tax reform framework, saying such a system would allow multinational corporations to repatriate foreign profits largely tax-free.

Common Dreams: 100 Groups Urge Opposition To GOP Territorial Tax System

October 2, 2017

Common Dreams published the AFL-CIO's press release, which included the following quote. "This scheme is a massive tax cut for wealthy corporations, that puts Main Street businesses and domestic companies at a terrible disadvantage," said Frank Clemente, executive director, **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "We must continue to fully tax the profits U.S. corporations make offshore. If they pay less U.S. taxes on offshore profits than they pay now, or if they pay no taxes, they will have even more incentive to send jobs offshore and shift profits to tax havens to avoid paying their fair share."

Intrepid Report: Trump's deplorable tax cut scheme

By Stephen Lendman
October 2, 2017

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The Hill: 100 organizations urge Congress to oppose 'incredibly bad idea' in GOP tax plan

By Naomi Jagoda
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The Hill: Overnight Finance: Congress gets ball rolling on tax reform

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U.S. News (Column): So Much Winning

By Robert Schlesinger
September 29, 2017

"It's a huge tax giveaway to the wealthy and corporations, and few people will benefit more than Donald Trump," **Americans for Tax Fairness'** Frank Clemente wrote on this site on Thursday.

U.S. News: Would a Trump Tax Cut Boost Economic Growth?

By Andrew Soergel
September 29, 2017

"The idea that this plan would help average Americans instead of the wealthy and big corporations has been a hoax all along," Frank Clemente, the executive director of the progressive tax-focused think tank **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement Wednesday. "This plan will not lead to robust job creation or economic growth, but its eye-popping cost will lead to deep cuts in Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, and public education that will leave working families in the cold."

VICE: Trump's Tax Fight Could Look a Lot Like the War Over Healthcare

By Mark Hay
September 29, 2017

Still, taxes should be easier to sort out than healthcare, as there are so many chips to bargain with to win votes. It helps that lives are not literally at stake, and, as Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** of Republicans put it of Republicans, "This is the Holy Grail for them, and if they can't deliver, basically, it's game over."

Yahoo News: Big winner under Trump's tax plan for 'everyday Americans': Donald J Trump

By Dominic Rushe
September 29, 2017
Syndicated from the Guardian

"Trump is carving out a special loophole for his own businesses and calling it a small-business tax cut," said TJ Helmstetter of the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Common Dreams: Surprise! Non-Partisan Analysis Finds Trump Tax Plan Primarily Rewards Top 1%

By Jake Johnson
September 29, 2017

"It is absolutely outrageous that Donald Trump and Paul Ryan would seek to increase taxes on middle class families while lowering them for millionaires and billionaires," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, concluded in a statement on Friday. "It's doubly outrageous that while they're doling out extra yachts and private jets to the elite, their budgets make cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and public education, further lowering the standard of living for working families. That's no tax plan, that's a tax scam."

Common Dreams: Reaction to GOP Tax Increases on Middle Class

September 29, 2017

Common Dreams published **ATF's** press release about the middle-class tax increases in the GOP tax plan.

True Viral News: Republicans To Pay For Massive Tax Cuts For The Rich By Cutting Social Security/Medicare

September 29, 2017

An analysis from the **Americans for Tax Fairness** revealed, "As President Trump and Republican leaders in Congress prepare to unveil their tax plan on Wednesday, Sept. 27, Americans for Tax Fairness has prepared an analysis that shows Trump's tax cuts could total \$6.7 to \$8.3 trillion, \$3 to \$5 trillion of which may not be paid for by closing other tax loopholes and/or by limiting tax deductions. The resulting jump in the deficit threatens funding of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and other vital services.

Junior College: Paul Ryan to talk taxes at Delco factory Thursday

By Bill Blare

September 29, 2017

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Reuters: Wealthy financiers could gain from Trump's proposed tax cut for small businesses (Syndicated in 5 additional outlets)

By Amanda Becker

September 28, 2017

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Inc.com: Trump's Tax Plan Is Meant to Benefit Small Businesses, But Would Aid the Wealthy Instead

By Emily Canal
September 28, 2017

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U.S. News (ATF Op-ed): The Biggest Losers

By Frank Clemente
September 28, 2017

"It's not good for me, believe me." That's what President Donald Trump said Wednesday in Indiana about the new Republican tax plan, and you shouldn't believe him. It's a huge tax giveaway to the wealthy and corporations, and few people will benefit more than Donald Trump.

Since Trump refuses to release his tax returns, in defiance of 40 years of precedent, we can't know exactly how much he'll gain from the proposed GOP tax plan. But we know enough to highlight the biggest examples of self-dealing by the president.

The Guardian: Big winner under Trump's tax plan for 'everyday Americans': Donald J Trump

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Newsmax: CNBC's Ron Insana: Trump May Benefit From Own Tax Cuts in Many Ways

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Moyers & Company: Trump Wants to Slash His Own Taxes

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But according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the plan would cut between \$6.7 and \$8.3 trillion over the next 10 years, and those cuts would “largely benefit the richest Americans and biggest corporations.” What’s more, as much as \$3 to \$5 trillion wouldn’t be offset by closing loopholes and eliminating deductions, and “the resulting jump in the deficit threatens funding of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and other vital services.”

Common Dreams: Worst Features Of The Trump-Ryan Tax Plan

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Steelers Lounge: Trump and GOP Roll Out Tax Plan

By Norman Tucker
September 28, 2017

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The Fiscal Times: Trump’s Tax Plan: 12 Reactions You Need to Read

By Michael Rainey
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Newsline: Trump: 'Pro-growth' tax plan to double standard deduction, kill estate tax

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PoliticusUSA: Trump Threatens A Democratic Senator If He Votes Against Cutting His Taxes

By Jason Easley
September 27, 2017

According to the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, here is who benefits from Trump's tax cuts:

Common Dreams: 'A Cruel Joke' and 'Morally Repugnant': Critics Blast Trump's Tax Plan for the Rich

By Andrea Germanos
September 27, 2017

According to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the cuts do not even "come close to being paid for by closing tax loopholes, which will likely result in deep cuts now or next year to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education, and many other priorities working families depend on."

Freedom's Phoenix (Blog): Trump's Tax Plan for the Rich

By Stephen Lendman
September 27, 2017

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Inquisitr: What New Trump Tax 'Reform' Plan Means for You: Latest GOP Tax Cuts Include Big Break for Wealthiest

By Jonathan Vankin
September 27, 2017

The plan has already come under fire from economists and political analysts for failing to include any details on how the cost of the new tax cuts and changes, which are estimated to tally well into the multiple-trillion dollar range, will be paid for, according to an analysis by Politico. A study by the conservative group Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget put the total cost of the Trump tax cuts at \$2.2 trillion, while analysis by the liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) organization put the cost at more than \$5 trillion.

Inman: Trump's 'Big Six' unveil tax proposal: What's at stake for real estate?

By Jotham Sederstrom
September 27, 2017

Additionally, tax credits for low-income housing would be taken off the table. "The idea that this plan would help average Americans instead of the wealthy and big corporations has been a hoax all along," Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** told CNBC, echoing many real estate lobbying groups and Democrats who overwhelmingly panned the proposal.

Down With Tyranny: The Trump-Ryan Tax Scam

September 27, 2017

Our friends at **Americans for Tax Fairness** have even worse news about Trump's tax plan, namely that the cuts could hit the budget with a \$3-5 TRILLION deficit, endangering spending on programs Republicans don't care much about—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and education! What Trump and Ryan are both aiming for is providing massive tax cuts that largely benefit the richest Americans and biggest corporations through direct tax cuts and indirectly through big cuts in corporate taxes. And there's no revenue to make up for most of it.

CNBC: Trump's tax reform plan would dramatically lower rates for businesses, some individuals

By Ylan Mui
September 27, 2017

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CNBC: Trump: 'I don't benefit' from GOP tax reform plan

By Christina Wilkie
September 27, 2017

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USANewsGuide.com: Trump: 'I don't benefit' from GOP tax reform plan

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Common Dreams: Reaction to GOP Tax Plan

September 27, 2017

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National Review: Corporate Tax Cuts Would Benefit Ordinary Americans

By Ryan Bourne
September 27, 2017

How can this be? Progressive groups like "**Americans for Tax Fairness**" paint corporate tax cuts as a giveaway to wealthy corporations and their shareholders, which will reduce government revenues and, in time, lead to fewer government services for the poor. This messaging seems to resonate with the public. Yesterday, a WSJ/NBC poll found that 55 percent of Americans wanted to increase taxes on corporations and another 25 percent wanted to keep such taxes as they are.

Common Dreams: New Analysis: Trump's Unpaid-for Tax Cuts May Total \$5 Trillion

September 26, 2017

Common Dreams published **ATF's** press release on the cost of Trump's tax cuts.

Common Dreams: Trump Tax "Hoax" Would Blow \$5 Trillion Hole In Budget Over Next Decade: Analysis

By Jon Queally
September 26, 2017

"The idea that this plan would help average Americans instead of the wealthy and big corporations has been a hoax all along," said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)**, which on Tuesday released an analysis showing that Trump's plan would likely leave a \$5 trillion hole in the federal budget over the next ten years.

Truth-Out (Blog): The Necessity of a Living Wage: When Corporations Don't Pay, the Public Does

By Marilyn Katz
September 26, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart's increase to \$9 or \$10 an hour is inadequate: Workers who earn \$9 an hour take home incomes so low that a single worker qualifies for three of five public benefit programs, and a worker with a family qualifies for all eight.

NBC News: Democratic Groups Come Out Swinging Against Trump's Tax Push

By Alex Seitz-Wald
September 25, 2017

The ad is produced by Not One Penny, a broad coalition that includes groups like Indivisible, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and several labor unions. It follows the coalition's earlier seven-figure ad campaign targeting eight House Republicans, including Blum, which also struck a populist tone that could be repeated in future ads.

Business Insider: The new Amazon headquarters will be better deal for Amazon than the city who wins the bidding war

By Joe Fassler
September 22, 2017

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Muslim Community Report: LEGISLATION TO CURTAIL EXCESSIVE CEO PAY

By mcr2
September 22, 2017

“The CEO pay loophole is one of the worst tax breaks in our special-interest rigged tax code,” said Frank Clemente, Executive Director, **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “This tax deduction for bonus pay makes regular taxpayers subsidize the income of wealthy CEOs, who get paid 300 times more than the average worker takes home. And many of the big corporations these CEOs lead pay tax rates below what the middle-class pays, if they pay taxes at all. This tax loophole is a scam, and it must end!”

The New Food Economy: What will really happen when Amazon comes to town?

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The Weekly Options Trader: Common Sense: Tax Reform For The Rich: Reduce The Rates But Lose The Breaks

By Admin
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Moyers & Company: How Corporate Capitalism Looted Democracy

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Care2: Weekly Resistance: 5 Ways to Take Action September 18-24

By S.E. Smith
September 18, 2017

Support: **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Citizens for Tax Justice advocate sensible, evidence-based tax reform.

In These Times: Low Wages in Illinois: When Corporations Don't Pay, the Public Does

By Marilyn Kantz
September 15, 2017

Even when some of these employers announce their wage increases, with great fanfare, Illinois taxpayers are still on the hook. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart's increase to \$9 or \$10 an hour is inadequate: Workers who earn \$9 an hour take home incomes so low that a single worker qualifies for three of five public benefit programs, and a worker with a family qualifies for all eight.

Common Dreams: Trump Lied Again About His Tax Cuts

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Equality 365: Heather Booth Discusses “Heather Booth: Changing the World” & Social Activism

By Earle Dutton
September 12, 2017

You know, I feel like that about just about everything I have ever worked on. I probably have three different answers for you here. One is, whatever I am working on at the moment is consuming, dynamic and meaningful. Right now, I am the Field Director for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which is fighting against the tax cuts that will only benefit the top one percent and richest people in the country. If there are those cuts it will mean that they are paid for with cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, education and so many other services that help people live a full life in this country. We have to stop those cuts. I also think in some ways that the origin of my own work started in the civil rights movement. That is also one of the most impactful areas that I have been working.

The Royal Purple: Walmart corporation takes advantage of taxpayers

By Kolton Hegstrom
September 12, 2017

According to a new report by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart cost American taxpayers an estimated \$6.2 billion in Medicare, food stamps and housing subsidies per year. The study was based on a coalition of 400 progressive groups who went over numbers from 2013. According to the study, the average Supercenter cost taxpayers between \$904,542 and \$1.75 million per year, or between \$3,015 and \$5,815 on average for each of 300 workers.

Bloomberg: Progressives Prepare to Stop Tax Cuts Amid GOP Infighting

By Laura Davison
September 6, 2017

“We really see this as a continuation of the health care fight,” T.J. Helmstetter, communications director for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said. “We are reaching out to the players who were critical to preventing the AHCA from passing,” he said, referring to the GOP’s American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628) that underwent several revisions before dying on the Senate floor in late July.

That bill failed after three Republicans—Sens. Susan Collins (Maine), John McCain (Ariz.), and Lisa Murkowski (Alaska)—defected from the ranks. **Americans for Tax Fairness** hopes this group, or others, could do the same on a tax bill. **Americans for Tax Fairness** members include a wide range of left-leaning organizations, including the AFL-CIO, MoveOn.org, and the Center for American Progress.

True Viral News: Activists get personal to derail Trump tax cuts

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Morning Consult: Cohn's Pitch Tying Corporate Tax Cut to Pension Fund Benefits Divides Experts

By Ryan Rainey

September 6, 2017

TJ Helmstetter, a spokesman for the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which is also affiliated with unions, pointed to Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center research showing that less than 15 percent of the benefit from a corporate tax cut would flow to the bottom 60 percent of the income distribution, compared to 70 percent that would benefit high-income earners.

True Viral News: Reform? GOP Plan Has Always Been Tax Cuts For Billionaires

September 6, 2017

What remained was a "reform" plan any self-serving billionaire could love. Virtually all of the cuts – 99.6 percent of them – would go to the top 1 percent, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, cutting approximately \$1.5 trillion from Medicaid while giving roughly \$2 trillion in tax cuts to corporations. The House's "reform" plan would also cut nearly \$500 billion from Medicare.

True Viral News: When Labor Day Meant Something

September 4, 2017

Shoppers this weekend could hardly be blamed for going to Walmart for the latest feather-light flatscreen television from China or Mexico-I'll admit I'm dazzled by the low prices and pixel counts too. Or, better, people could go to Costco, where workers make about twice the Walmart wage, and don't have to rely on federal benefits like food stamps and Medicaid (which, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion a year). In addition, Costco lets its workers unionize while Walmart instructs managers to report union activity or grumblings about wages to the company's "Labor Relations Hotline."

Common Dreams: The Coming Tax Fight — and Why We Need You!

By Chuck Collins

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Down With Tyranny (Blog): Trump Tax Cuts For Multi-millionaires Will Be Paid For By Painful Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Education

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The next day, Trump was in Springfield, Missouri promoting his tax plan-- with one lie after another-- at a closed-to-the-public event behind the closed doors of one of his rich campaign donors. Just before Trump spoke, Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, warned the media to "Make no mistake; what Trump and Republican leaders in Congress are proposing is not tax reform. They simply want massive tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations, at the expense of everyone else. And those tax giveaways will be paid for by cuts to Social Security, healthcare, education and other programs that maintain living standards for working families. It's Trumpcare all over again, and it must be blocked."

Common Dreams: [Trump's False Claims About Taxes: His Rhetoric Contradicts His Actual Proposals – and Reality](#)

August 31, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on Trump's MO Speech on taxes.

Common Dreams: [As Trump Begins Tax Reform Push, Critics Rip Plan as Fact-Free, Trickle-Down 'Scam'](#)

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August 30, 2017

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Economic Policy Journal: [Trump Adviser Gary Cohn: 'Only morons pay the estate tax'](#)

By RW
August 30, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the estate tax raised \$8.5 billion in 2012.

The estate tax is only paid on assets greater than \$5.3 million per individual. One out of every 700 deaths results in paying the federal estate tax today.

Polizette: [Trump Ramps Up Tax Pressure on Vulnerable Democrat in Missouri](#)

By Brendan Kirby
August 30, 2017

But a liberal interest group, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, depicted Trump's proposal as a giveaway to the wealthy.

Tax Analysts: Amid August Tax Reform Barnstorming, an Empty Bully Pulpit

By Jonathan Curry
August 24, 2017

On the progressive side, Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** dismissed the idea that having Trump sell tax reform would be beneficial. "He's a terrible salesperson for this, and I don't think that's going to help their cause," Clemente said.

The Washington Post: Column: Democrats are starting a fierce internal debate. Finally.

By Katrina Vanden Heuvel
August 22, 2017

Of course, Trump and Republicans still set the national agenda, with tax cuts and infrastructure being two possibilities. A broad coalition of more than 400 groups called **Americans for Tax Fairness** champions progressive tax reform that helps make the rich and corporations pay their fair share — a stance that enjoys overwhelming public approval. Similarly, activists will challenge Trump's infrastructure plan, which appears to feature the worst forms of crony capitalism: "public private partnerships" that privatize highways and bridges and impose tolls on users; tax giveaways to companies stowing profits abroad.

Common Dreams: Progressive Armies Mobilize Against GOP Tax Cuts for Corporations and Wealthy

By Jon Queally
August 21, 2017

"We can't afford tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations that are paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education, and other services that working families rely on," warns Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)**. "Side-by-side, there's no denying it: Trump's draconian cuts to services that will harm working families are intended to pay for his massive tax giveaways to big corporations and the wealthy. Helping the American people understand what's at stake is how we will win the tax fight."

The Hill: GOP chairman: Tax reform could increase deficit

By Niv Elis
August 16, 2017

"We can't afford tax cuts for millionaires and corporations that will be paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and other priorities for working families," said Frank Clemente, executive director of the left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Law 360: Liberal Coalition Declares War On Trump Tax Cuts

By Jimmy Hoover
August 16, 2017

Common Dreams: ATF Launches New Campaign Showing The True Costs Of Trump's Tax Cuts For The Wealthy And Corporations

August 16, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on the launch of StopTrumpTaxCuts.org.

Morning Consult: Finance Brief: Democrats Hoping Trump Takes Their Lead in NAFTA Talks

By Ryan Rainey & Anna Gronewold
August 16, 2017

The liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) group will roll out a website on Wednesday to make the case that President Trump's proposed tax cuts for wealthy people and corporations would hurt working families. The website, stoptrumtaxcuts.org, compares the cost of various aspects of the tax plan the White House released in April to similarly sized proposed cuts in Trump's fiscal 2018 budget proposal.

Politico Morning Tax: Can temporary be permanent?

By Bernie Becker
August 16, 2017

THE OPPOSITION IS FORMING: The progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness** is out this morning with a new campaign — www.StopTrumpTaxCuts.org — to battle GOP tax efforts they say will benefit the wealthy and corporations at the expense of the safety net. “Side-by-side, there's no denying it: Trump's draconian cuts to services that will harm working families are intended to pay for his massive tax giveaways to big corporations and the wealthy. Helping the American people understand what's at stake is how we will win the tax fight,” said **Frank Clemente**, the group's executive director.

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Taxnotes: Stakeholders Anxiously Await New White House Tax Reform Details

By Jonathan Curry
August 15, 2017

For Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Republican tax reform effort is shaping up to be a tax cut for wealthy individuals and corporations, and so the release of yet another tax reform framework, as opposed to legislative text, would be “yet another stall tactic while they figure out how to sell such an unpopular idea to the public.”

Law 360: GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

By Sam Reisman
August 10, 2017

Mic: Only 13% of Republicans will hold August town halls, and grassroots groups aren’t standing for it

By Will Drabold
August 10, 2017

“We need to recreate, to keep the momentum going from the health care win,” TJ Helmstetter, spokesperson for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in an interview. Helmstetter’s group is building a coalition of progressive organizations to oppose the planned Republican pivot to tax reform coming in September.

Law 360: IRS More Likely To Change Than Ax Debt-Equity Regs

By Vidya Kauri
August 9, 2017

Mashable: A few ways Walmart could spend \$18 million instead of corporate propaganda

By Jason Abbruzzese
August 9, 2017

Walmart's low wages have a serious impact on the communities in which their stores operate. The company's employees who don't make enough money to meet their needs end up using public assistance programs that cost an estimated \$6.2 billion.

That comes out to between \$900,000 and \$1.75 million per year, according to a study by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which is a collective of progressive groups.

Common Dreams: 42 Groups and 64,000 Americans Send Messages to Treasury Department Against Repeal of "Earnings Stripping" Rule

August 8, 2017

Common Dreams published **ATF's** press release on the Repeal of "Earnings Stripping" Rule.

Politico Morning Tax: So, about being bipartisan

By Bernie Becker & Toby Eckert
August 8, 2017

TRICKLING, TRICKLING IN: Business groups have answered the Trump administration's call for feedback on tax regulations issued under former President Barack Obama, The Hill's Naomi Jagoda reports. The Treasury Department has asked for input on eight rules it finds too burdensome, including the Section 385 regulations on earnings stripping that had lots of companies up in arms in 2016. Outside groups had until Monday to comment on the rules, and among the groups pushing to repeal Section 385 are The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers. Groups on the left, meanwhile, are fighting to keep them. (**Americans for Tax Fairness** and Daily Kos are leading a campaign that's led to more than 63,000 comments calling for corporations to pay their fair share.)

The Hill: Groups weigh in on Obama-era tax rules targeted for changes

By Naomi Jagoda
August 4, 2017

The FACT Coalition also joined a number of liberal groups — including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Daily Kos, Credo and Public Citizen — in sending another letter recommending that Treasury keep the debt-equity rule “in its entirety.”

PR Week: Why the coming fight over tax policy will have an ‘80s beat

By Chris Daniels
August 4, 2017

"Really the way we're going to win this is the same way that we've so far won the healthcare fight, which is by getting everyday people who have not seriously been involved in political activism before to understand the stakes, go to their members of Congress, sit in their offices, and tell their stories," says T.J. Helmstetter, communications director for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a campaign made up of more than 435 national, state, and local endorsing organizations.

The Nation: Op-ed: Democrats Need to Find Their Voice on Tax Reform

By Robert L. Borosage
August 4, 2017

The public is already dubious about the argument that tax cuts to the rich and corporations will lead to jobs. A June survey by Hart Research for **Americans for Tax Fairness** (which is not yet a public document) showed that, by a remarkable five-to-one ratio, voters prefer that revenue raised from closing loopholes be used to pay for public investment in infrastructure, health care, and education (84 percent), not to lower corporate tax rates (which gained only 16 percent support). Six in 10 Americans would support taxing companies that stash profits abroad as a priority for reform.

The Hill: Liberal groups launch campaign to oppose tax cuts for the wealthy

By Naomi Jagoda
August 3, 2017

What remained was a "reform" plan any self-serving billionaire could love. Virtually all of the cuts — 99.6 percent of them — would go to the top 1 percent, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, cutting approximately \$1.5 trillion from Medicaid while giving roughly \$2 trillion in tax cuts to corporations. The House's "reform" plan would also cut nearly \$500 billion from Medicare.

Politico Morning Tax: Digging in

By Bernie Becker
August 2, 2017

The view from the left: Democrats like Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon remain concerned that a steep reduction in taxes on pass-throughs could lead to a major loophole, as partners in lucrative partnerships could take advantage and mischaracterize capital gains income as wage income at a lower rate. Along similar lines, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said after Tuesday's meeting that the administration's 15 percent business rate is "a massive tax giveaway for Wall Street hedge fund managers, big law firms, and real estate developers like Trump."

Truth-out (Blog): Kochs and Trump Team Up to Cut Billionaires' Taxes

By Richard Eskow
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The Hill: White House aide hopes to see tax reform done by November

By Naomi Jagoda
July 31, 2017

But Monday's event drew criticism from progressives. Several liberal groups — including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Tax March and Public Citizen — organized a protest outside of the Newseum.

Common Dreams: Koch Brothers, Mnuchin, Draw D.C. Protesters at Corporate Tax Giveaway Convention

By Jake Johnson
July 31, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness, Public Citizen, and several other watchdog groups descended on the nation's capital Monday to express their discontent with proposals that have been characterized as "absolutely immoral" attempts to give huge tax breaks to the wealthy and massive corporations.

Common Dreams: No Tax Cuts For Millionaires and Corporations Paid for by Cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Education, and Middle Class Priorities

July 31, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on a demonstration event.

TechGuava: Editorial, 7/29: Transparency wins out on health care legislation

By Miguel Ortega
July 29, 2017

Saturday's event has attracted more than 60 partners, counting among them Planned Parenthood, Doctors for America, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Human Rights Campaign and Women's March, which held the first nationwide protests against Donald Trump's presidency the day after his inauguration. That capped a week of failed Senate votes on whether to simply repeal, or repeal and replace, the 2010 law, while Trump repeatedly berated lawmakers in a late attempt to influence the legislation.

Steelers Lounge (Blog): Retailers Welcome Removal of Border Tax from Tax Reform Plan

By Andrew Harnik

July 29, 2017

"The statement of the big six today revealed little about their true intentions, which is to craft a plan that will give massive tax breaks to millionaires and wealthy corporations at the expense of the middle class and working families," said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**."

Bustle: How To Find A Health Care March Near You, Because You Can't Let Your Guard Down Yet

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert

July 27, 2017

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Common Dreams: The Republican Tax Plan: Not Real Tax Reform, Just a Tax Cut For The Rich That Will Cut Priorities For Everyone Else

July 27, 2017

Common Dreams published **ATF's** press release on GOP Tax Plan.

Common Dreams: GOP's Vague New Tax Plan Can't Hide True Aim: Massive Tax Cuts for Wealthy

By Jake Johnson

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USA Today: White House and GOP leaders tout deal to cut taxes, but offer no details

By Herb Jackson
July 27, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, pointed to a 2018 budget resolution that passed the House Budget Committee with only Republican support that would have offset tax cuts with reductions to Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare.

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Accounting Today: Republican leaders release tax reform update

By Michael Cohn
July 27, 2017

The advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** believes the joint statement points the way to tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations. "The statement of the Big Six today revealed little about their true intentions, which is to craft a plan that will give massive tax breaks to millionaires and wealthy corporations at the expense of the middle class and working families," said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "As we know from the Republican budget proposals, the tax cuts will mostly be paid for by cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, education and other critical services. We need real tax reform that makes the wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share of taxes, not giant tax cuts for the rich and powerful while services for everyone else get slashed."

Common Dreams: GOP's Deja Vu Budget Slashes Social Programs to Fund Tax Cuts for Rich

By Jessica Corbet
July 18, 2017

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Common Dreams: ATF Reaction to GOP House Budget

July 18, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on GOP Budget.

Politico Morning Tax: Some assistant secretary movement

By Bernie Becker

July 18, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness and other groups on the left took some credit for that full mailbox, saying they had helped to generate some 375,000 submissions opposing tax cuts for the rich. (A letter signed by 71 groups made similar points, insisting that "'tax reform' should not mean more tax giveaways for the wealthy and big corporations that are already flourishing.")

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The Hill: GOP chairman gets hundreds of thousands of comments on tax reform

By Naomi Jagoda

July 17, 2017

An email-writing effort sponsored by **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), Daily Kos and several other liberal groups resulted in more than 375,000 comments to Hatch, a spokesman for ATF said. Activists who sent letters as part of the effort urged Congress to have high-income people and corporations to pay their "fair share" in taxes and to use the additional tax revenue for infrastructure, education and healthcare programs.

The Nation: Tell Senator Orrin Hatch What ‘Experts and Stakeholders’ Really Think of His Tax Plan

By Rosy Alvarez
July 14, 2017

The Nation has joined with **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund**, People Demanding Action, Daily Kos and others to call on Congress and Senator Orrin Hatch to create a tax plan that won't cut necessary programs or give the very wealthy even more of a break. The senator will only be taking comments until Monday, July 17, so we need to act quickly. Take a minute now to write to Senator Orrin Hatch and demand a just tax plan.

Politicus USA: As You Lose Your Coverage, Insurance Companies Will Get A \$145 Billion Tax Cut From Trumpcare

By Jason Easley
July 14, 2017

According to statement from the **Americans for Tax Fairness** provided to PoliticusUSA, “While millions of people will lose their health insurance and health coverage as a result of Republican plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the nation’s 8 largest health insurance corporations will get a tax cut of about \$72 billion over the next decade, according to new estimates from **Americans for Tax Fairness**. These companies will get nearly half of the \$145 billion 10-year tax cut for the entire insurance industry estimated by the Joint Committee on Taxation.”

Common Dreams: The 8 Largest Health Insurance Companies Will Get a \$72 Billion Tax Cut From GOP Health Care Repeal Over Next Decade

By Americans for Tax Fairness
July 14, 2017

Common Dreams published **ATF’s** press release on ACA repeal.

Z Net: Trump Tax Agenda

By Jake Johnson
June 20, 2017

As **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found in a study also published on Wednesday, among the principal beneficiaries of the Senate’s plan would be Trump himself.

Fortune: Trump May Have Lost Millions in Tax Breaks Thanks to a GOP Health Bill Tweak

By Lisa Fu
July 13, 2017

A study by the **Americans for Tax Fairness** first reported that repealing the provision would have meant a large tax cut for President Trump. Trump, who earns an annual income between \$38 million and \$74 million, according to his public financial disclosure form filed with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, easily falls into the category of individuals subject to the NIIT. The **Americans for Tax Fairness** applied the 3.8% tax to his estimated annual income to calculate that the president would receive a tax cut between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million annually if the repeal managed to be approved by the Senate.

El Tiempo Hispano: How many people would lose coverage?

July 13, 2017

Washington, DC - The US Senate is considering GOP health care repeal bill that will take health care away from 22 million poor, working and middle-class families by 2026-to give nearly \$ 600 billion in tax breaks to the wealthy and drug and insurance companies, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and explained in this **Americans for Tax Fairness** editorial board memo.

Kaiser Health News: Juxtaposition Of Slashing Services For Poor, Deep Tax Cuts For Wealthy Hard To Sell To Constituents

July 13, 2017

The elimination of an Affordable Care Act tax could result in a personal tax cut for President Trump of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year, according to a liberal advocacy group. **Americans for Tax Fairness** said the elimination of the 3.8% net investment income tax would, by its estimates, result in the big cut. The group based its estimates on Trump's financial disclosure form.

Common Dreams: Trump Tax Agenda: 'Astonishing' Cuts for Rich Like Him and Hikes for Middle Class

By Jake Johnson
July 12, 2017

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ATF estimated that "President Trump could get a personal tax cut of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year" if Republicans succeed in repealing the Net Investment Income Tax, a key Obamacare tax aimed at the rich.

USA Today: ATF: President Trump could get \$2.8M tax cut with Obamacare tax repeal

By Jessica Estepa
July 12, 2017

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The tax in question was enacted as part of ACA and applies to individuals with a net investment income of \$200,000 or more. That income is defined as rental income, interest, dividends and capital gains.

CNBnews: Data Shows How Many People Would Lose Coverage from U.S. Senate Health Care Bill

June 29, 2017

"President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people," said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "But the Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies. Many working families in New Jersey will find it a lot harder to access health care. President Trump needs to support Medicaid, not millionaires."

Think Progress: At Trump campaign fundraiser, a scene from the Gilded Age

By Rebekah Entralgo
June 29, 2017

The protest, organized by Public Citizen, Every Voice, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and Working Families Party, occurred during Trump's first campaign fundraiser. The fundraiser had it all, really: conflicts of interest, pay-to-play politics, and self-enrichment. It cost at least \$35,000 to attend (\$110,000 if you want to be a member of the host committee).

Health Nut News: Forbes: Walmart workers cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion in public assistance

By Erin Elizabeth
June 28, 2017

Using data from a 2013 study by Democratic staff from the U.S. Committee on Education and the Workforce, the “**Americans for Tax Fairness**” (a coalition of 400 national and state-level progressive groups) found, “The study estimated the cost to Wisconsin’s taxpayers of Walmart’s low wages and benefits, which often force workers to rely on various public assistance programs. It found that a single Walmart Supercenter cost taxpayers between \$904,542 and \$1.75 million per year, or between \$3,015 and \$5,815 on average for each of 300 workers.”

Common Dreams (ATF Op-ed): Senate Health Bill Slashes Medicaid to Cut Millionaires’ Taxes

By Frank Clemente
June 28, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF’s op-ed.

Common Dreams (ATF Op-ed): Big Pharma Gets \$28 Billion Tax Break in GOP Trumpcare Plan

By Will Rice
June 22, 2017

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Our Future (Blog): Big Pharma Gets \$28 Billion Tax Break in GOP Trumpcare Plan

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Campaign for America’s Future published ATF’s op-ed.

The Progressive: Paul Ryan Jumps At 'Once-in-a-Generation Moment' To Make the Rich Richer

By Evan Popp
June 21, 2017

In a statement responding to Ryan’s speech and proposed plan, **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director Frank Clemente said Ryan “is not serious about tax reform” and is “going to pay for those deficit-exploding giveaways by cutting Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, public education, and a whole lot more.”

Wall Street Journal: Paul Ryan Talks Up Likelihood of Tax Overhaul

By Richard Rubin
June 20, 2017

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Fox Business: Paul Ryan Talks Up Likelihood of Tax Overhaul — 2nd Update

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Common Dreams: In Major Tax Speech, Paul Ryan Lays Out Plan to Lavish Rich With Tax Cuts

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June 20, 2017

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Common Dreams: Statement on Paul Ryan's Speech Today on Tax Reform

June 20, 2017

Common Dreams published **ATF's** press release on Paul Ryan's Tax Reform Speech.

MSN.com: Can lower business taxes trickle down to the middle class?

By Andrew Soergel
June 9, 2017

Brill faced pushback, though, from both Sahadi – who said in her opening remarks that she "firmly [doesn't] think my company's going to give me higher wages if their taxes are cut" – and Frank Clemente, the executive director of the more liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness** advocacy group.

The National Memo: GOP Obamacare Repeal Would Kick 23 Million Off Health Insurance And Give Trillion-Dollar Tax Cut To People Who Don't Need It

By Steven Rosenfield
May 26, 2017

Syndicated from AlterNet

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By Steven Rosenfield
May 25, 2017

“The CBO tells us that at least 23 million people will lose health coverage under the Trump-Republican health plan, including 14 million by next year—most due to \$830 billion in Medicaid cuts. On top of that, the president's budget proposes cutting ANOTHER \$600 billion dollars from Medicaid, and it slashes Social Security Disability Insurance,” said Frank Clemente, executive director, **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “So between Trump's health care bill and his budget, Trump is breaking three core promises he made to his supporters over and over again: that he wouldn’t cut Medicaid, that he wouldn’t cut Social Security, and no one would lose their health insurance. Why? So that millionaires, billionaires and corporations can get giant tax cuts.”

Truth-Out (Blog): Walmart's \$237 Million Man: How Americans Subsidize Inequality

By Sam Pizzigati
May 24, 2017

At Walmart, suggests Memphis retail worker union president Lonnie Sheppard, that magical "proven talent" just happens to include fleecing taxpayers. Walmart pays its workers so little, Sheppard notes, that huge numbers of them "are forced to rely on public assistance programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and subsidized housing."

In 2014, **Americans for Tax Fairness** has computed, providing that assistance cost American taxpayers \$6.2 billion.

Common Dreams: CBO: Trumpcare Would Strip Coverage From 23 Million, Make It Worse for the Rest

By Diedre Fulton
May 24, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, responded to the CBO score by reminding people that ultimately the Trumpcare effort is about tax cuts for the rich and should be seen as a major betrayal of the promises the president made to voters during last year's presidential campaign.

PoliticusUSA: The Effort To Get Trump’s Tax Returns Just Got Its First House Republican Supporter

By Jason Easley
May 17, 2017

Frank Clemente, Executive Director, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said in a statement provided to PoltiicusUSA, “Sooner or later, Republicans in Congress will need to put the nation’s needs above a partisan agenda. With President Trump’s ties to Russia now a full-blown national security scandal, it’s never been more crucial for the public to see what President Trump is hiding in his taxes. We thank Congressman Jones for joining the effort to demand President Trump’s taxes, and we hope more of his Republican colleagues will join him.”

Tax Notes: Legal Scholars Question Trump Attorneys’ Analysis of Russia Ties

By Jonathan Curry and Luca Gattoni-Celli
May 15, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director Frank Clemente told Tax Analysts in a statement that the letter “is about as transparent as Trump has been with his tax returns” and a “distraction” from the ways Trump may have structured his businesses. “Trump may well be using his cloaked Delaware businesses or other shadow businesses he may have registered in tax havens around the world to maintain extensive financial relationships with Russian oligarchs,” Clemente said, insisting the letter does not “substitute for the public’s right to see Trump’s taxes.”

Fund Strategy: Corporate chaos? Fund managers weigh in on Trump tax plan

By Valentina Romano
May 15, 2017

However, according to lobbying group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a 20 percentage point cut to corporate tax rates alone would add \$2.4tn to the national debt.

Common Dreams: Trump's Tax Returns "More Important Than Ever" Amid Election Probe

By Nadia Prupis
May 11, 2017

TJ Helmstetter, spokesperson for **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), a campaign to end tax loopholes for corporations and the wealthy, said in response to the interview, "Trump has finally given up the bogus notion that imaginary audits prevent him from releasing his taxes—now he says that he won't release them until after he's out of office. Outrageous."

Yahoo: Live: Reactions to President Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey

By Yahoo Staff
May 9, 2017

T.J. Helmstetter, a spokesperson for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said the firing of Comey made it even more important that Trump release his tax returns: "Donald Trump has now fired three prominent senior Justice Department officials who were connected to investigations into his administration: Sally Yates, Preet Bharara, and James Comey. There has never been a more important time to review Trump's tax returns. Congress has the power to demand to see Trump's taxes. It's time for Paul Ryan to bring the Presidential Tax Transparency Act (H.R. 305) to a vote immediately."

Alternet: The GOP's Latest Health Care Replacement Bill Is Even More Heartless Than First Thought

By Steven Rosenfield
May 4, 2017

An economic analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Healthcare for America Now, both progressive coalitions, broke down how the Obamacare repeal bill was a massive giveaway to the wealthy, insurers and the drug industry at the expense of people who are now covered or will see premiums skyrocket.

"The GOP plan will deprive 24 million Americans of healthcare coverage and drive up the cost of coverage for millions more, especially older people and people in rural America. At the same time, it will create tax breaks worth about \$600 billion that will mostly go to health insurance companies, prescription drug manufacturers and the wealthy," the summary said. It gave the following breakdown.

Investico: Weekly Market Review: Can Trump's tax plan stimulate the economy?

By Kristina Harper
May 2, 2017

Keep in mind that this is just a brief outline of a tax plan. It was a set of bullet points on one page, suggesting that it is just a starting point for what is likely to be heavy negotiations. That makes sense given that a number of organizations — including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, and the conservative Tax Foundation — all project that this tax plan could result in a loss of approximately \$5 trillion to \$6 trillion — or higher — in tax revenue over the next decade. This of course would come at a time when our national debt is high and many conservative politicians are focused on reducing the deficit.

Bloomberg: Trump's Tax Plan Could Turn 'Everyone and Their Dog' Into an LLC (Syndicated in 20 additional outlets)

by David Kocieniewski
April 28, 2017

"Trump is seeking to dramatically reduce his own tax bill," said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning advocacy group.

Univision: The economic theory (never proven) of the times of Reagan after the tax plan of Trump

By Carlos Chirinos
April 27, 2017

"George W. Bush, who can not be remembered as the president of the jobs, also relied on this idea of trickle down , but his tax cuts aggravated debt. Trump risks becoming even worse, " Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition that promotes tax reforms with a liberal outlook , told Univision News.

Public Finance International: Trump's 'reckless' plan to slash taxes will cost trillions, say critics

By Emma Rumney
April 27, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of campaign group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, agreed that the "reckless" plan would add trillions to the deficit, which could only be offset with "drastic cuts to essential services and lowering the standard of living for regular American families". "Unacceptable," he continued. "The White House line that 'tax cuts will pay for themselves' is a lie that has been debunked repeatedly, including by the conservative Tax Foundation."

Associated Press: Trump tax plan stands to benefit the man in the White House (Syndicated in 155 additional outlets)

By Josh Boak and Bernard Condon
April 27, 2017

"We should see his tax returns," said Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** in Washington. "We have no idea what deductions he's taking; whether he's still paying the alternative minimum tax."

The Hill (ATF Op-ed): Demanding transparency and fairness from Trump tax plan

By John Green, Sarah Anderson & Frank Clemente
April 27, 2017

On April 15, hundreds of thousands of protesters marched in cities across the country demanding that President Trump release his tax returns.

This modicum of transparency has been an uncontroversial tradition of American politics for decades. But this was only part of what motivated protesters.

Opposing Views: Perez criticizes Trump's tax cut

By Jordan Smith
April 27, 2017

Perez was not the only one disappointed with Trump's tax plan. Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** stated that the changes would add \$2.4 trillion to the national debt.

"So, how would Trump's White House make up the shortfall? By drastic cuts to essential services and lowering the standard of living for regular American families. Unacceptable," said Clemente. "The White House line that 'tax cuts will pay for themselves' is a lie that has been debunked repeatedly, including by the conservative Tax Foundation. We will fight this tax plan tooth and nail, and we'll be joined by Americans of all political stripes in doing so."

Huffington Post: Trump Tax Plan Would Slash Corporate Tax Rates, Offer Breaks On Overseas Profits

By Amanda Becker and Steve Holland
April 26, 2017
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CBS News: Who are the winners and losers in Trump's tax plan?

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April 26, 2017

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Big winners: pass-through businesses. The point here is to allow small businesses, as well as professional organizations like medical practices, to get the same treatment as corporations -- with the result being more consumer spending and more jobs. After all, small businesses account for the bulk of job creation. To the president's critics, his plan is a large conflict of interest. "Trump is seeking to dramatically reduce his own tax bill, while at the same time refusing to show the American people what he already pays in taxes," **Americans for Tax Fairness'** Clemente said.

Common Dreams: 'Goldman Sachs Populism': Trump Tax Plan Benefits Ultra-Wealthy—Like Him

By Dierde Fulton

April 26, 2017

Responding to Wednesday's announcement, **Americans for Tax Fairness** was just one voice in a chorus vowing to "fight this tax plan tooth and nail."

Reuters: Trump tax plan will sharply slash corporate tax rates

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POLITICO: Instead of launching tax reform, Trump could ground it

By Ben White & Nancy Cook
April 25, 2017

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Tax Analysts: White House Officials Remain Tight-Lipped on Tax Plan Details

By Jonathan Curry
April 25, 2017

In a statement, **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director Frank Clemente said Trump’s decision to seek a 15 percent corporate tax rate is evidence that he has “abandoned his promise to end a rigged system in Washington.

New York Times: Trump’s Tax Plan: Low Rate for Corporations, and for Companies Like His

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis, Alan Rappeport, Kate Kelly and Rachel Abrams
April 25, 2017

“Yesterday, we learned President Trump wants to slash the corporate tax rate, even though corporations already dodge most of their tax responsibilities while making record profits,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “Today, we find out it’s even worse. In trying to slash taxes for ‘pass through’ business entities, Trump is seeking to dramatically reduce his own tax bill.”

U.S. News: Trump to Push 15 Percent Corporate Tax Rate

By Andrew Soergel
April 24, 2017

If Trump were on our side, he'd make the wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share of taxes so that the economy could work for all of us, not just the wealthy few," Frank Clemente, executive director of the left-leaning advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement Monday.

CBS News: Trump takes aim at Obama's ban on "tax inversions"

By Larry Light
April 21, 2017

But to Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness**, permitting tax inversions again will bring Americans very few boons. He termed it "ironic" that Mr. Trump campaigned for keeping jobs on American soil, "but he also wants to let companies ship them overseas" to get a tax break.

POLITICO Pro: Trump's regulation order rekindles inversion debate

By Aaron Lorenzo
April 21, 2017

Foes of the debt-equity recharacterization should sue the administration in court if they want redress, said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Trump's position conflicts with supporters who voted him into office, he added.

Ultimately, tax reform legislation should obviate the need for these rules, Clemente said.

Common Dreams: Trump's Five Worst Tax Secrets, Revealed

By Richard Eskow
April 17, 2017

Trump's third tax secret? The attack on the Affordable Care Act is just the start of tax clawbacks. His tax plan represents a massive tax giveaway to his billionaire friends and associates, and to corporations that are also paying far less than their official tax rate. **Americans for Tax Fairness** examine the injustice behind [Trump's tax plan](#), including the fact that it would raise taxes on roughly 9 million families while lowering the top tax rate even more.

Newsmax: Marches Set Nationwide to Protest Trump Tax Returns

By Wanda Caruthers
April 16, 2017

"We're seeing this as the beginning of a push against Republican and Trump tax plans," said **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director Frank Clemente, whose group is a partner in the march.

Hi-Tech Chronicle: Activists Marking Tax Day By Demanding Trump Release Taxes

By Hi-Tech Chronicle
April 16, 2017

"Without seeing his taxes we'll never really know who he's working for", said Dinkin, who expects the marches to draw at least 100,000 protesters. **Tax Day marches** are scheduled in three North Carolina cities to protest President Donald Trump refusing to release his tax returns. "The President's refusal to release his tax returns is bad in several ways", Schumer responded. For four decades, presidents and major party nominees have released some of their tax returns, with the exception of Gerald Ford. Jennifer Taub sparked the effort following her participation in Boston's women's march the day after Trump's inauguration.

Huffington Post: Nationwide Tax Day Marches Demand Donald Trump Release His Tax Returns

By Daniel Marans
April 15, 2017

The progressive organizations and labor unions sponsoring the march include Indivisible, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, MoveOn.org, Public Citizen, Demos, Credo, the Working Families Party, the National Women's Law Center and the American Federation of Teachers.

Common Dreams: Tax Day Marchers Want to Know: What Is Trump Hiding?

By Peter Dreier
April 14, 2017

A broad coalition of activists -- which includes the leaders of the January women's marches that galvanized five million people in cities across the country, MoveOn.org, the American Federation of Teachers, the Indivisible Project (which has inspired more than 7,000 local groups to organize, including protests at local town halls sponsored by members of Congress), **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for Popular Democracy (a network of local community organizing groups), and Our Revolution (the organization built from Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign) -- are sponsoring the Tax Day events. In Washington, D.C. they intend to walk from the U.S. Capitol to the White House, passing both Trump's hotel and the IRS building.

The Hill: Nationwide marches set to protest Trump tax returns

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Investor’s Business Daily: Myth Busted: Taxpayers Are Not Subsidizing Wal-Mart's Low Wages

April 13, 2017

Sheppard goes on to write that "According to a 2014 report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Wal-Mart receives an estimated \$6.2 billion in subsidies every year, primarily from the Federal Government." If Wal-Mart would only pay its workers more, the argument goes, taxpayers would save all this money.

Investment News: Free online tax filing proposed in Senate

By Investment News
April 12, 2017

The bill has been endorsed by over 40 law professors and economists, and is endorsed by the National Consumer Law Center on behalf of its low-income clients, Americans for Financial Reform, the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and the Hispanic Federation, according to a release from Sen. Elizabeth Warren, one of the bill's 11` democratic sponsors.

Huffington Post: Op-ed: Top 3 Reasons Trump Must Release His Tax Returns

By Frank Clemente, **Americans for Tax Fairness**
April 10, 2017

President Trump claims ordinary people “don’t care at all” that he’s the first chief executive in more than 40 years not to release his tax returns. But a January Washington Post-ABC News poll found three quarters (74%) of Americans say Trump should release his tax returns. That includes a majority (53%) of Republicans.

A White House petition demanding Trump release his tax returns broke a record for signatures within six days of being posted. It has since collected more than one million signatures.

This broad-based public demand makes sense. There are at least three important questions that can only be answered by the release of President Trump’s tax returns.

Common Dreams: April 15: National Protests on Tax Day Demand Trump Release His Tax Returns

By National Working Families Party
April 10, 2017

Today, the National Working Families Party announced their participation in the Tax Day March. President Trump’s financial ties to Russia are causing growing questions for both Democrats and Republicans. As a result, thousands of people plan to gather in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at 11 a.m. The Tax March was an idea that started on Twitter, but has gained momentum on and offline, with over 135 marches planned in cities across the country. A full list of Tax Day marches can be found here: <http://taxmarch.org/>.

WFP will join **Americans for Tax Fairness**, American Federation of Teachers, Center for Popular Democracy, Indivisible Project, MoveOn.org, Our Revolution, Philadelphia Jobs with Justice, and nearly 50 other organizations to organize the April 15 events.

Axios: The left's next Tea Party

By Jonathan Swan
April 9, 2017

- More than 60 groups will participate, including MoveOn.org, CREW, Communications Workers of America, American Federation of Teachers, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Indivisible, the Sunlight Foundation, and Our Revolution (the group that spun off from Bernie Sanders' campaign.)
- Organizers are planning more than 100 marches around the country. The Tax March in D.C. will begin with a rally outside the Capitol, before proceeding past the Trump International Hotel and the IRS building.

USA Today: The Walmart Tax Every American Taxpayer Pays (Column)

By Lonnie Shephard
April 8, 2017

According to a 2014 report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart receives an estimated \$6.2 billion in subsidies every year, primarily from the Federal Government.

The reason? The world's largest retailer, infamous for its poor working conditions and unfair treatment of employees, pays its workers so little that thousands of Walmart employees are forced to rely on public assistance programs like food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing. Programs funded by American taxpayers.

Accounting Today: Democrats introduce bills to stem corporate tax havens

By Michael Cohn
April 5, 2017

Both bills have been endorsed by the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Fair Share, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the Main Street Alliance, Oxfam America, Public Citizen, U.S. PIRG, and American Sustainable Business Council.

The Hill: Americans abroad lobby for tax changes

By Naomi Jagoda
April 5, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said his group feels "very strongly about transparency" and would push back against efforts to repeal FATCA.

Common Dreams: Resolution to Get Trump's Taxes from Steven Mnuchin Faces Vote Tuesday

By Nadia Prupis
March 28, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said all the recent activism shows this is an issue "that the American people care a great deal about."

"It's important for members of the Ways and Means Committee be on the record. This vote is an opportunity to bring more accountability, transparency, and honesty to our political system," Clemente said. "If this resolution fails, the public should know which members of Congress are continuing to allow President Trump to hide his business dealings and possible conflicts of interests, and the ways that he could gain personally from his tax plan."

The Hill: Protesters plan 'Tax March' on Washington demanding Trump's tax returns

By Brooke Seipel
March 28, 2017

Several organizations are partnering to create the march, including Indivisible, Public Citizen, Stand Up America and **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Voice of America: Ending Tax Avoidance An Alternative to Federal Funding Cuts

By Cecily Hilleary
March 16, 2017

President Donald Trump's blueprint budget calls for a dramatic increase in defense and homeland security spending, offset by deep cuts to foreign aid and federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Marketplace: What it might mean if Trump succeeds in cutting the business tax rate

By Mitchell Hartman

March 16, 2017

ATF's Frank Clemente was interviewed by American Public Media's "Marketplace" program to discuss President Trump's proposal to cut the corporate tax rate. The interview appeared on nearly 1,000 radio stations across the country.

POLITICO: Five things to know about Trump's leaked tax return

By Brian Faler

March 15, 2017

"Without the alternative minimum tax, Donald Trump would have paid a lower tax rate in 2005 than the poorest half of Americans," said Frank Clemente, head of the liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "Trump wants to abolish the AMT. Now we know why."

NPR: In 2005, Trump Was Hit With A Tax That He Now Wants To Abolish (Syndicated in 89 additional outlets)

By Jim Zarroli

March 15, 2017

"Without the alternative minimum tax, Donald Trump would have paid a lower tax rate in 2005 than the poorest half of Americans — just 3.48 percent — despite income of more than \$150 million. Trump wants to abolish the AMT. Now we know why," said **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director Frank Clemente.

CBS News: A Trump tax return revealed -- here's what accountants think of it

By Larry Light
March 15, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which favors taxing the wealthy more, pointed out that Mr. Trump derives his income from more than 500 business entities, each with its own income stream and tax filing. "It's in those filings that you would see names and sources of income," he said. "The tax return that we're looking at, we're not going to see that -- those are all summaries and rollups of what's in the filing of individual entities."

Common Dreams: Group Slams Report of GOP Health Plan to Tax Workers While Rich Get Richer

By Nadia Prupis
March 6, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)—a coalition of hundreds of organizations including the AFL-CIO, the Leadership Conference on Human and Civil Rights, Main Street Alliance, National Council of La Raza, SEIU, and the Working Families Party—issued the statement in response to reporting last Thursday that the repeal plan would impose \$200 billion in new taxes on middle-class workers by taxing their health benefits for the first time ever.

"House Republicans want to tax workers' healthcare benefits rather than continue to require the wealthiest Americans and big healthcare corporations to help finance health care for 20 million people now getting covered under the ACA. If true, the GOP healthcare repeal plan means the rich will get richer, millions will lose their healthcare, and workers will pick up the tab," said ATF executive director Frank Clemente.

Common Dreams: House Republican ACA Repeal Plan Replaces Taxes on Rich and Corporations with Taxes on Middle-Class Workers

March 6, 2017
Common Dreams published **ATF's** press release on ACA repeal.

The Nation: Op-ed: Democrats Can't Be Distracted By Trump's Russian Circus

By Robert L. Borosage
March 1, 2017

"It's Time to Investigate Trump's Kremlin Klan," wrote Representative Maxine Waters in a dear colleague letter. The **Americans for Tax Fairness** Action Fund has collected 450,000 signatures demanding the Congress force the release of Trump's tax returns to investigate for Russian connections. Rep. Jerry Nadler has filed a resolution for an impeachment proceeding. Another group seeks funds to support effigies of Trump as "Putin's puppet."

Obviously, Russian interference in the election merits investigation. Prior collusion would constitute possible grounds for impeachment. Secret financial dealings or perverse stunts in Russia that could compromise the president need to be exposed.

Common Dreams: Column: Will Trump's Tax Records Be the Next Pentagon Papers?

By Peter Dreier
February 28, 2017

A broad coalition of activists—which so far includes the leaders of the January women's marches that galvanized five million people in cities across the country, MoveOn.org, the American Federation of Teachers, the Indivisible Project (which has inspired more than 7,000 local groups to organize, including protests at local town halls sponsored by members of Congress), **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for Popular Democracy (a network of local community organizing groups), and Our Revolution (the organization built from Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign)—are planning a massive Tax March on April 15 to demand that Trump release his tax returns. They intend to walk from the U.S. Capitol to the White House, passing both Trump's hotel and the IRS building. They also expect to organize marches in more than 60 cities across the country.

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Morning Consult: Executive Lobbying War Breaks Out Over Border Tax Proposal

By Ryan Rainey
February 21, 2017

“We’ve been sort of content to let corporate America fight this one out,” said Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Daily Caller: Burger King Spends \$1.8 Billion Eating Up The Fried Chicken Business

By Thomas Phippen
February 21, 2017

The left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** said Burger King was able to save the \$1.2 billion in taxes over a five year period by re-incorporating in Canada, which has a 26 percent corporate tax rate, compared to the U.S.’s 33 percent rate.

POLITICO: Democrats plan Tax Day anti-Trump protests

By Gabriel DeBenedetti
February 15, 2017

Ever since millions of demonstrators hit the streets the day after Trump’s inauguration — and then protests erupted at airports the following weekend in response to the administration’s executive order restricting travel — party leaders have sought to turn the energy into sustained pressure on the White House. Other groups helping organize the April 15 protest include the Indivisible Project, **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Center for Popular Democracy.

BuzzFeed News: Progressives Want Tax Day To Be The Next Women’s March Protest

By Ruby Cramer
February 15, 2017

A coalition of liberal groups is organizing the march, including Bernie Sanders’ Our Revolution, MoveOn.org, the Indivisible Project, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for Popular Democracy, and the American Federation of Teachers.

Leftopia: Trump's Infrastructure "Plan" is Another Tax Giveaway for the Rich

January 28, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness contrasts the Democrats' plan with Trump's, in ATF Applauds Senate Democrats' Infrastructure Plan Funded by Closing Tax Loopholes,

"This ambitious and doable plan by Senate Democrats stands in sharp contrast to the phony infrastructure proposal put forward by President Trump. That plan is a massive tax giveaway to Wall Street investors. It is not a serious plan to repair our crumbling infrastructure.

"Trump wants to give big tax credits to Wall Street investors to encourage them to build infrastructure projects that generate a steady stream of toll or other user-fee revenue. Charging expensive tolls and user fees to earn big profits for Wall Street investors just hurts the pocketbooks of average taxpayers. It also ensures projects will be developed where they can generate the most profits for investors, not where they are most needed.

"It would be less expensive for all taxpayers if corporations and the wealthy were made to pay their fair share of taxes, with the revenue paying for direct investment in new roads, bridges and water systems, as Senate Democrats have proposed."

Pharmacy Choice (ATF Op-ed): Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families

By Frank Clemente & Ron Pollack
January 25, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Otherword's: Op-ed: Trump's First Test on Taxes

By Chuck Collins
January 25, 2017

Our first billionaire president has nominated a cabinet that includes two billionaires and at least ten multi-millionaires, whose combined net worth is estimated at over \$13 billion. As a group, they're part of the tiny segment of U.S. society that will personally benefit from such targeted tax cuts for the wealthy.

Under the GOP plan, Mnuchin's taxes would be cut by \$3.3 million a year, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. And his heirs would get an extra \$160 million if the estate tax is abolished.

Common Dreams: Most Trump Voters Didn't Vote to Make Richest Richer, But GOP Congress Is About To

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Huffington Post (ATF Op-ed: Wrong Address: Trump's Inaugural Misdirects Blame for Workers' Woes (Away from Him)

By Frank Clemente
January 24, 2017

In his inaugural address, Donald Trump correctly reported a crime—the ongoing rip-off of America's working families—but misidentified the culprits. That's not surprising, since he's one of them and plans to accelerate the theft now that he's in power.

Hard Asset Protection: Blog: Many of Big Pharma's overpriced medications developed with taxpayer-funded research

By Vicki Batts, Natural News
January 24, 2017

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Common Dreams: Trump’s Proposed Treasury Secretary Could Get \$3.3 Million Tax Cut Annually from Trump Tax Plan

January 19, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness estimates that Steven T. Mnuchin, President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. Treasury Secretary, could slash his personal tax bill by up to roughly \$3.3 million a year should Trump's tax plan become law. He would save similar amounts if House Speaker Paul Ryan's tax plan were enacted. Repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) alone could cut Mnuchin's taxes by up to about \$500,000 a year by eliminating two Medicare taxes on high-income filers.

'Common Dreams: Government Sachs': Protesters Dressed as Swamp Creatures Launch Sit-In at Goldman HQ

By Nina Knight
January 18, 2017

Meanwhile, on Wednesday a new analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of groups fighting for tax reform, shows Mnuchin stands to personally see an annual tax cut as high as \$3.3 million under Trump's tax plan.

"Steven Mnuchin has stated that under Trump's tax plan '[t]here will be no absolute tax cut for the upper class,'" said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in a statement. "But that's at complete odds with the tax plans proposed by candidate Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan. At his confirmation hearing, Mnuchin should be grilled about how as treasury secretary he would fix those plans so that they meet his test. Given how much Mnuchin stands to personally gain from these tax plans, the public may view Mnuchin's confirmation as treasury secretary as akin to having the bank robber guard the bank."

TaxProf Blog: Tax Policy In The Trump Administration

By Paul Caron
January 15, 2017

The Tax Prof Blog linked to the USA Today op-ed written by **Frank Clemente** and Families USA's Ron Pollack, [Obamacare Repeal Helps Rich, Hurts Poor.](#)

Huffington Post: Rex Tillerson Says Oil Companies Don't Take Handouts. Exxon Mobil Gets \$1 Billion A Year.

By Alexander C. Kaufman
January 12, 2017

"These guys get tax handouts left and right," Ron Eckstein, communications director for the nonprofit **Americans for Tax Fairness**, told HuffPost. "[Tillerson] can categorize them as fossil-fuel or manufacturing or business, but Exxon has access to deductions that small businesses and regular families would never get. It's indisputable."

USA Today (ATF Op-ed): How Obamacare repeal helps rich, hurts poor

By Frank Clemente and Ron Pollack
January 11, 2017

Republican plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) threaten the health care of 30 million Americans and would erode some rare progress made recently to reverse America's growing economic inequality.

By taxing rich households and big corporations to subsidize health care for working families, the ACA does what good public policy should: level the playing field to give everyone a shot, not just those at the top. Abolishing the ACA would only further tilt the field in favor of the wealthy and well-connected.

BROADCAST CLIPS

The Rachel Maddow Show: GOP tax bill opponents plan protests to the bitter end

December 18, 2017

Rachel Maddow looks at protests by clergy in Maine who occupied Sen. Susan Collins' office.

The Rachel Maddow Show: Your Constituents Will See You Now

December 5, 2017

Rachel Maddow discusses two different protests at Barbara Comstock's office.

The Rachel Maddow Show: Protesters out in droves against GOP tax bill (Television)

December 4, 2017

Rachel Maddow looks at protests across the United States against the Republican tax bill, recognized widely as a giveaway to corporations and rich people at the expense of middle class Americans.

The Rachel Maddow Show: Tax bill protests resume around the country

December 13, 2017

Rachel Maddow covers protests at Senate offices in Washington, D.C.

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Senator Bernie Sanders’ Facebook: Tim Scott's Tall Tales on Taxes

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Total Views: 418,000

Senator Tim Scott says he wants everyday, hardworking Americans to get ahead in life, so why does he support a plan where the vast majority of the benefits go to the wealthy and corporations? (Featuring **ATF’s Frank Clemente**)

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KNVX (Television)

Phoenix, AZ
November 17, 2017

Jeff Flake will face some of his constituents when holding a townhall and he will be a guest in aerospace tech company. They will be talking tax reform as he finds himself in middle of the heated tax debate.

KNXV (Television)

Phoenix, AZ
November 14, 2017

Let's take a live look right now at Downtown Phoenix where you can see some protesters. Local politicians are coming out to speak against the GOP tax plan. so some of those demonstrators right there they are saying the plan unfairly benefits the rich and it will cost more for the middle class. Republicans said this plan would generate jobs and boost the economy.

WTVF (Television)

Nashville, TN
November 10, 2017

Dozens with middle Tennessee AFL-CIO and **Americans for Tax Fairness** protested outside the Wells Fargo on west end yesterday in an effort to call Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker to stop the Trump GOP tax plan. Protesters believe it would give more tax breaks to the wealthy.

WTVF (Television)

Nashville, TN
November 9, 2017

No breaks for the working men and women in this country. We are out here and everybody do their part and we're going to change this country for the better. They are also calling senators to investigate how corporations and billionaires avoid paying taxes after the so-called "Paradise Papers" released last weekend.

WZTV (Television)

Nashville, TN
November 9, 2017

Protesters demonstrating on West End calling on congressional members to reject the GOP tax plan proposal. They claim it will give breaks to banks and incentivize companies to move businesses overseas. Some of the biggest changes in the house plan include a full repeal of the state and local tax deduction, a child tax credit and one year phase-in of a 20% corporate tax. the GOP is feeling the pressure where you are after Democrats won some key races in Tuesday's election.

Nicole Sandler Show: Death by Taxes (Radio)

By Nicole Sandler
November 3, 2017

After an update on the news of the day, we turn our attention to the just-released Tax Cuts & Jobs Act. **Sandra Salstrom of Americans for Tax Fairness** joins in to tell us what's in it- the good, the bad and the ugly. And it's really ugly.

Crooks and Liars: Politics and Reality Radio: GOP Tax Deform; Trump's ACA Sabotage; Marcotte on #MeToo (Podcast)

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WUWF: Gaetz: Congress Must Pass Budget, Tax Reform This Year (Radio)

University of West Florida
By Dave Dunwoody
October 27, 2017

Critics are not impressed. The group **Americans for Tax Fairness** says the tax cuts would go to millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations, at the expense of everyone else.

Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: Debunking Ted Cruz's Tax Trickery

October 18, 2017
Total Views: 1.7M

Watch this tax expert debunk some of Sen. Ted Cruz's most outrageous tax theories:

KBOK (Radio)

New Orleans, LA
September 29, 2017

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CNBC (TV)

U.S. Cable
September 7, 2017

Story features of clip of **Americans for Tax Fairness** Legislative Director, Sandra Salstrom, speaking at a demonstration.

Rising Up: Trump's Tax Plan A Big Giveaway To Wealthy Elites

By Sonali
September 1, 2017

Featuring **TJ Helmstetter** – After months of legislative defeats President Donald Trump in a speech in Springfield, Missouri this past Wednesday announced an ambitious plan to overhaul the US tax code.

KOAM (Fox 14) (TV)

Joplin, MO
August 31, 2017

The **Americans for Tax Fairness** group issued a statement yesterday saying much of what the President said on Wednesday was false.

KCSB-FM (Radio)

Santa Barbara, CA
July 19, 2017

Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, characterized the spending cuts and goals as quote beneficial to big business and contrary to the desires of the general public.

KDKA-AM (Radio)

Pittsburg, PA
July 16, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness' executive director says the Republican health care proposal in Congress would slash Medicaid to give a massive tax cuts for millionaires, health insurers and drug companies.

CSPAN2 (TV)

National
7/4/17

CSPAN2 re-aired a Brookings Institute panel "[Read My Lips](#)" that included **Frank Clemente**.

CSPAN3 (TV)

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U.S. Cable
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CNN: Alexis Goldstein and Stephen Moore discuss Trump's tax cut plan (TV)

4/27/17

Americans for Tax Fairness pointed out that only 1 out of 9 dollars comes from corporations because they have so many methods of dodging taxes.

KFBK-AM (Radio)

Sacramento CA
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550 AM KTSA (Radio)

San Antonio, TX
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Portland, OR
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C-Span: [Read My Lips](#)

By Vanessa Williamson

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WTSP-TB (CBS)

Tampa Bay FL
2/16/17

Rick Smith Radio Show (Radio)

1/9/17

Frank Clemente, Executive Director for Americans for Tax Fairness joins Rick to talk about recent reports of massive Republican spending proposals with no possible way to pay for their plans. Where are the anti-tax fetishists? Where are the deficit hawks? Where's the guy with the sharp pencil and bow tie?

STATE MEDIA CLIPS

Alabama

The Montgomery Advertiser: [What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)

By Herb Jackson
October 11, 2017
Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

"The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

Alex City Outlook: [Reports suggest that thousands in Alabama could lose health coverage](#)

July 9, 2017

"President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people," Frank Clemente, the executive director of the organization **Americans for Tax Fairness** said. "But the

Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies.”

Troy Messenger: [Op-ed: Tax marches demand level playing field](#)

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**
May 12, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Alaska

Alaska Dispatch News: [Trump's tax plan gives favorable rate to businesses big and small](#)

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis, Alan Rappeport, Kate Kelly, and Rachel Abrams
April 25, 2017

Syndicated from The New York Times

Arizona

Arizona Capitol Times: [Op-ed: Don't be fooled by tax proposal rhetoric](#)

By John Newport
December 4, 2017

On November 29 headlines proclaimed that the Senate Budget Committee had approved President Trump's controversial tax reform plan.

While analysts estimate that the three-quarters of middle class families who take the standard deduction would realize modest tax savings, due to a doubling of the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples, big corporations and the super-rich would reap by far the biggest windfalls. Actually the doubling of the standard deduction is a misnomer, as exemptions (currently at \$4050 per person) would be eliminated under both the House and Senate bills.

The Tucson Weekly: [Op-ed: The Skinny](#)

By Jim Nintzel
November 30, 2017

Who would have thought that the fate of the Senate tax giveaway would rest on the shoulders of Arizona Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake?

Yet here we are: The Senate is planning to push a massive, partisan tax cut for the richest Americans through the Senate in as little time as possible. The GOP's Senate plan would increase the deficit by a staggering \$1.5 trillion dollars over 10 years; would raise taxes on many middle-class Americans; would hike taxes on college students; and carve new loopholes into the tax code instead of removing them. (Tax breaks for private jets, really? That's clearing the barnacles off the tax code?)

[The Arizona Republic \(AZCentral.com\): Op-ed: Millionaire: Tax plan will hurt the country, even if it benefits me](#)

By Karen Seal Stewart
November 29, 2017

Here's a staggering statistic: The 400 richest Americans, combined, have as much wealth as the bottom 64 percent of U.S. households — the equivalent of 204 million people. But under a new GOP tax proposal expected to come up in Congress this month, America's billionaires stand to see their wealth dramatically increase at the expense of the American middle class and crucial public services.

As a millionaire, I will personally benefit if Republicans pass the bill. But as an Arizonan and an American, I believe that the proposed tax plan is bad for our state and bad for our country.

[Arizona Daily Star \(Tucson.com\): Editorial: Principles dictate 'no' vote on tax bill for McCain and Flake](#)

By Arizona Daily Star Editorial Board
November 29, 2017

"The fate of the current tax bill is in the hands of a few Republican senators who in the past have shown they are not afraid to diverge from the party line. Arizona is lucky that both its representatives in the Senate are in that group. ... We ask that Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake continue to stand by their principles and vote 'no' on this tax bill. ... In keeping with their conservative principles, Sens. McCain and Flake should not reward a party that seems to be no longer theirs."

[Arizona Daily Star \(Tucson.com\): Letter to the Editor: Graduate school students at risk under proposed GOP tax plan](#)

By Sovay Hansen
November 25, 2017

It is hard to tell what Americans will dread more this Thanksgiving weekend: avoiding talking to relatives with opposing political views, or the feeling of dread that comes with knowing that we may be one day closer to seeing this frightening proposed tax bill become a reality.

There are valid reasons to be afraid of this tax plan that the Senate is set to debate after the holiday.

The Arizona Republic (AZCentral.com): [Few Arizonans expect GOP tax-cut plan will help them, poll says](#)

By Ronald J. Hansen
November 24, 2017

The poll of 400 registered voters was conducted by Hart Research Associates, a firm that has helped Democrats, and the survey was distributed by the liberal advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**. It has a 5 percentage point margin of error.

Tuscon.com: Letter To the Editor: [This isn't tax reform, it's a giveaway for rich](#)

By Mary Daly
November 22, 2017

I am asking Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake to vote “no” on the tax bill, which not only benefits the wealthy but treats with disdain those who are struggling financially. How can taking away the ability for a teacher to deduct \$250 for classroom expenditures, taking away the ability to deduct interest on student loans and taking away state and local tax deductions — not to mention the individual mandate from the Affordable Care Act — be called tax reform? Cutting taxes to the wealthy and to large businesses is not cutting taxes for the middle and lower earners. Soon there will be no middle class.

The Arizona Republic (AZCentral.com): [Union's 'Expose Walmart' tour launches in Phoenix](#)

By Megan Cassidy
May 15, 2017

The tour cited a 2014 study by **Americans for Tax Fairness** that found the state paid \$143 million in public assistance for Arizona Walmart employees.

Payson Roundup: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families - Payson Roundup](#)

By **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack
January 24, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Arkansas

[The Jonesboro Sun: Op-ed: Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 8, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Arkansas Democrat-Gazette: Little Rock protesters rally against service cuts in GOP tax plan](#)

By John Moritz

November 22, 2017

The demonstration included a skit depicting a “fat cat,” and protesters chanted against cutting taxes for wealthy Americans. They specifically named Arkansas’ Walton and Stephens families as potential beneficiaries of the proposal. Neal Sealy of Arkansas Community Organizations, the group behind the event, said the protest was held at the Human Services offices as “symbolism” because of the services offered by the office, such as Medicaid.

[Pine Bluff Commercial: Letter to the Editor: Oppose cutting health care for wealth care](#)

By Ray Williams

November 19, 2017

We have a congress and President that wants to make the rich richer at the expense of struggling families. To so-called tax reform that Congress wants to pass will give trillions of dollars to big corporations and the very wealthy. They will pay for it by slashing programs that are vital to hundreds of thousands of families in Arkansas

[Pine Bluff Commercial: Letter to the Editor: Don't cut Medicaid, Medicare to pay for tax breaks](#)

By Deborah Henderson

November 19, 2017

Right now some of our representatives in Congress want to pass big tax breaks for the very wealthy and corporations. They plan to pay for these tax breaks by making big cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. People need access to affordable and quality health care. Why would we cut people’s health care coverage to give more money to wealthy people and big corporations?

[Pine Bluff Commercial: Letter to the Editor: Bill gives tax breaks to the richest](#)

By Brainard Bivens
November 19, 2017

We've seen Representative Westerman vote to cut health care to give tax cuts to the rich during the efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act earlier this year. This time, Congress is using the same fast-track process to jam the legislation through before anyone realizes who's really paying for these big tax breaks — you and me.

Mr. Westerman forgets that over 700,000 people in Arkansas receive health coverage through Medicaid and another 595,000 people have health coverage through Medicare.

[Talk Business & Politics: U.S. House passes plan to overhaul tax code; gets backing from Arkansas GOP delegation](#)

By Wesley Brown
November 17, 2017

The “Not One Penny” coalition, which includes such groups as Alongside **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Indivisible, MoveOn.org, Organizing for Action and Tax March, said Brady's legislation will raise taxes on middle-class families give tax breaks to millionaires, billionaires and wealthy corporations.

[The Jonesboro Sun: Op-ed: Transparency is a start. Fairness is the goal.](#)

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**
Syndicated by American Forum

[Arkansas Times: U.S. House approves plan to help wealthy, slash Medicare, Medicaid](#)

By Max Brantley
October 5, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness is already anticipating the worst. It said in a release: Earlier today, the House of Representatives voted 219 to 206 in favor of the Republican House budget resolution that proposed \$5.8 trillion in cuts over the next decade to Medicare, Medicaid, education, infrastructure and other critical services while paving the way for trillions of dollars in tax cuts that would mostly benefit the wealthy and corporations. The vote was almost entirely along party lines, with 18 Republicans joining all Democrats against the resolution.

California

[Sacramento Bee: Editorial: What happened to that simpler tax code? Property tax rush shows Trump didn't deliver](#)

By Sacramento Bee Editorial Board
December 28, 2017

“While President Donald Trump and Republican congressional leaders are still crowing about their big, beautiful tax cuts, they’re no longer boasting as much that it made federal income taxes simple. ... Their promise that most Americans could file their taxes on a postcard has fallen by the wayside. If anything, the tax code rewrite made things even more complicated and confusing. ... It just shows again that this tax monstrosity fails the test of ‘reform.’ It didn’t make the tax system fairer or simpler. Mostly, it’s a huge transfer of wealth to the superrich and to corporations that will be paid on the backs of future generations and could lead to cuts in Medicare and other safety net programs for the elderly and poor. And because it also repealed a key piece of the Affordable Care Act, it will likely raise insurance premiums.”

[Napa Valley Register: Op-ed: Tax overhaul — worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 26, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Los Angeles Times : Editorial: [GOP tax bill: A short-term buzz that promises a killer hangover](#)

By Los Angeles Times Editorial Board
December 19, 2017

“As with the GOP’s heedless race to repeal and replace Obamacare, the party’s rushed, haphazard approach to tax reform feels like a long weekend of binge drinking. It may be fun for them while it lasts, but it’s sure to be followed by a head-splitting fiscal hangover. Unfortunately for Republicans, there don’t seem to be enough sober-minded members to stop this bill before it’s too late.”

Sacramento Bee: Editorial: [California House Republicans must defend Californians by killing the tax bill](#)

By Sacramento Bee Editorial Board
December 18, 2017

“When the U.S. House votes Tuesday on the final tax cut bill, Californians will see clearly who their 14 Republican representatives put first – their party or their state. ... This is a career-defining vote that voters should watch in deciding whether to support them next November. ... The GOP tax plan, unveiled Friday, is bad for America in many, many ways. It increases the federal deficit, weakens health care and is a giveaway to corporations and the super-rich. ... But the bill is especially awful for California. ... If all 14 say ‘no’ this time, it’s conceivable the bill could be defeated.”

San Francisco Chronicle: Editorial: [Headed for a cliff, GOP steps on the gas on tax cuts](#)

By Chronicle Editorial Board
December 15, 2017

“In a remarkably clear statement of purpose, the committee nominally charged with reaching a compromise between the House and Senate tax bills actually agreed on a bigger break for the rich than either measure contemplated. ... If the Republican majority nevertheless proceeds with this bill, it will have squandered an opportunity for responsible, equitable, bipartisan tax reform. And it will have misused its increasingly precarious power for the benefit of those who need it least.”

[Santa Rosa Press-Democrat: Editorial: The rush is on to pass a bad tax bill](#)

By Santa Rosa Editorial Board
December 15, 2017

“Here’s a better question: Why not start over and try to produce a bipartisan bill that closes loopholes, expands the base and reduces rates without blowing up the deficit or pitting the poor and middle class against the wealthy? ... They are, of course, counting on a future Congress to make the cuts permanent, relieving themselves of responsibility for the deficits that would follow — or any need to negotiate for Democratic votes on a tax bill that, as it stands, deserves to be soundly defeated.”

[Orange County Register: Op-Ed: Middle-class Californians on losing end of tax reform](#)

By Jennifer Muir Beuthin
December 14, 2017

And these cuts to Medicare would come at a time when the federal budget plan approved by Republicans to pay for the tax plan would make additional cuts to services, including \$1.3 trillion from Medicaid and other health care programs and \$470 billion from Medicare over 10 years. The budget also threatens Supplemental Security Income and tax credits and financial aid to help college students, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

[NewsReview.com: Tax turncoat? Protestors descend on congressman’s Roseville office over Republican tax plan](#)

By Scott Thomas Anderson
December 14, 2017

“More than 180 people massed outside of Republican Rep. Tom McClintock’s Roseville office Tuesday, shouting slogans and waving signs that demanded the Fourth District representative stand by his previous pledges to support middle class taxpayers.

Throughout his long career as a conservative staple in California politics, McClintock has made speech after speech about lessening the tax burden the federal government puts on citizens. But as Republican leaders in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives attempt to reconcile their alternative tax overhauls into a bill that can be signed by the president, plenty of tax analysts predict a final plan that will give massive breaks to the wealthiest Americans by shifting more tax demands onto every other walk of life.”

[Fresno Bee: Editorial: Republican tax deal is a monstrosity](#)

By Fresno Bee Editorial Board
December 13, 2017

“Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Elk Grove, was one of three California Republicans who voted against the House version last month. He needs to stand up again for the state’s taxpayers, as do the other 13 House Republicans from California. ... Here’s the bottom line: Trump and Republicans are desperate for any major legislation so they don’t go before voters in 2018 empty-handed. They are willing to go to extreme lengths to lower taxes for wealthy donors and corporate CEOs, even if it means increasing the divide between haves and have-nots and mortgaging our children’s future. ... They ought to be ashamed, but in the Trump presidency, shame is in increasingly short supply.”

[San Diego Union-Tribune: Editorial: GOP tax bill cheerleading is not analysis](#)

By The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board
December 12, 2017

“All year, President Donald Trump, his aides and GOP congressional leaders have vowed that their planned tax overhaul would not add to the deficit. But no analysis of the plans that passed the House and Senate over the past month has backed that up. Even studies that accept the premise that the bills’ heavy corporate tax cuts will boost economic growth forecast \$1 trillion in new red ink over the next decade.”

[Mercury News: Editorial: Tax reforms will hurt innovation, kill golden opportunity to improve infrastructure](#)

By Mercury News Editorial Board
December 9, 2017

“President Trump and Republicans in Congress cannot seriously believe allowing U.S. companies to bring home hundreds of billions of dollars stashed abroad at a one-time low tax rate with no strings attached will create substantially more jobs in the United States. ... They’re using this fiction to build support for the reforms. But it’s been tried before, and guess what? It didn’t work. ... Without attaching some form of conditions — the idea of requiring job creation has been floated in the past — the break just gives more money to shareholders and executive bonuses. ... The Trump administration and its congressional majority talk a good game about helping Americans. But the reforms on the table not only fail low- to upper-middle-income families, they also threaten the very prosperity of U.S. industry. ... Except for the very richest of Americans, this tax bill is a disaster.”

[Los Angeles Times: Outside Rep. Ed Royce's office, protesters don top hats, call GOP tax bill a tool for the rich](#)

By Christine Mai-Duc
December 6, 2017

Protests over the GOP tax bill continued Wednesday, with several dozen opponents picketing outside Republican Rep. Ed Royce's district office in Brea.

Some of them donned black blazers and top hats — one had a monocle — echoing widespread criticism that the measure is primarily designed to benefit wealthy Americans and corporations. They chanted, "Shame on you!" and held signs denouncing the "GOP tax scam," before filing in, a few at a time, to fill out comment cards with Royce's district office staff.

[Victorville Daily Press: Protesters fear tax package will lead to safety-net cutbacks](#)

By Shea Johnson
December 5, 2017

A self-described grassroots coalition of union members and community activists rallied outside Rep. Paul Cook's office Tuesday morning seeking to press the Republican lawmaker to change his tune on major party-line tax legislation they said would likely lead to cutbacks to invaluable social programs.

[Los Angeles Times: Rallies planned across California as activists pressure GOP House members on tax vote](#)

By Christine Mai-Duc
December 4, 2017

With another round of votes looming on the Republicans' tax overhaul bill, Democratic activists are planning a series of protests and rallies across the state to pressure GOP members to oppose it.

Rep. Ed Royce (R-Fullerton) is the target of at least a couple of those events, starting Monday when activists plan to dress up in Santa suits and hand out "lumps of coal" with notes attached saying Royce "has been naughty and endangers your family" with his previous tax vote.

[The Fresno Bee: Letter to the Editor: Trump tax plan makes him even richer](#)

By Elizabeth Sempadian
December 3, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness say the tax plan encourages outsourcing, shifting more profits offshore. According to a number of independent analyses, it would not prevent corporations from sending jobs and profits overseas to boost their bottom-lines. Significantly, active income of U.S. companies earned offshore won't be subject to U.S. taxes.

[Los Angeles Times: Editorial: The GOP's big tax win is a loss for the rest of us](#)

By Los Angeles Times Editorial Board
December 2, 2017

“But President Trump and many congressional Republicans weren't satisfied with simply reforming the tax code. Instead, they're rushing through a deep cut in rates, particularly for businesses, far beyond what could be offset by eliminating some deductions, exemptions and credits. With no hearings on its specifics, little debate and a raft of provisions aimed at winning individual lawmakers' votes, the measure is bound to be a magnet for unintended consequences.”

[Local News for Chinese \(San Francisco\): Harmful to the health of the American people](#)

October 14, 2017

Citing a recent report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, he unveiled how a pharmaceutical company, Gilead Sciences, charges a high price and at the same time spearheads billions of dollars in tax avoidance.

[California Political Review: Op-ed: Tax Day Marchers Asking: What Is Trump Hiding? \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

By Stephen Frank
August 13, 2017

Sources: **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) and EPI analysis of McIntyre, Gardner, and Phillips (2014a, i); Zucman (2014, 132–133); and GAO (2016, 13)

[San Diego Free Press: “Not One Penny” Aims at Rep. Issa in Campaign Opposing Tax Cuts for the Wealthy](#)

By Doug Porter
August 9, 2017

Organizations joining the Not One Penny campaign include Tax March, Civic Action, Indivisible Project, MoveOn, Public Citizen, Stand Up America, Working Families Party, Patriotic Millionaires, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, SEIU 32BJ, Demos, Credo, Economic Policy Institute, Social Security Works, Citizens for Tax Justice, National Women’s Law Center, Money Out Voters In, State Innovation Exchange Action, UltraViolet, ProgressNow, and more.

[Orange County Register \(Column\): To offer real public assistance, cut taxes](#)

By Susan Shelley
August 5, 2017

Last week, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House legislative director Marc Short spoke about tax reform at an event that was sponsored by two conservative groups, Freedom Partners and Americans for Prosperity, and protested by a liberal group, **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

[YubaNet.com: Report: Trump Could Get Up to a \\$2.8 Million Annual Tax Cut From GOP Health Plan](#)

July 13, 2017
Syndicated ATF press release

In a new study, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates that President Trump could get a personal tax cut of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year if Republicans in Congress repeal a key provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The range is due to the income ranges provided by Trump in his recent financial disclosure form.

[City Watch: Op-ed: Tax Day Marchers Asking: What Is Trump Hiding? \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

By Peter Drier
April 17, 2017

A broad coalition of activists -- which includes the leaders of the January women's marches that galvanized five million people in cities across the country, MoveOn.org, the American Federation of Teachers, the Indivisible Project (which has inspired more than 7,000 local groups to organize, including protests at local town halls sponsored by members of Congress,) **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for Popular Democracy (a network of local community organizing groups,) and Our Revolution (the organization built from Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign) -- sponsored the Tax Day events. In Washington, D.C. they walked from the U.S. Capitol to the White House, passing both Trump's hotel and the IRS building.

[YubaNet.com New Poll: 80 Percent of Americans Want Donald Trump to Release His Tax Returns \(Sierra Nevada\)](#)

By TaxMarch.org
April 14, 2017

The new survey comes as thousands of Americans in Washington, D.C., and more than 150 communities around the country prepare to march on Saturday for a fairer, more equitable tax system. A diverse coalition of 70 organizations, labor unions, and economic justice advocates — including MoveOn.org, Stand Up America, The Working Families Party, American Federation of Teachers, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Center for Popular Democracy, CREDO, Indivisible, Our Revolution, 32BJ SEIU, Action Group Network, Change.org, Demos, National Domestic Workers Alliance, Public Citizen, Avaaz, Communications Workers of America, Sunlight Foundation, Color of Change, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, and National Education Association — are supporting the Tax March.

[Ukiah Daily Journal: Ukiah Tax Day March planned for April 15](#)

By Ukiah Daily Journal
April 11, 2017

The Tax March is supported by the American Federation of Teachers, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Center for Popular Democracy, Indivisible Project, Indivisible Sacramento, MoveOn.Org, Our Revolution, The Working Families Party, and Women's March.

[YubaNet.com: Senator Ron Wyden, Representatives Maxine Waters and Jamie Raskin to Speak at April 15 Tax March in Washington, D.C. \(Nevada City, CA\)](#)

By TaxMarch.org
April 5, 2017

A diverse coalition of 46 grassroots organizations, labor unions, and economic justice advocacy groups — including MoveOn.org, Stand Up America, The Working Families Party, American Federation of Teachers, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Center for Popular Democracy, CREDO, Indivisible, Our Revolution, 32BJ SEIU, Action Group Network, Change.org, Demos, National Domestic Workers Alliance, National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Women’s Law Center, Public Citizen, Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, and Rise Stronger — are supporting the Tax March. More speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

San Diego Free Press: [Resolution to Get Trump’s Taxes from Steven Mnuchin Faced Vote Tuesday](#)

By Nadia Prupis/Common Dreams
March 29, 2017

YubaNet.com: [Tax Coalition Urges House Ways & Means Committee to Approve Release of Trump Tax Returns in Vote Today \(Nevada City, CA\)](#)

March 28, 2017

YubaNet.com published **ATF’s press release**, “Tax Coalition Urges House Ways & Means Committee to Approve Release of Trump Tax Returns in Vote Today.”

YubaNet.com: [Trump Trying to Eliminate the Biggest Tax He Pays: The Alternative Minimum Tax](#)

By Americans for Tax Fairness
March 15, 2017

YubaNet.com published **ATF’s press release**, “Trump Trying to Eliminate the Biggest Tax He Pays: The Alternative Minimum.”

San Bernardino American: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
By January 19, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Colorado

[The Mountain Mail: Op-ed: The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Aurora Sentinel: Editorial: 'Robin Hoodwinked' GOP tax-reform plan is a grim fairy tale for the middle class](#)

By The Sentinel

December 18, 2017

“We appeal to **Congressman Mike Coffman**, who not long ago said the country’s crushing national debt is a priority for Washington — decreasing it, not exploding it. We appeal to Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner, who once touted his courage to split from his party when it strayed from Colorado common-sense [principles] and values, none of which are exhibited in the this tax package. ... There’s little doubt, judging by the public’s reaction to this ill-gotten legislation, that Republicans who vote for it will regret their support, and it’s cruel to force so many millions of middle-class Americans to regret their mistake for what could be decades to come. ... America needs responsible tax reform, and this is anything but that. Start over.”

[The Denver Post: Editorial: Colorado lawmakers should oppose the dismal Trump tax plan](#)

By Denver Post Editorial Board

December 16, 2017

“Colorado’s congressional delegation should unanimously oppose the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and demand a better bill, one that doesn’t explode the national debt and deficit at the expense of the middle class. ... Sen. Cory Gardner represents a crucial vote for Republicans who hold a narrow majority in the Senate. He can and should ask more of his colleagues than a fiscally irresponsible tax cut for corporate America. ... The American economy would be better served with tax cuts focused on the middle class. Corporate America sits flush on record amounts of cash. If corporations wished to invest in employee wages and job creation, they would be doing so now. ... The last-minute decision to reduce the tax rate for the highest earners gives the impression that the plan is mostly a sham meant to give a Christmas gift to GOP donors.”

[Colorado Public Radio: GOP Tax Reform Stirs Both Ire And Applause In Colorado](#)

By Michael Sakas
December 14, 2017

House and Senate Republicans say they've reached an agreement on the contents of a tax overhaul package they want to rush to President Donald Trump's desk as soon as possible. But while the GOP is nearing the votes it needs for passage without support from Democrats, the measure remains divisive, both across the country, and in Colorado.

Republican Rep. Mike Coffman supports the bill. But outside his Aurora office on Wednesday, about 60 or so people were chanting, waving at honking cars, even laying in the grass pretending to be dead next to signs in the shape of tombstones.

[The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: Editorial: Be a leader, Cory](#)

By The Daily Sentinel
December 14, 2017

"We'd like Gardner to explain why federal tax reform is a good idea if it causes Coloradans to pay more in state taxes and forces legislative cuts. ... There's simply no reason to rush a bill through Congress that falls short of what a tax reform plan should do — promote growth without worsening the debt. ... We need a serious discussion about whether now is the time to inject the power of a tax cut in an already healthy economy. ... It's not too late for Gardner to insist on improvements to the compromise bill and restore the GOP's original version of fiscally responsible and pro-growth simplification of the tax code."

[KUNC: Congress Takes Aim At Tax Rules That Hit Hardest At Upper Middle Class](#)

By Jim Zarroli (NPR)
November 28, 2017

It wasn't supposed to be like that. When it first took effect in 1970, the AMT was intended to keep the superwealthy from dodging all taxes by taking too many deductions. Congress passed the AMT after the Treasury revealed that 155 high-income households had not paid a dime of federal income taxes. "It's designed to make sure that wealthier people pay a reasonable level of tax," says Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans For Tax Fairness**.

Delaware

[Delaware County Daily Times: Safety net' brings another group to Meehan office](#)

By Susan Serbin
September 28, 2017

“The House Budget Committee’s 2018 plans, presented by Speaker Paul Ryan, would pave the way for trillions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthy and big corporations, while cutting trillions of dollars from public services working families rely on, such as Social Security, health care and education,” said a flyer from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and distributed to those gathered.

[Wilmington News Journal: Op-ed: Repeal of Obamacare helps rich but hurts poor](#)

By **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack
Jan 18, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Florida

[Bradenton Herald: Letter to the Editor: Tax cuts will benefit only the wealthy in 10 years](#)

By Jenni Casale
December 23, 2017

According to the **Americans for Tax Fairness** analysis, by 2027 (less than 10 years from now), 83 percent of the tax cuts will go to the top 1 percent. By that same year, 92 million middle-class American families will pay more in taxes. Those who represent us think that we either won’t notice, or we are OK with it. They are sorely mistaken. They also hope we overlook the fact that this bill will add \$1.5 trillion to \$2.2 trillion to the federal deficit which will trigger automatic cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other programs that people count on.

[The Florida Times-Union: Editorial: Poor grades overall for the new tax bill](#)

By Florida Times-Union Editorial Board
December 20, 2017

“The Republican-led Congress was so eager to pass anything that it rushed into voting for a tax bill that has major flaws. ... The bill would increase the deficit by \$1.5 trillion over a decade. No responsible economist says that economic growth can possibly make that up. For Republican deficit hawks, this amounted to selling their souls for political expediency. The federal debt is at levels not seen since World War II. This bill is likely to hamper the economy in the long run. ... Too many deductions and loopholes still remain, meaning the bill will be a jobs act for tax lawyers, lobbyists and accountants. ... The president and GOP congressional leaders wanted a bill before Christmas. ... But real tax reform is still needed.”

[Miami Herald: Editorial: Marco Rubio scores a win for working Americans, but they're still the losers under GOP's tax bill](#)

By Miami Herald Editorial Board
December 16, 2017

“Republicans talked a good game for a while, insisting that middle-class families would benefit from their proposal, cobbled together in the dark, eluding debate or public airing. But their own members betrayed the true intent to reward the wealthiest of Americans and corporations on the backs of the lower- and middle class.”

[Sun Sentinel: Editorial: Rubio caves on Florida-hostile tax bill](#)

By Sun Sentinel Editorial Board
December 15, 2017

“How bad is the Republican tax bill? So bad that Sen. Marco Rubio had to beg for crumbs that would go to middle- and lower-income Americans. ... Rubio confirmed that a small increase in the refundable amount secured his vote. ... So Rubio caved, predictably. His request, however, underscored yet again that this tax plan is a budget-busting redistribution of wealth to the wealthy. ... The change could hit hard in the Miami-Dade County districts of Reps. Carlos Curbelo, Mario Diaz-Balart and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. All three Republicans voted for the House version that did not include repeal of the mandate. All three districts have some of the highest rates of coverage under the Affordable Care Act. ... Despite the concessions he supposedly received, when Marco Rubio votes for the Republican tax bill, he will be voting for his party, not his state.”

[Tampa Bay Times: Editorial: Tax cuts aren't worth harm to Tampa Bay](#)

By Tampa Bay Times
December 12, 2017

“As congressional negotiators hammer out the details on an enormous, unnecessary tax cut, the potential negative impact on Tampa Bay and Florida is becoming clearer. The harmful consequences stretch far beyond adding more than \$1.4 trillion to the federal debt over the next decade to pay for tax cuts that tilt toward businesses and the wealthy. In ways both big and small, the fallout would be felt throughout the region and the state in ways that would hurt local communities, families and the cultural and political fabric of public life.”

[Citrus County Chronicle: Letter to the Editor: Tax plan needs to benefit all](#)

By Harriet Heywood
December 5, 2017

According to the Economic Policy Institute and **Americans for Tax Fairness**, while the statutory rate is set at 35 percent, the actual corporate tax rate for U.S. corporations is between 14 percent and 19.4 percent by the time loopholes are factored in. And a sizable number of transnationals pay no taxes at all. Didn't the Paradise Papers just prove that?

[Tampa Bay Times: Editorial: Making a regressive tax cut easier to swallow](#)

By Tampa Bay Times
December 4, 2017

“Congress now appears on track to approve an enormous tax cut that primarily benefits businesses and the wealthy, adds nearly \$1.5 trillion to the federal deficit and could lead to cuts in Social Security and Medicare down the road. It may become the only major legislative victory this year for President Donald Trump, but for millions of Americans there will be nothing to celebrate. The rich get richer, and the poor and the middle class lose again.”

[WJCT Public Broadcasting: Jacksonville Clergy Coalition Calls on Florida's U.S. Senators To Reject Proposed Tax Plan](#)

By Ryan Benk
November 28, 2017

In Hemming Park Tuesday, in front of Republican Sen. Marco Rubio's Hogan Street office, Pastor Lee Harris of the Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church compared the GOP-led tax plan to some of the worst moral failings in U.S. history.

"At best this plan is a reincarnation of the trickle-down economics, which never worked. During the Reagan/Bush era it never worked. At worst, it's a kind of neo-slavery and works at the ethnic cleansing of people of color," he said. "Either way, it is something that people of color cannot afford."

Folio Weekly Magazine: [Faith Leaders: Republican Tax Reform Bill is 'Immoral,' 'Attack on American Families'](#)

By Claire Goforth
November 28, 2017

Standing across the street from Rubio's Jacksonville office, they decried the Republican-drafted tax reform plan for benefiting the wealthy and harming lower-income Americans-particularly minorities, children, the elderly and working families-for raising the national deficit, and taking healthcare coverage from millions.

"[This plan] gives the richest 1 percent and corporations a huge tax cut ... it cuts the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 and eliminates estate tax that really only benefits people like our president," said Joey McKinnon of Faith in Public Life, the multi denominational faith group that organized the press conference.

Florida Politics: [Jax preachers call Senate tax plan 'economic genocide'](#)

By A.G. Gancarski
November 28, 2017

Steps away from Sen. Marco Rubio's Jacksonville office, a group of Jacksonville preachers thundered against the "immoral" tax bill in the U.S. Senate Tuesday. The rhetoric they used was trenchant. Rev. Linda D. Girouex called the plan "economic genocide." Elder Lee Harris of the of the African-American Ministers Leadership Conference expressed similar sentiments, saying the plan "will destroy certain people," including poor people and people of color. Calling the plan "neo-slavery" and saying it amounted to "ethnic cleansing of people of color," Harris likened it to "chattel slavery ... Jim Crow ... mass incarceration" in its impact, which would include cuts to Medicaid and food stamps, while removing the ability to deduct student loan interest payments. "Plantations grow bigger, and only the plantation owners reap the benefits," Harris said. Pastor Avery Garner described the "unholy contract" as an "attack on American families," before making a direct appeal to Sen. Rubio. "I have seen that you have your own doubts about this legislation," Garner said. "You can vote no."

[Florida Politics: Tampa Bay sees protest of GOP tax proposals](#)

By Mitch Perry
November 21, 2017

Speakers at the rally also said the tax bills could cut Medicaid, an argument that congressional Republicans insist is not the case.

“This plan is going to sacrifice retiree benefits and that money will go to the GOP tax cuts,” said Marina Welch, a former nurse. “Middle Class Americans rely on Medicaid for long-term services and support. Medicaid provides home and community based services that allow seniors to stay in their homes.”

[The Ybor City Stogie: Trump Tax Scam Rally](#)

November 21, 2017

Organize Florida staged a direct action at Wells Fargo as a part of Health Care for America Now’s November 21 “No Thanks!” Day of Action. Supporters, including allies from Indivisible East Hillsborough, marched to Wells Fargo from MacDill Park.

[The Newnan Times-Herald: Op-Ed: GOP budget – great for fortunate sons, not the rest of us](#)

By Clay Neely
October 25, 2017

The House also indicated various domestic programs would have substantial budget cuts. Thus, popular programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security were on the chopping block. In the words of the progressive **Americans for Tax Fairness**, this would mean: “\$5.8 trillion in cuts over the next decade to Medicare, Medicaid, education, infrastructure and other critical services.”

[Tampa Bay Reporter: Forum Set On Trump’s Tax Plan](#)

October 17, 2017

The community conversation is hosted by the St. Petersburg NAACP, SEIU, Indivisible FL-13, For Our Future FL, Fired Up Pinellas, Women’s March Pinellas, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Health Care for America Now, the AFL-CIO, MoveOn, the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights, and the Tax March.

Pensacola Journal: [ATF: President Trump could get \\$2.8M tax cut with Obamacare tax repeal](#)

By Jessica Estepa
July 12, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness said the elimination of the 3.8% net investment income tax would, by its estimates, result in the big cut. The group based its estimates on Trump's financial disclosure form.

Tampa Bay Times: [Trump's Tax Plan: Low Rate for Corporations, and for Companies Like His](#)

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis, Alan Rappoport, Kate Kelly and Rachel Abrams
April 25, 2017

Syndicated from the New York Times

Georgia

Atlanta Inquirer: [Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack
February 4, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Hawaii

Lahaina News: [Letter to the Editor: Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
July 13, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Lahaina News: Letter to the Editor: Trump cuts critical services to pay for wealthy tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

June 29, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Honolulu Star-Advertiser: Editorial: GOP's tax plans would hurt Hawaii](#)

By Honolulu Star-Advertiser Editorial Board

November 15, 2017

“What does seem plain is that the principal beneficiaries of this initiative are the wealthy. Further, experts have projected that in certain high-cost states such as Hawaii, the middle class will take a real hit. ... What’s worse is that congressional leadership is racing to hammer this through under a ludicrous end-of-year deadline. Even good ideas for something as complex as the tax code take time to solidify — and knowledgeable observers are hard-pressed to find good ideas in these so-called reforms.”

Illinois

[Chicago Sun-Times: Editorial: One more way the GOP tax plan sticks it to Chicago](#)

By Sun-Times Editorial Board

December 17, 2017

“We have detailed the many ways this tax code plan, written by the Republican majorities that control the U.S. House and Senate, is a bum deal for Illinois, Chicago and working people. It rewards the wealthiest Americans before anybody else and leaves the poorest Americans worse off.”

[MyWabashValley.com: Local Group Protests GOP Tax Bill](#)

December 14, 2017

Chicago -- It's an unseasonably warm December 4 evening and a crowd of about 500 people, some wearing knitted pussy hats and recycled signs from previous rallies, are gathered at the plaza in front of the Chicago Board of Trade. Two days earlier the Senate passed its version of the GOP's tax plan, which gives lavish tax breaks to the wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

[In These Times: In the Face of the GOP's Class-War Tax Bill, Chicago Activists Voice Outrage in the Streets](#)

By Timna Axel
December 7, 2017

Chicago -- It's an unseasonably warm December 4 evening and a crowd of about 500 people, some wearing knitted pussy hats and recycled signs from previous rallies, are gathered at the plaza in front of the Chicago Board of Trade. Two days earlier the Senate passed its version of the GOP's tax plan, which gives lavish tax breaks to the wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

[Moline Dispatch-Rock Island Argus: Editorial: GOP reformers should follow the Gipper's lead](#)

By Moline Dispatch-Rock Island Argus Editorial Board
December 7, 2017

“Our historic tax credits have made the preservation of older buildings not only a matter of respect for beauty and history, but of course for economic good sense.’ ... So said President Ronald Reagan in promoting the smart historic preservation tax incentives his administration wrote into the federal tax code. He said the program would help restore America's main streets, create jobs and boost economic development. ... Some 30 years later we imagine even he would be surprised by what an economic engine this relatively modest federal tax program has proved to be. He would also no doubt be stunned and disappointed that a majority of GOP House members who purport to revere him agreed to end a program that not only grows our economy and our cities, but puts money back into the federal treasury.”

[Peoria Journal Star: Editorial: Boon or bust for middle class? Likely the latter](#)

By Peoria Journal Star Editorial Board
December 4, 2017

“Whatever the final version, the theme is established, so we might as well state the obvious: This is a massive shift of wealth from the lower and middle classes to the rich — if also from the young to the old — who are not just doing well but better than anybody in the planet's history, on the bet some of their windfall will filter down in more jobs and higher wages for the rest of us. Call it the triumph in Congress of hope — and even higher CEO pay? — over experience. ... We urge keeping an eye on your paychecks, holding your member of Congress accountable for a change, and voting accordingly.”

[Chicago Sun-Times: Letter to the Editor: Roskam's tax bill in Congress would hurt the middle class](#)

By Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt
November 22, 2017

U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill., is one of the men behind the House tax bill. As has been the case lately, he gets it wrong again. Roskam has refused to hold town halls for over a decade, and has shown he is completely out of touch with his constituents.

Peter, your constituents want our tax dollars to go toward improving society for all, not in the pockets of the ultra-wealthy and corporations.

Northwest Herald: [Letter to the Editor: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act won't help me](#)

By Robert Loren Teiken
November 22, 2017

This legislation primarily benefits corporations and wealthy individuals while adding \$1.5 trillion to our federal debt. Among those most adversely affected are many of us living in Illinois' 6th Congressional District. As a personal example, this bill will increase my income taxes by several thousand dollars because of the elimination of the state income tax deduction, limitations on the property tax deduction and elimination of personal exemptions. Our Congressman, Rep. Peter Roskam, who had an influential role in passage of the legislation, would have us believe differently. He contends that his constituents will see large tax cuts, tens of thousands of new jobs and increased incomes. These claims are based on questionable analysis prepared by the Koch funded Tax Foundation, which uses a supply side (i.e., trickle down) macroeconomic model that does not hold up in reality.

Northwest Herald: [More than 100 protesters turn out for Roskam appearance at GOP fundraiser in Downers Grove](#)

By Bob Rakow
November 17, 2017

Many protesters said they came out to oppose Roskam's support of a tax plan they describe as regressive and harmful to the middle class.

The House of Representatives voted Thursday to pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Roskam, who serves as chairman of the Tax Policy Subcommittee on the Ways and Means Committee, has taken a leadership role in crafting the legislation.

Patch (Downers Grove): [250 Protesters Rally Against Roskam At GOP Fundraiser](#)

By Lisa Marie Farver
November 17, 2017

More than 250 people crowded outside a GOP fundraiser in Downers Grove Thursday protest Pete Roskam (R-IL6), who was the keynote speaker at the event. Protesters held signs that read "Roskam Fails to Represent" and "I Can Smell the Greed From Here." The protest coincided with the House of Representatives passing the controversial Roskam-sponsored Tax Cuts and Job Act.

It was also as close as many constituents could get to Roskam, who has infamously refused to hold in-person town hall meetings.

[Naperville Sun: Mixed reaction from Fox Valley-area lawmakers to House approval of GOP tax plan](#)

By Erin Hegarty
November 16, 2017

Still, members of a coalition that have been critical of Roskam see the reform measure as a detriment to people who are not wealthy.

"We feel pretty strongly that this tax scam roasts the middle class," said Reid McCollum, a leader with The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th. The coalition sees the tax reform measure as "a handout to the wealthy."

[Daily Herald: Letter to the Editor: Seniors at risk](#)

By Jerry Freda
October 26, 2017

Mr. Roskam has voted to cut funding for Medicare by \$487 billion and cut Medicaid and other health care programs by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. To take funds from tens of thousands of seniors in his district and give that money away to provide huge tax cuts for his wealthy donors is not what the people of the 6th District sent him to Washington to do.

[Kane County Chronicle: Seniors decry proposed cuts to Medicare, Medicaid; demand meeting with Roskam](#)

By Brenda Schory
October 5, 2017

Jeanne Cameron, executive director of the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans, said her group represents more than 257,000 retirees in Illinois.

“We are here today to follow up on our August request to meet with Congressman Peter Roskam,” Cameron said. “We are asking him to keep his word to seniors to protect their benefits and vote no on the Trump-Ryan budget proposal that would pay for tax cuts to the wealthiest 1 percent by drastically cutting Medicaid and Medicare.”

... “He committed to protecting these senior programs,” Cameron said. “We were extremely disappointed when he broke his word and voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act in May, which would have resulted in over 20 million people, many of whom are seniors, losing coverage. But today, Congressman Roskam has a second chance to do the right thing and vote down this budget that cuts health care for seniors and gives tax cuts to the rich.”

[Enews Park Forest: As Trump Begins Tax Reform Push, Critics Rip Plan as Fact-Free, Trickle-Down ‘Scam’](#)

By Jake Johnson
August 31, 2017

“Make no mistake, what Trump and Republican leaders in Congress are proposing is not tax reform,” Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), said in a [statement](#) on Tuesday. “They simply want massive tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations, at the expense of everyone else. And those tax giveaways will be paid for by cuts to Social Security, healthcare, education, and other programs that maintain living standards for working families.”

[RiverBender.com: Durbin, Reed, and Brown introduce bills to stop corporate inversions & put money back into the pockets of the working class families](#)

July 27, 2017

This legislation is endorsed by: **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Public Citizen, AFSCME, the FACT Coalition, US PIRG, and Global Financial Integrity.

[Enews Park Forest: Trump Tax Agenda: ‘Astonishing’ Cuts for Rich Like Him and Hikes for Middle Class](#)

By Jake Johnson
July 13, 2017

As **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found in a study also published on Wednesday, among the principal beneficiaries of the Senate’s plan would be Trump himself.

ATF estimated that “President Trump could get a personal tax cut of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year” if Republicans succeed in repealing the Net Investment Income Tax, a key Obamacare tax aimed at the rich.

“Now we know how much President Trump stands to benefit personally if Republicans eliminate just one tax on the wealthy under the Affordable Care Act,” said AFT executive director Frank Clemente. “Instead of giving himself a tax cut worth up to \$2.8 million, the president should keep his campaign promises not to cut Medicaid and Medicare.”

Enews Park Forest: [‘God Have Mercy on Your Souls’: GOP Passes Cruel, Destructive Trumpcare Bill; Analysis of Bill](#)

May 4, 2017

Syndicated from Common Dreams

In a press statement on Thursday, Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, outlined “the math behind the Republican healthcare repeal plan: Subtract healthcare from 24 million people. Add \$600 billion in tax giveaways, mostly for the wealthy and corporations. Multiply out-of-pocket costs for senior citizens by 5. Divide all Americans. This equation didn’t work out the last time they tried it, and it still doesn’t work today. That’s why Republicans in Congress want to exempt themselves and their staffs from their own lousy plan while refusing to wait for the Congressional Budget Office to estimate its costs.”

Daily Southtown: [Letter to the Editor: Top 3 Reasons Trump Must Release His Tax Returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

April 19, 2017

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Chicago Tribune: [Letter to the Editor: Top 3 Reasons Trump Must Release His Tax Returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

April 18, 2017

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[In These Times \(Chicago\): Forget Building Our Own Tea Party. The Left Can Win So Much More](#)

By Jacob Swenson-Lengyel
March 10, 2017

Tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy are also a centerpiece of the Republican agenda. Yet, a series of post-election polls compiled by **Americans for Tax Fairness** show that Americans oppose cutting taxes for big corporations and the rich by roughly a two-to-one margin. Gallup polls consistently show that similar margins believe corporations and the wealthy already pay too little in taxes

[ENews @ Park Forest : Group Slams Report of GOP Health Plan to Tax Workers While Rich Get Richer](#)

By Nadia Prupis, Staff Writer
March 6, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)—a coalition of hundreds of organizations including the AFL-CIO, the Leadership Conference on Human and Civil Rights, Main Street Alliance, National Council of La Raza, SEIU, and the Working Families Party—issued the statement in response to reporting last Thursday that the repeal plan would impose \$200 billion in new taxes on middle-class workers by taxing their health benefits for the first time ever.

“House Republicans want to tax workers’ healthcare benefits rather than continue to require the wealthiest Americans and big healthcare corporations to help finance health care for 20 million people now getting covered under the ACA. If true, the GOP healthcare repeal plan means the rich will get richer, millions will lose their healthcare, and workers will pick up the tab,” said ATF executive director **Frank Clemente**.

[Jewish Journal: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare Punishes Working Families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
January 26, 2017
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Indiana

[WBIW.com: Report Reveals Price-Gouging by 10 Biggest Drug Companies](#)

December 13, 2017

A report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** calls it price-gouging and coughs up evidence that Big Pharma – as the Big Ten are sometimes called – raised prices for their most prescribed medicines over the five-year period by 40 percent and more – in some cases as much as 71 percent – a rate that exceeded the national inflation rate by 14 times.

The Indianapolis Star: [Letter to the Editor: Medicaid helps me live; don't cut it](#)

By Kim Saylor
October 13, 2017

President Trump announced his tax framework in Indiana. It will cut taxes for big corporations by \$4.3 trillion over the next 10 years. Big companies already pay very little in taxes because of the corporate tax loopholes that allow them to hide their profits offshore to avoid paying the 35% corporate tax rate.

The rich have been getting richer and the poor getting poor for a long time in Indiana and across the country. This plan is more of the same: cutting Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, public education, housing, transportation, and other services in order to fund tax breaks for the rich and corporations. That's not the kind of "reform" our state needs.

The Courier-Times: Op-ed: [Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By Frank Clemente
June 30, 2017
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The Indydependent: [Tax Day Marchers Want to Know: What Is Trump Hiding?](#)

By Peter Dreier
April 14, 2017

A broad coalition of activists -- which includes the leaders of the January women's marches that galvanized five million people in cities across the country, MoveOn.org, the American Federation of Teachers, the Indivisible Project (which has inspired more than 7,000 local groups to organize, including protests at local town halls sponsored by members of Congress), **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for Popular Democracy (a network of local community organizing groups), and Our Revolution (the organization built from Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign) -- are sponsoring the Tax Day events. In Washington, D.C. they intend to walk from the U.S. Capitol to the White House, passing both Trump's hotel and the IRS building.

Iowa

Newton Daily News: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By Frank Clemente
December 26, 2017

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Des Moines Register: Editorial: [Charities will need more but get less after GOP tax reform](#)

By Des Moines Register Editorial Board
December 26, 2017

“Iowa’s two U.S. senators and three Republican members of the House of Representatives voted to approve a tax overhaul bill signed by President Donald Trump last week. The people of this state should now be crystal clear on the priorities of their elected officials. ... What do Reps. David Young, Rod Blum and Steve King value? Big corporations, real estate developers, private equity firms and multimillionaires. All will enjoy significant tax cuts under the new tax law. ... Washington Republicans are intent on cutting government programs and funding. That will likely leave nonprofit organizations struggling to fill voids in everything from food and housing assistance to aid for special-needs children. State budget cuts aren’t helping matters. ... Unfortunately, many elected officials today are more focused on using the tax code to help profitable corporations and wealthy individuals while working to shrink government services to the point where charities will be needed more than ever to help disadvantaged people. ... The tax bill is a reflection of the priorities of the majority party in Washington. In 2018, voters can go to the polls and express whether we share these priorities.”

Newton Daily News: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By Frank Clemente
December 13, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Sioux City Journal: Editorial: [Tax reform efforts in Congress raise concerns](#)

By Journal Editorial Board
December 10, 2017

“An attempt by one side to shove comprehensive legislation down the throats of the other side so one side ‘wins’ and the other side ‘loses’ ignores the realities of complicated issues and deepens an already deep political divide. Members of one party shutting out the other and drafting a bill largely behind closed doors sows seeds of frustration, mistrust and resentment.”

KKWL: Rally against tax reform bill in Dubuque

By Shirley Descorbeth
December 6, 2017

"It won't be a Merry Christmas if the tax plan goes through!"

In front of Congressman Rod Blum's Dubuque office, the small, but determined group rallied against the Senate Republicans tax reform bill.

Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier: Editorial: [A closer look at the tax-cutting plan](#)

By Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier Editorial Board
December 6, 2017

“Public hearings? Nope. In this era of instant gratification, that’s so yesterday — or 1986 when Republicans took six months to overhaul the tax code. ... The Senate bill was approved, 51-49, with Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, the ‘Last Jedi’ of GOP deficit hawks, deferring. Now both chambers will attempt to reconcile differences in a conference committee in round 3 before handing President Donald Trump his Christmas present.”

Iowa Starting Line: [Iowans Start Taking Empty Bottles Of Booze To Chuck Grassley’s Offices](#)

By prynard
December 5, 2017

Non-millionaire Iowans who clearly have wasted too much of their hard-earned money on booze, women and movies descended upon Chuck Grassley’s offices today to deliver empty bottles of alcohol to their esteemed senator.

Actually, it was a protest organized by several progressive groups to express voters’ outrage over Grassley’s recent insulting comments aimed at working people. Iowa Citizen Action Network, the Main Street Alliance of Iowa and Americans for Democratic Action Iowa held rallies outside of the senator’s offices in Des Moines and Waterloo this afternoon. Attendees brought empty bottles of booze to mock Grassley’s quote on what the working class spends money on.

Des Moines Register: [Memo to Grassley: Not much women and booze in some folks' budgets](#)

By Rekha Basu
December 5, 2017

The Iowa Citizen Action Network along with the Main Street Alliance of Iowa and Americans for Democratic Action Iowa were hosting rallies outside Grassley's Des Moines and Waterloo offices Tuesday to protest his statements. A press release said they would come "along with our empty booze bottles ... to give citizens a chance to tell him what lowans really need."

The (Waterloo-Cedar Falls) Courier: [Grassley comment draws liquor-bottle protest in Waterloo](#)

By Pat Kinney
December 5, 2017

It wasn't exactly happy hour outside U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley's Waterloo office Tuesday afternoon.

About 20 protesters, organized by Black Hawk County Supervisor Chris Schwartz, an organizer for progressive activist group Americans for Democratic Action-Iowa, showed up in bone-chilling wind outside the Waterloo Building where Grassley's office is located. They carried empty liquor bottles in protest of a comment Grassley made in a Des Moines Register interview about a pending tax bill. Grassley says the comment is being taken out of context.

Radiolowa: [Senator Grassley says his quote on estate taxes was taken out of context](#)

By Matt Kelley
December 5, 2017

Some lowans are upset about Senator Chuck Grassley's recent comment about how a person who doesn't save money may just be blowing it on "booze or women or movies."

Three groups are holding protests today outside Grassley's offices in Waterloo and Des Moines. Grassley, a Republican, says he was defending the GOP effort to scale back federal estate taxes as a way to help people who invest.

Des Moines Register: Editorial: [Deficit of facts in Grassley's rhetoric on tax reform](#)

By Des Moines Register Editorial Board
December 4, 2017

"The Senate GOP tax plan will increase the federal deficit by more than \$1.4 trillion over a decade, according to the CBO. The reason is relatively simple: Cutting taxes reduces the amount of money

collected by the government. ... Grassley, however, refuses to face this reality. Instead, he wants people to believe the tax bill will create so much growth they'll get tired of growing. It does this, he claims, by reducing corporate tax to 'bring American companies and jobs back to our shores' and by allowing individuals to keep more of their own money to spend, save or invest. ... But believing tax cuts stimulate the economy enough to pay for themselves, let alone pay down the country's red ink, does not make it true. Neither does saying it repeatedly."

We Are Iowa (WOI and KCWI): [Business owner details impact of tax reform](#)

By Sarah Beckman
November 3, 2017

As President Trump and dozens of Republicans get behind the tax reform bill dropped on Thursday, Iowa small business owners are reacting to the news. Some are not happy.

Local 5 sat down with a small business owner who gave us a basic idea of how the proposed legislation will affect her and other small businesses in Iowa. She said they'll lose the ability to claim state and local taxes, known as the SALT tax, when they file their federal return. She said it could be enough to bottom out some small businesses to the point they close their doors.

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier: [Main Street Alliance raises concerns about GOP budget](#)

By Christina Crippes
October 25, 2017

Young and others on the call took issue with the notion the budget resolution or tax reform would benefit small businesses. She said the proposed reduction to corporate tax rates would have no impact on her business.

Elected officials also noted a trickle-down impact of the spending cuts and tax cuts in the budget resolution.

"The budget cuts will decimate Iowa's budget," said state Rep. Marti Anderson, D-Des Moines. "Iowa's budget, which is already stretched too thin, will be forced to make up the difference by steeply, steeply cutting the quality of services on everything from education to health care to road maintenance and public safety."

[Globe Gazette: Main Street Alliance, Iowa business owners raise concerns about GOP budget](#)

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October 25, 2017

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[Des Moines Register \(ATF Op-ed\): Grassley can \(and should\) stop budget-busting tax bill](#)

By ReShonda Young
October 9, 2017

The vast majority of Iowans will get very little from these tax cuts, because they are heavily slanted toward the rich and corporations. But nearly all Iowa families and small businesses (such as mine) will suffer from the resulting loss of public revenue: fewer potholes patched, fewer teachers hired, loss of health care, less retirement security.

Trump proposed more than \$4 trillion in cuts to Social Security, Medicaid, education and hundreds of other services people in Iowa depend on to help pay for his tax cuts.

[The Telegraph Herald: U.S. lawmakers from Iowa, Wisconsin weigh in on GOP tax reform plan](#)

By Thomas J. Barton
September 27, 2017

The six-figure ad campaign by Not One Penny — a broad coalition that includes groups like Indivisible, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Tax March and several labor unions — highlights Blum’s past vote for a tax break to health insurance companies that pay their CEOs more than \$500,000 as part of health care repeal. The campaign calls on Blum to say “not one penny more in tax breaks for millionaires.”

Newton Daily News: Op-ed: [Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

July 27, 2017

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West Lyon Herald: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

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Lyon County Reporter: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

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January 25, 2017

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Kansas

The Newton Kansan: Op-ed: [The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 23, 2017

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Topeka Capital-Journal: Editorial: [GOP insists on repeating Kansas' mistakes](#)

By Topeka Capital-Journal Editorial Board

December 23, 2017

“Every member of the Kansas congressional delegation just voted for a colossal tax bill that will cost the federal government a projected \$1.4 trillion over the next decade. ... Jenkins may think she’s a “voice for Kansans,” but she can speak for herself. She doesn’t speak for the Kansans who watched Gov. Sam Brownback’s tax experiment ravage their state for four years. She doesn’t speak for the Kansans who elected moderate lawmakers last year on their explicit promise to abandon the delusional supply-side fantasy that has cost our state billions of dollars since 2012. She doesn’t speak for the Kansans who know the GOP tax bill won’t ‘pay down our nation’s debt’ — it’ll do the opposite. ... Members of the Kansas congressional delegation should be particularly ashamed of voting for the tax bill. If they really wanted to be a ‘voice for Kansans,’ they should have warned the country not to make the same disastrous mistakes we did. Instead, they did the opposite.”

Kentucky

Leitchfield Record: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: worst Christmas present ever](#)

By Frank Clemente
December 28, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

London Sentinel-Echo: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By Frank Clemente
December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

ABC 36 News (Lexington, KY): [PROGRESSIVE GROUPS HOLD PROTEST AGAINST GOP TAX PLAN](#)

By Kelsi Thorud
November 22, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. (WTVQ)- With the senate expected to vote on a federal tax reform bill soon, critics of the proposed plan are taking to the streets calling for its defeat. A group against the republican-backed plan hosted a rally in Lexington Wednesday.

[Louisville Business First \(ATF Op-ed\): Tax reform proposals should concern Kentucky homeowners](#)

By Michael Becker
November 22, 2017
Syndicated from Courier Journal

[Lexington Herald Leader: \(ATF Op-ed\): GOP tax plan wages war on education, opportunity](#)

By Jason W. Marion
November 22, 2017

One of my co-workers used to remind me, “Never forget where you came from,” and I will never forget his words. Folks like state Rep. Rocky Adkins preach and defend the preservation of “hope and opportunity.” Their words have plagued my mind with a question: What am I doing to preserve hope and opportunity for others seeking the opportunities I enjoyed.

[Courier Journal \(Louisville, KY\): ATF Op-ed: Kentucky homeowners should be concerned about tax reform proposals](#)

By Michael Becker
November 20, 2017

Tax reform proposals from both the House and Senate make sweeping changes to the tax benefits that homeowners have enjoyed for years. Unfortunately, if the current federal tax proposals stay as they are, this is likely to change. Here’s why:

Roughly 1.2 million Kentucky residents own their own home, and over 381,000 (roughly 32 percent) claimed a deduction for mortgage interest (MID). If the federal plan doubles the standard deduction and removes most of the exemptions available, however, many fewer homeowners would itemize their taxes, essentially taking the MID and other off the table. But wait, there’s more.

[Courier Journal \(Louisville, KY\): Op-ed: Federal tax and budget plans leaving behind most Kentuckians](#)

By Reverend Don Gillett
November 18, 2017

When it comes to the Bible, there is an overarching value taught from cradle to grave that many Kentuckians could recite on the spot: love your neighbor as yourself. But there's a related value we often forget: taking care of the poor, the orphan, the widow. In today's terms, we are to care for the most vulnerable among us.

Our tithes and the various charities we give of our time and money are fine examples of living out this value. Most, if not all houses of worship across the commonwealth serve the poor in various ways. We show mercy by reaching out directly to people in need. But to live this value fully, we must also examine how we order ourselves as a community. We do justice by building a society that leaves no one behind to begin with.

Courier Journal (Louisville, KY): ATF Op-ed: [Tax reform plan punishes grad students and could cost our country in long run](#)

By Ashley Best
November 15, 2017

In order for the U.S. to stay competitive with other countries in math, science, engineering, technology and innovation we need to be producing quality Ph.D. and master's students. The current model supports a system in which those that are financially disadvantaged can still obtain a Ph.D. That is because Ph.D. students have their tuition waived and they receive a stipend.

At the University of Louisville, one semester tuition for a graduate student who is a resident of Kentucky is \$6,123 or \$12,743 for non-residents. This amount decreases to \$1,417 once the student is done with classes and passes their qualifying exam, formally making them Ph.D. students. No taxes are paid on tuition, just on stipends. Stipend amounts vary by program but are around \$25,000 a year.

The Lane Report: [Ky. Realtors: Tax reform bills don't support homeownership](#)

November 13, 2017

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Richmond Register (ATF Op-ed): [Corporations need fair taxes, not tax cuts](#)

By George Brosi
September 29, 2017

Corporations do not pay a disproportional share of taxes in the United States. The portion of overall government tax income that corporations pay has dramatically declined in relation to what individuals pay. According to research by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in 1952, the corporate share of federal tax revenue was 32 percent. By 2013, it had dropped to 10 percent.

Harlan Daily Enterprise: Op-ed: [Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
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Louisiana

[Houma Courier: Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response with corporate tax reform](#)

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Maine

[Biddeford Journal Tribune: Op-ed: Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 29, 2017

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[Portland Press Herald: Editorial: Sen. Collins took a partisan stand on tax bill](#)

By Portland Press Herald Editorial Board

December 24, 2017

Whether Collins was a winner or loser at the bargaining table is less important than the fact that she voted for the bill at all. That even a self-proclaimed 'fanatical moderate' would line up with the most extreme members of her party to pass a major piece of legislation should serve as a reminder of how much ideology matters at a time when partisanship is supposed to be out of style. ... As we have said before, the substance of the Republican tax package is a rehash of trickle-down economic theories that have proven not to work – at least not for working-class and middle-class Americans who want to get ahead. In the short term, it will benefit the already-wealthy most. In the long term, it drops a time bomb in the federal budget that will put pressure on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, negatively affecting people who are already struggling.”

[Maine Beacon: Maine families pay more under final GOP tax bill](#)

By Sarah Austin

December 21, 2017

House and Senate Republicans expect to vote on their tax bill early this week after an agreement on its provisions was struck Friday. The deal lowers the top individual rate to 37 percent, lower than either House or Senate versions of the bill, and pegs a new flat corporate tax rate of 21 percent.

The deal, if passed by Congress and signed by President Trump, will ultimately increase taxes on the bottom 80 percent of Mainers, while delivering huge tax cuts to profitable corporations, wealthy foreign investors and the richest Americans.

Maine Beacon: [Faith leaders again arrested as Collins throws support behind Republican tax bill](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 19, 2017

Despite the dramatic acts of civil disobedience taking place at two of her Maine offices on Monday, Senator Susan Collins took to the Senate floor to announce that she would be supporting the Republican tax proposal.

In Lewiston, five faith leaders with the organization Moral Movement Maine were arrested Monday evening after a larger group held a six hour pray-in at the senator's office to demand that she drop her support for the "immoral" Republican tax plan.

Maine Beacon: [Groups representing tens of thousands of Mainers call on Collins to vote 'no'](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 18, 2017

One day ahead of the expected final vote on the Republican tax bill, a coalition of progressive organizations representing tens of thousands of Maine residents released an open letter on Monday calling on Senator Susan Collins to vote against the plan.

"A vote in favor of this bill is a blatant demonstration of a back turned to the needs and concerns of constituents," reads the letter, signed by the Maine People's Alliance along with 27 other groups including local Indivisible and Democratic Party chapters, as well as labor and rights organizations.

Bangor Daily News: Editorial: [Sen. Collins made the GOP tax bill better but it is far from good enough to deserve her vote](#)

By Bangor Daily News Editorial Board
December 17, 2017

“We applaud Collins for her work to improve the bill. These provisions will help specific groups of people, but overall, the GOP tax plan will not help low- and middle-income Mainers and Americans in the long term. Instead, it is heavily weighted toward large corporations and the wealthy. Like the majority of economists, we also do not believe the tax cuts will spur economic growth that would cover their \$1.5 trillion cost. For these reasons, we continue to believe the tax bill currently before the House and Senate should be rejected.”

[Maine Beacon: New ads warn Collins, Poliquin against ‘selling out middle class Mainers’ on tax bill](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 16, 2017

A new ad campaign targeting Maine Republicans Senator Susan Collins and Representative Bruce Poliquin is warning the lawmakers that a vote in favor of the GOP tax overhaul would betray promises made to their constituents. Both lawmakers voted for initial versions of the legislation and both seem set to support the final bill. Collins released a statement Friday evening touting the Republican plan. The ads are part of a seven-figure ad buy singling out key Members of Congress, launched by the progressive coalition that organized last summer’s tax march, Not One Penny.

[Maine Beacon: Protests continue to escalate as Sen. Collins poised to decide on tax bill](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 15, 2017

With pressure coming from voters across the state to “be a hero” and drop her support for the Republican tax plan, it has been reported that Senator Susan Collins will read and make her final decision on the updated bill on Friday.

According to Paul Merrill, a reporter with WMTW, Collins “will review the final language in the tax bill today before making her final decision on it.”

[Maine Beacon: Mainers arrested in D.C. as Sen. Collins supports fast-tracking unpopular tax bill](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 14, 2017

Health care and tax fairness activists, including a contingent from Maine, filled the halls of the U.S. Senate building on Wednesday after Congressional Republicans made clear that they were accelerating the timetable for passing their widely unpopular tax overhaul.

Chants such as “No Jones, No vote,” “Shame!” and “Kill the Bill” resounded off the walls as protesters, including Ady Barkan, a father with ALS and an activist with the Center for Popular Democracy, were taken away by the Capitol police.

Livermore Falls Advertiser: Op-ed: [Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 13, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Press Herald: [Tax protest at Sen. Collins' Biddeford office ends as police arrive](#)

By Dennis Hoey
December 13, 2017

About a dozen protesters who stood outside U.S. Sen. Susan Collins' Biddeford office for about an hour Wednesday afternoon left peacefully after police arrived and told them they could be arrested for criminal trespassing.

No one was arrested and the protesters left around 5:15 p.m., said Deputy Police Chief JoAnne Fisk.

Portland Press Herald: Editorial: [Our View: Lots of reasons for Sen. Collins to drop support for tax reform bill](#)

By Portland Press Herald Editorial Board
December 12, 2017

“The changes Collins demanded for her vote wouldn’t be enough make this a good bill. But losing her vote would put it on the brink of collapse. ... Collins should not reward the tea-party right or President Donald Trump’s Wall Street insiders by voting for a bill that does so much for so few who don’t need it. If leadership is offering her an escape route, she should take it.”

[Bangor Daily News: Editorial: The easiest deficit reduction strategy for the GOP? Abandon their tax bill.](#)

By Bangor Daily News Editorial Board
December 12, 2017

“The tax code changes making their way through Congress will likely add at least \$1.4 trillion to the federal deficit over the coming decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office. But that hasn’t stopped most Republicans — many of whom have labeled themselves deficit hawks — from endorsing it. ... For them, the budget hole the tax bill expands can be addressed through ‘entitlement reform.’”

[The Times Record: Bowdoin students, others protest tax bill at Collins’ office](#)

By Nathan Strout
December 11, 2017

Following Susan Collins’ vote in favor of a GOP tax bill, students from Bowdoin Climate Action and members of other Brunswick activist groups marched to the Republican senator’s Portland office to voice their concerns and call on her to reject the legislation.

“(Our purpose is) to demand that Collins vote against the final version of the tax bill when it comes out of conference committee,” said Isabella McCann, spokeswoman for Bowdoin Climate Action.

[Maine Beacon: Hundreds brave winter storm to tell Sen. Collins: ‘You are wrong’ on tax bill](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 11, 2017

Despite freezing temperatures and the season’s first significant snowfall, an estimated 250 people from across New England turned out Saturday to demand that Senator Susan Collins finally listen to the will of the voters and reject the Republican tax overhaul.

The line of protesters marched across Memorial Bridge, which connects Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Kittery, Maine, behind a banner which read: “Sen. Susan Collins, You Are Wrong.”

[Bangor Daily News: Protesters voice anger over tax bill outside Susan Collins’ Bangor home](#)

By Meg Haskell
December 10, 2017

About 20 protesters gathered outside Sen. Susan Collins’ Bangor home midday Sunday to voice their opposition to the sweeping Republican tax reform bill and Collins’ vote in favor of it.

Carrying signs reading “Shame,” “No Tax Cut for Fat Cats,” “Don’t Trickle on Me” and other slogans, the protesters formed a long line along the edge of the road, attracting occasional honks of support from drivers passing through the quiet neighborhood.

Maine Beacon: Sarah Bigney of the Bangor 5 explains why she went to jail

By Beacon Staff
December 10, 2017

This week on the Beacon podcast, Sarah Bigney of the Maine AFL-CIO describes what it was like to be arrested in Sen. Susan Collins’ office in Bangor and what you can do to help stop the Republican tax breaks for the wealthy and health care repeal. Also on the podcast, Taryn, Ben and Mike discuss what it would mean for Rep. Chellie Pingree to join the race for governor and the latest in Ben’s race for mayor of Lewiston.

WABI: Protesters Gather to Change Senator Collin’s Vote on Tax Bill

By News Desk
December 10, 2017

They gathered around 12. Protesters say their decision comes after the Senator’s comment that she might change her vote. Organizers say the reason why they are out is to encourage her to vote no.

Portland Press Herald: Second chorus of voices echoes protest of Sen. Collins’ vote on Republican tax bill

By Edward D. Murphy
December 8, 2017

Another day and another group of protesters descended on Sen. Susan Collins’ office in Portland to express their unhappiness with the Maine Republican’s vote for the Senate version of a tax reform plan working its way through Congress.

The protest Friday drew about 30 people, predominantly students from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, and followed one Thursday that ended with nine religious leaders arrested at Collins’ office at One Canal Plaza. The religious leaders were charged with criminal trespass when they refused to leave at the end of the day when her office closed.

Maine Beacon: [Watch: Clergy arrested in Sen. Collins' office](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 8, 2017

Singing “This little light of mine” as they were restrained with zip-ties by Portland police, nine Maine faith leaders were arrested at the office of Sen. Susan Collins on Thursday evening after staging a pray-in to protest her initial vote for legislation that gives new tax breaks for wealthy individuals and corporations while forcing cuts to health care and other vital programs.

“In the United States we are experiencing a massive redistribution of wealth from the bottom to the top, from the poor to the rich. The tax bill currently before Congress, if passed, will simply exacerbate that problem. As a person of faith, I believe that this is an affront to God. As an American, I believe that it will do profound damage to our country’s social fabric. We are better than this, and we must regain our moral footing,” said Rev. Jim Gertmenian of the United Church of Christ in a statement released Thursday.

Maine Beacon: [King, Pingree celebrated, Poliquin shunned returning to Maine on midnight flight](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 8, 2017

In the early hours of Friday morning, a crowd of Mainers with balloons and flowers greeted Sen. Angus King and Rep. Chellie Pingree as they disembarked from a midnight flight from Washington D.C. at the Portland Jetport. Participants thanked them for their votes and advocacy against the Republican tax bill.

Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who voted for the legislation to cut health care and give new tax breaks to wealthy individuals and corporations, hurried past the group, followed by shouts of “Shame!”

Maine Beacon: [Collins walks back false claims on tax bill as protests escalate](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 7, 2017

Nearly two hundred people chanted “bullshit” outside the Portland office of Senator Susan Collins Wednesday afternoon, one day after the Republican attempted to walk back claims that the widely unpopular GOP tax bill would pay for itself. It’s actually projected to create at least a trillion dollar deficit, threatening bedrock government programs including Medicare and Social Security.

Collins has been under fire since voting for the widely unpopular bill this weekend and is now facing even more pushback after it appears she tried to justify her vote with a series of false statements.

[Bangor Daily News: Faith leaders arrested for trespassing after hours-long sit-in at Sen. Collins' Portland office](#)

By Jake Bleiberg
December 7, 2017

The religious leaders had pledged earlier in the day they would not leave — even if it meant being arrested — until the Republican lawmaker promised to oppose her party's tax package when it comes up for a final vote.

It was the second group of protesters this week to be arrested in the offices of Maine's senior senator while urging her to reject the sweeping changes to the federal tax code that are being negotiated in Washington, D.C. On Monday, police arrested five protesters who staged a sit-in at Collins' Bangor office.

[Portland Press Herald: Religious leaders arrested at Sen. Collins' Portland office after sit-in to protest her vote on tax bill](#)

By Dennis Hoey and Randy Billings
December 7, 2017

A group of nine religious leaders protesting Sen. Susan Collins' support of the tax reform effort were arrested by Portland police officers shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday.

Police waited inside Collins' office at One Canal Plaza, Suite 802, while the group prayed and streamed their protest live on Facebook.

[Daily Kos: Resistance in Maine is strong! Susan Collins forced by irate constituents to walk back tax bill lie](#)

By Joan McCarter
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[Maine Beacon: Mainers arrested for occupying Sen. Collins' office, demanding she vote no on 'tax scam'](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 5, 2017

An electrician, a nurse, a senior, and a veteran were arrested at Senator Susan Collins' Bangor office Monday evening for refusing to leave until the Republican lawmaker promised to pull her support for the GOP "tax scam."

"We are not trying to cause trouble, we are trying to be heard and represented," Tina Davidson, a disability rights activist and veteran, said during a live stream of the sit-in posted by WERU community radio. "We can't wait," she continued, adding that the next vote could happen at any time given congressional Republicans' recent pace of backroom negotiation.

[Maine Beacon: Sen. Collins jumped off a moral cliff with tax vote](#)

By Grady Burns
December 4, 2017

Last Friday, Maine Senator Susan Collins traded in what remained of her legacy to push forward a massive tax cut to corporations and America's wealthiest, based on a set of assurances from her Republican colleagues about the final outcome of the bill that she has little power to ultimately compel or enforce.

Becoming the decisive 51st senator to sign on to the Senate Republicans' tax bill before it passed in the early hours of Saturday morning, Collins placed her stamp of approval on a legislative process that was so outrageous that the final bill included more than half a trillion dollars of new cuts and spending that had undergone no committee hearings or public debate, and included provisions that were proposed with so little preparation that they were literally handwritten into the margins of the original draft of the legislation. To call this process a break from the norms of Senate process would be a dramatic understatement, and yet, Collins—who earlier this year voted against her party's attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act partially on the grounds that the bill was being rammed through the Senate without any semblance of regular order—seemed genuinely unconcerned.

[Mic: In Maine, Susan Collins' "yes" vote on tax plan brings devastation](#)

By Will Drabold
December 2, 2017

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) famously delivered a thumbs-down early on a July morning to kill legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. But it was Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) whose opposition had long made it difficult to kill the health care law known as Obamacare.

Collins was given credit, even by her opponents, for meeting with constituents to hear their concerns about repealing the ACA. She consistently said she was worried about the number of Americans who would lose health insurance coverage.

Maine Beacon: [Sen. Collins is betraying many of the core principles she has claimed to stand for](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 2, 2017

As Senator Susan Collins moves towards a yes vote on the Republican tax proposal, she's moving away from previous positions against health care repeal, massive deficit spending and a rational legislative process. This week on the podcast, Taryn Hallweaver, Ben Chin and Mike Tipping discuss the tax break for the wealthy and what comes next.

Also, Shawn Moody and the state of the Republican race for Governor and new numbers from the Maine Human Rights Commission showing sexual harassment complaints have greatly increased in recent years.

Maine Beacon: [Maine small business owners urgently warn Sen. Collins against tax bill](#)

By Beacon Staff
December 1, 2017

Underscoring how devastating the Republican tax proposal will be for the middle class and local economies, Maine small business owners assembled in Auburn on Thursday to make a last minute plea for Senator Susan Collins to oppose the bill.

"The Senate tax plan is not 'tax reform,'" said Leisha Petrovich, who was among those who addressed the crowd at the Lamey-Wellehan Shoes headquarters.

Central Maine: Column: [Maine Voices: Tax bill serves wealthy at a cost to the rest of us](#)

By Cathy Walsh & Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner
November 30, 2017

Sometimes a catastrophe takes you by surprise. At other times you can see it coming. The tax plan our U.S. senators are taking up this week, after their Thanksgiving break, is the latter. Despite the deception and outright lies coming out of Washington, D.C., anyone who is paying attention can see that this tax plan, which was written by and for billionaires, millionaires and the wealthiest corporations, is a catastrophe in the making. It gives huge tax breaks to those who need it least while doing great damage to our economy and to working families — to people like us.

[ABC-Bangor \(Television\): Mainers Protest Against Tax Plan](#)

Bangor, ME
November 30, 2017

Protestors urge that [Senator King] and Senator Susan Collins reject the proposed tax package. According to those at the Maine Small Business Coalition and Mainers for Accountable Leadership, this new package could make taxes for low-income Americans go up in 2021.

[WGME \(Portland, ME\): Maine Small Business Coalition wary of Senate GOP tax plan](#)

By Marissa Bodnar
November 30, 2017

AUBURN (WGME) — The Maine Small Business Coalition is calling on Senator Susan Collins to oppose the Senate Republican tax plan, while other state leaders say it would stimulate growth.

Jim Wellehan has been running his family's shoe business since the 1960s. The company, Lamey Wellehan, puts about 100 people to work across six stores.

[Portland Press Herald: Letter to the editor: Senate tax bill will hurt Maine's poorest and most vulnerable](#)

By Peter Simmons
November 30, 2017

The tax bill snaking its way through the Senate is a disaster in the making for the state of Maine. It will benefit only the very richest Mainers, and will hurt most the poorest and least fortunate among us.

According to the Urban Institute's and Brookings Institution's nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, over the next decade, nearly 80 percent of the benefits will go to the top 1 percent of all households, and 40 percent to the top one-tenth of 1 percent. To pay for these windfalls to the ultra-wealthy, the many budget cuts that will hurt Maine's youth, seniors and the poor include:

[Portland Press Herald \(Editorial\): Our View: Sen. Collins should not support Senate tax bill](#)

By The Editorial Board
November 30, 2017

Mainers understand the value of community. We benefit from living in tightly knit towns and cities where people still know and care for one another. But for communities to work, they require maintenance and care: good schools, investment in infrastructure, emergency responders to keep us safe, access to affordable health care and housing.

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[Maine Beacon: Mainers rise up ahead of pivotal Senate tax vote](#)

By Beacon Staff
November 30, 2017

With the nation focused on Senator Susan Collins ahead of this week's expected Senate vote on the Republican tax overhaul, Mainers across the state are rallying against the plan, reminding the lawmaker that she works for the people, "not the billionaires."

On Wednesday, protestors rallying in Portland, Lewiston and Bangor called on Collins to vote against the legislation following news that the self-described moderate may have struck a deal with President Donald Trump earlier this week—a bargain that experts note would do little to alleviate the "severe harm" caused by the bill in the form of increasing health care premiums and forcing deep cuts to programs like Medicare and Social Security.

Bangor Daily News: [The Senate Tax Plan Would Harm Maine Communities](#)

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Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach Courier: [Letter to the Editor: Trump's plan wouldn't help small business](#)

By Emily Ingwersen Arundel
November 29, 2017

When Ivanka Trump came to Biddeford recently, her goal was to tout the plan her father has been pushing that would give a huge tax break to the super rich. You've probably heard the claims from Maine Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin and others about how this plan will help Maine's small businesses. It's not true. This bill may be great if you're a billionaire heiress from New York like Trump or a former Wall Street executive like Poliquin, but it does nothing to help Maine small business owners like me.

Fox 22 (Bangor, ME): [Protesters rally against tax plan](#)

By Shonna Narine
November 29, 2017

They gathered outside her Bangor office earlier today.

Supporters of the bill say it will benefit lower and middle income working families, but protesters are concerned about how they think it will affect medicaid, social security, and medicare.

Maine Beacon: [GOP tax plan would be devastating for Maine seniors](#)

By Beacon Staff
November 29, 2017

Leaders of groups representing and caring for seniors gathered in Bangor on Tuesday to plead with Sen. Susan Collins not to support a proposed Republican tax plan and health care repeal bill that is likely headed towards a vote in the Senate this week.

“Do we really think we’re better off taking away health care to pay for tax cuts for America’s wealthiest and large corporations?” asked Don Berry, a retired electrician from Sumner and president of the Maine Alliance for Retired Americans.

Maine Beacon: [After Trump meeting, Collins set to support tax breaks for wealthy, health care cuts](#)

By Beacon Staff
November 29, 2017

Following a meeting with President Donald Trump, Senator Susan Collins now says she’s leaning toward supporting the tax restructuring and health care repeal bill backed by Trump and Republican leadership. Collins had previously raised concerns about damage the bill would do to the nation’s health care system, the rushed legislative process and the \$1.5 trillion increase in the deficit the tax breaks would cause, likely threatening programs like Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security.

A majority of the tax cuts in the bill would benefit only the top 1% of income earners, with 40% going to just the top .01%.

Portland Press Herald: [Letter to the editor: Resist Medicaid expansion but give BIW tax relief? Get real](#)

November 28, 2017

It’s rare when two seemingly disparate issues conjoin to illustrate how our societal priorities are interconnected.

On the one hand is Medicaid expansion, which was overwhelmingly approved by public referendum this year. Gov. LePage decries the cost, estimated at \$55 million per year, to provide health care for approximately 70,000 low-income Mainers.

[Maine Public Radio: Maine Faith Leaders: GOP Tax Plan 'Neither Just Nor Moral'](#)

By Abukar Adan

November 28, 2017

Maine faith leaders and community members gathered in front of St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland Tuesday to call on U.S. Sen. Susan Collins to reject the GOP tax plan. But speakers at the rally, including Rev. Jim Gertmenian of the Preble St. Faith Action Network, said it's clear who the bill would help – and it isn't working families. Gertmenian was joined by about two dozen members of the faith community, who opposed the tax cuts on moral grounds. Following the event, rally-goers delivered what they called a "moral declaration," signed by 138 faith leaders from across the state, to Sen. Collins' Portland office.

[Bangor Daily News: Senate needs to slow down and fix its tax plan if they truly want to help middle class](#)

Editorial Board

November 27, 2017

Back from their Thanksgiving vacation, Senate Republicans are devoting much of their attention to a tax cut plan they hope to pass by the end of the year. Rather than a rushed package of changes that disproportionately benefits the wealthy and corporations, lawmakers should slow down and fully consider the best ways to help middle-class Americans and small businesses.

Numerous analyses of the proposed Senate tax plan, which is not finalized, and a plan passed by House Republicans earlier this month have found that the plans' benefits flow mostly to rich Americans and large corporations and that many average-income Americans will pay higher taxes in a decade. One reason is that while corporate tax cuts are permanent in the legislation, tax changes for individuals and families will expire.

[NBC News Center Maine \(Portland, ME\) : Sen. Collins facing pressure on GOP tax reform plan](#)

By Danielle Waugh

November 27, 2017

(NECN) — Senators could vote as soon as this week on the GOP tax reform plan and Maine Senator Susan Collins is still uncommitted. The moderate Republican has voiced concerns about the bill, including a provision to repeal the individual healthcare mandate.

As she decides on her vote, Sen. Collins is getting pressure from home. Protesters gathered outside her Portland office Monday morning, asking Collins to vote against the plan.

Portland Press Herald: [Letter to the editor: Republicans' tax proposal penalizes higher education](#)

By Sarah Payne
November 27, 2017

It's hard to believe that anyone would want to make it harder for working people to access higher education. Yet the Republican tax plan could do just that.

I was born and raised in Cushing, Maine. After 10 years working in education, I am pursuing a doctorate in sociology at the University of California at Berkeley. After I finish, I hope to return to Maine to live and teach.

Sun Journal: [Tax bill's fate may depend on Maine's Susan Collins](#)

By Steve Collins
November 27, 2017

Once again, U.S. Sen. Susan Collins may decide the fate of a major proposal touted by President Donald Trump — a tax overhaul.

The Maine Republican's vote is crucial to winning passage in the Senate of a tax bill that would slice the corporate rate and cut most household taxes during the next decade.

Portland Press Herald: [Letter to the Editor: Tax reform bills in Congress fall short on child care access](#)

By Anne Vaughan
November 22, 2017

Senate tax reform measures make the child tax credit more generous than the House measures do, and they would expand the numbers of those eligible.

However, child care access must be expanded to include more workers. The emphasis that Ivanka Trump places on expansion is deplorably deficient. Her focus is on access to a tax credit by women who are already beneficiaries of large incomes, ignoring the needs of those hoping to work and enter the middle-class, wage-earning public.

[Portland Press Herald: Column: Republican tax plan won't benefit many Mainers](#)

By Cynthia Dill
November 19, 2017

Remember Question 1 on Maine's November ballot, which wanted us to give one guy – Shawn Scott – the exclusive license to operate a York County casino so he could get richer? That's what the Republican tax overhaul plan coming out of Washington looks like – except instead of one guy getting all the money, it's 1 percent of the population.

I don't fault the logic of the super-rich people who want to get more and more money: The cost of lobbying and controlling members of Congress keeps going up, and a steady stream of big checks is the price of admission to good schools, glitzy parties and attendance at "conferences" and "summits" in places like Aspen and Colorado Springs.

[Maine Beacon: Constituents protest Rep. Poliquin's vote for tax breaks for 'super rich'](#)

By Beacon Staff
November 17, 2017

"Bruce Poliquin is hurting Maine's small business owners in order to give himself and his rich friends a big tax break," said Gary Friedmann, co-owner of Bar Harbor Community Farm, standing outside Rep. Poliquin's Bangor office on Thursday. "Tax breaks for the super rich and multinational corporations are not what my business needs. We need affordable health care for our employees, not Wall Street windfalls."

Friedmann and other Second-District constituents delivered more than a thousand personal messages to Poliquin and to Sen. Susan Collins hours before the House vote on the Republican tax package, urging them to reject the legislation. Poliquin joined most of his GOP colleagues in voting for the measure, which passed 227 to 205, with 13 Republicans joining all House Democrats in opposition.

[WMPG 90.9 \(Portland, ME\): Interview on *Community Voices for Change* Radio Show](#)

November 16, 2017

Cathy Walsh, owner of Arabica Coffee and an active member of the Maine Small Business Coalition, appeared on a local radio show, *Community Voices for Change*, on WMPG in Portland, and discussed several issues including taxes, healthcare, minimum wage and the environment.

[WGME \(Portland, ME\): MEA claims tax reform plans put Maine education jobs at risk](#)

By WGME
November 16, 2017

Both the House and Senate tax reform plans get rid of at least part of state and local tax deductions known as SALT, but Maine's largest teachers union says that move could put more than 1,000 education jobs and put public education at risk.

The Maine Education Association (MEA) claims getting rid of the state and local tax deduction will jeopardize public funding of education all to give mostly wealthy people and corporations huge tax breaks.

[Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel \(Editorial\): GOP tax plans offer more trickle-down economics](#)

Editorial
November 12, 2017

The Republican tax reform plan being railroaded through Congress might sound complicated, but it's really very simple.

They want to give about \$5 trillion in tax cuts to the richest individuals, families and corporations, which they propose to offset by eliminating about \$3 trillion in tax deductions that are currently enjoyed by both the wealthy and not-so-wealthy alike.

[The Ellsworth American: Letter to the Editor: Poliquin out of touch with his constituents](#)

By Max Treitler
November 10, 2017

With all of the different attempts to repeal the ACA, combined with the administration's attempts to sabotage the health care market, and now the congressional budget plans, it can be hard to remember that all of this has really been about cutting taxes for the very wealthy. The funding cuts to the ACA that would have left 39,000 or so of us in CD2 without coverage actually were going to fund a huge tax cut that only went to people in the top income brackets, very few of whom live in Mr. Poliquin's district. This has come up again, because the budget proposal that the congressman has just voted for is looking to do the same thing. There are mammoth cuts proposed to both Medicare and Medicaid in order to pay for not only tax cuts for wealthy individuals, but new ways for corporations to move money offshore and banks and bankers to hide their income and avoid paying their fair share. Maine is the oldest state in the union and certainly not the wealthiest. Neither my business, nor any other Maine small business that I know sees any benefit from these tax breaks, but we would suffer from the cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other life-saving programs.

[NBC News Center Maine \(Portland, ME\): Collins, Ivanka Trump join forces for tax reform](#)

By Don Carrigan
November 10, 2017

According to staff members, Collins has developed an apparently friendly working relationship with President Trump's advisor, and daughter, Ivanka Trump. The two joined forces in Biddeford Friday for a tax forum with an invited audience of about 220 people. Collins' Chief of Staff, Steve Abbott, said the White House asked Collins to organize the event, which was held at Volk Packaging in Biddeford. Many in the audience were invited by Collins, while others were invited by the Maine GOP.

Collins and Trump both said changing the tax laws will help corporations and small businesses compete and grow.

[Sun Journal: Ivanka Trump joins Sen. Collins in Biddeford to pitch Republican tax reform effort](#)

By Scott Thistle
November 10, 2017
Syndicated from Portland Press Herald

BIDDEFORD – The eldest daughter of the president teamed up with Maine's senior U.S. senator Friday in an effort to build support for the Republican tax reform effort at a forum attended by an invitation-only crowd of about 250 people.

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[WGME \(Portland, ME\): Ivanka Trump talks tax reform in Biddeford](#)

By WGME Staff
November 10, 2017

BIDDEFORD (WGME) — The president's daughter paid a visit to Maine, but not without protests.

At a packing plant in Biddeford, Ivanka Trump, Senator Susan Collins, and the U.S. Treasurer pushed for tax reform.

[Maine Beacon: Mainers protest Republican corporate tax giveaway](#)

By Beacon Staff
November 10, 2017

“These reports highlight how the rich and powerful play by a different set of rules than the rest of us. And — if passed — Trump’s tax scam would make a host of loopholes and tax breaks permanent,” said **Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente in a statement.

[Maine Public Radio: Business Group Calls On Poliquin, Collins To Oppose Tax Cuts For Wealthy](#)

By A.J. Higgins
October 26, 2017

A business group aligned with the progressive Maine People’s Alliance met at a Bangor restaurant Thursday to call upon U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, both Republicans, to reject any Republican efforts to slash Medicare and Medicaid and to cut taxes for the wealthy and large corporations.

“We’re here today to tell Sen. Collins and Rep. Poliquin that Maine small-business owners don’t need tax cuts for wealthy individuals and massive corporations from out of state,” said Will Ikard, who heads the Maine Small Business Coalition. “What we need is investment in programs that strengthen lower- and middle-class families.”

Maine Beacon: [Maine small business owners condemn Rep. Poliquin's budget vote](#)

By Beacon Staff
October 26, 2017

Small business owners in Maine's Second District held a press conference at Fork and Spoon restaurant in Bangor today to criticize Congressman Bruce Poliquin's repeated votes, including one this morning, in support of a Republican federal budget proposal that would cut Medicaid, Medicare and other programs in order to fund \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks that primarily benefit the wealthiest individuals and corporations.

"Business owners want investments in our communities, not tax cuts for the top 1% and corporations based in other states," said Will Ikard, director of the Maine Small Business Coalition. "We know that consumer spending – not tax breaks for Wall Street – is what drives our local economies. Unfortunately, Representative Poliquin has again proven that he puts Wall Street ahead of the small businesses in his own district."

Maine Beacon: [King, Collins cast opposing votes on tax breaks for wealthy, health care cuts](#)

By Beacon Staff
October 21, 2017

The tax plan that has now been advanced through the budget resolution will raise taxes on 14% of mostly middle-income Maine households, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, while cutting taxes for households earning over \$1.2 million a year by an average of \$30,000.

The Courier-Gazette and Camden Herald: [Letter to the Editor](#)

October 12, 2017

Now consider the amount of taxes some of the other major companies paid: (Source: **Americans for Tax Fairness**). General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012.

Maine Beacon: [Rep. Poliquin again votes for health care cuts, tax breaks for the wealth](#)

By Beacon Staff
October 6, 2017

“This budget resolution is the first step toward an immoral tax scheme that will hand trillions of dollars to millionaires and corporations at the expense of millions of America’s working families, many of whom will actually see a tax increase” said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “These tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations will ultimately be paid for by cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, disability services, and other national priorities, while the expansion of the deficit will further threaten Social Security. The Republicans who voted to advance this plan owe their constituents an explanation.”

Maine Beacon: [On tape, Rep. Poliquin bragged about helping Trump cut taxes for ‘big corporations’](#)

By Mike Tipping
October 2, 2017

As Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** noted when asked about Poliquin’s comments, “there aren’t too many Mainers making that kind of money.”

“This massive tax giveaway to the rich and big corporations will end up being paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, education and a lot of other services that benefit most Mainers,” said Clemente.

Portland Press Herald (ATF Op-ed): [Repealing Obamacare Will Cut My Taxes -- But at Too High a Price](#)

By Severin Beliveau
February 22, 2017

Like a lot of inland paper mill towns, my boyhood home of Rumford has seen better days. Nearly one in four residents there lives in poverty –that’s about twice the poverty rate for the rest of Maine.

With so many families struggling to pay their bills, the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare) has offered lifesaving assistance. But Republicans in Congress want to repeal it. In the process, they would give big tax breaks to wealthy households in Portland and other communities along the coast.

Kennebec Journal (Op-ed): [Repealing Obamacare would help rich at expense of poor](#)

By Severin Beliveau
February 22, 2017

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Franklin Journal: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack

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[The Frederick News-Post: Letter to the Editor: Health of children should be top priority](#)

By Maria Dennis
November 16, 2017

The House recently passed a bill that would pay for CHIP renewal, however, they have included underhanded cuts in other health care programs, including the ACA Prevention and Public Health Fund and by raising Medicare costs for some seniors, tearing down potentially lifesaving health coverage for older Americans. Yet, in the same week the Republicans also introduced a tax bill that would give over \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks mainly to the rich and corporations, to be paid for with \$1.5 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. This is nothing but a corrupt political shell game; one that Rep. Andy Harris (R-1st) is playing, supporting a vote for this tax scheme for political points in D.C. while kids like Michael in his own state will lose so much

[The Daily Times \(Delmarvanow.com\): Letter to the Editor: Urge Andy Harris to reject GOP tax reform bill](#)

By Michael Feldman
November 16, 2017

Here we go again. Rep. Andy Harris turned his back on constituents when he voted in support of the federal budget resolution that would cut Medicare by \$487 billion and \$1 trillion from Medicaid in the next 10 years. This week, conservatives are taking the next step with the release of their new tax “reform” bill, which will give away trillions in tax breaks that overwhelmingly benefit the richest Americans and corporations — paid for by those proposed huge cuts to health care programs that seniors, kids, working families, veterans and people with disabilities depend on. We can’t allow Andy Harris to cut our health care so he can give his big donors billions in tax breaks.

The Baltimore Sun: [Letter to the Editor: Andy Harris is no fan of free speech](#)

By Jared Schablein
November 14, 2017

After a long wait, Rep. Andy Harris finally had another “town hall” from the one last year in Wye Mills (“Maryland Democrats call on Rep. Harris to denounce Roy Moore,” Nov. 10). This time it was on the tax plan, and quickly we realized Mr. Harris was his spineless self. Representing a congressional district isn’t about political parties, big donors or personal interests. It is about representing and doing what is best for the people who elected Mr. Harris, and if the congressman can’t hold normal town halls, he should at least let his constituents address him directly. If he can’t put the people of the district over party, he should not run for re-election in 2018.

The Baltimore Sun: Editorial: [Alternative Facts of the Week: GOP tax bill edition](#)

By The Baltimore Sun Editorial Board
December 14, 2017

“A particularly odious bit of the Senate bill appears to have prevailed in the negotiations, which is that reductions to the corporate tax are permanent whereas the individual tax cuts would expire after 2025. But that just underscores the fundamental truth of this exercise, which is that about two-thirds of the cost of the legislation is tied to corporate tax cuts and one third to tax cuts for individuals. ... This tax bill isn’t just a cut in rates. It also involves myriad changes to the deductions and credits in the individual tax code, many of which negatively impact Maryland more than most other states.”

Delmarva Public Radio: [Harris Defends Tax Cut Package at Town Hall](#)

By Don Rush
November 13, 2017

[Congressman] Andy Harris defended the proposed tax cut package now on Capitol Hill saying that it would ensure a vast majority of the middle class would get tax relief. There was one protester dressed in a Monopoly costume who was forcibly removed after shouting that Harris’ constituents would lose their Medicare and Medicaid for more tax cuts. Harris has been criticized this year for not holding more town halls with constituents.

[The Daily Times \(Delmarvanow.com\): Andy Harris talks tax reform at Wi-Hi town hall](#)

By Faith Tarpley
November 12, 2017

Though there were anticipated differing opinions on Harris and his voting record, all sides sought clarity regarding the proposal tax proposal.

"I've been to previous meetings where he says, 'The deficit is our biggest problem, the deficit is our biggest problem,' but this adds a trillion and a half to the deficit, so it's kind of hypocritical and we'd like some answers," said Bob Tiernan, a spokesperson for Talbot Rising, which bills itself as "a nonpartisan progressive grassroots volunteer organization using the power of peaceful resistance, education and issue advocacy for economic, social, racial and environmental justice in Talbot County on Maryland's Eastern Shore."

[The Star Democrat: Letter to the Editor: Rep. Harris Flip-flops on Deficit with Tax Bill](#)

By Robert Tiernan
November 7, 2017

Rep. Andy Harris (MD-01) is asking Maryland taxpayers to support a misguided corporate tax cut that will also boost the federal deficit by \$1.5 trillion. And he wants to subsidize that giveaway by taking away the deduction for state and local income taxes, which 41 percent of people in his own First Congressional District itemize. And many of the supposed middle-class breaks will expire in a few years. We need some honest answers on Saturday.

[The Talbot Spy: Letter to the Editor: Harris Flip-Flops on Deficit-Spending to Support Corporate Tax Giveaway](#)

By Bob Tiernan
November 4, 2017

For years, Harris has presented Powerpoint slides complaining about the deficit, but now Harris has sold out to corporate interests to explode the deficit. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, in fact, says many middle-class families will end up paying more taxes.

In this Republican plan, corporate taxes are slashed. The estate tax is whacked, benefiting only the very wealthy. The alternative minimum tax, designed to make sure the wealthy pay their fair share, is gone.

Rep. Harris owes the 700,000 people of the First District a full explanation instead of a 100-word statement.

The Daily Times (Delmarvanow.com): Op-ed: [Andy Harris's health care votes will not soon be forgotten](#)

By Wendi Harris
October 2, 2017

That means rather than standing up for the people of Maryland, Harris voted to take health insurance from 277,000 of our families to fund big tax breaks for millionaires, billionaires, and insurance and drug companies. Repealing the ACA through efforts such as the cautiously departed Graham-Cassidy Bill, the 2018 federal budget or tax reform, including eliminating Medicaid and CHIP funding, would literally put lives at risk. So why would Harris vote for this bill? Simple: \$541 billion in planned tax breaks for corporations and wealthy individuals who would benefit from cuts to healthcare. Those aren't the constituents who sent Harris to Washington. Still, it seems he was willing to put their greed ahead of our need.

Hagerstown Herald-Mail: Op-ed: [Three reasons why Trump must release his tax returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
April 11, 2017

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Hagerstown Herald-Mail: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
January 25, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Massachusetts

[Boston Globe: Column: Twin GOP tax plans will erode domestic spending](#)

By Michael Cohen
November 22, 2017

Since the tax cut bill is not paid for and will add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit, it will trigger Senate PAYGO rules that will lead to mandatory spending cuts. That means \$150 billion in spending cuts per year for 10 years. According to Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, that would mean \$28 billion in Medicare cuts in 2018, which will balloon to \$56 billion by 2027.

[Boston Globe: Editorial: One last chance for Collins to reject bad GOP tax bill](#)

By Boston Globe Editorial Board
December 14, 2017

“Now, it’s true that politicians have to compromise. But they shouldn’t walk away from core priorities like the ones that **Collins** outlined during the tax debate. ... The truth is that **Collins** made a huge blunder by voting for the Senate bill. She’s not the only one to miscalculate: Republican Jeff Flake of Arizona cast his vote for the bill on assurances that Congress would protect undocumented children. There has been no action there, either. ... Those senators are left with two choices now: to insist on the deal they had, or back down. And that would expose them as bad negotiators, unprincipled, or both. ... One thing is sure: To cast a vote for this bill would reinforce every cynical belief Americans have about politicians, and leave a lasting blot on Collins’s record.”

[The Springfield Republican: Editorial: Will Republicans run on or from tax bill?](#)

By The Springfield Republican Editorial Board
December 12, 2017

“When the final bill emerges, perhaps later on this week, maybe not until next week, there'll likely be many more unpleasant surprises found in that package, too. Why? Because Republicans created an unnecessary deadline for themselves. Because they want to get something, anything, done on taxes before year's end. Republicans have been looking for something to run on in next year's midterm elections. More likely, as people learn more details about the tax rewrite, GOP candidates will be running from this kludge of a tax plan.”

Michigan

Livingston County News: [Demonstrators again target Collins support of tax bill](#)

By Ben Beagle
December 11, 2017

About 20 people rallied outside the district office of Congressman Chris Collins, R-Clarence, in Geneseo last week in protest of Republican-backed tax bills they say will be harmful to many residents of New York.

The Dec. 6 rally followed similar efforts happening around the country in which those protesting sought to urge their elected representatives in the House and Senate to vote against the tax-reform bills.

The Monroe News: Op-ed: [Big Pharma gets some blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 11, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Detroit Lakes Tribune: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack
January 22, 2017

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Minnesota

St. Cloud Times: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 30, 2017

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Staples World: Op-ed: [Tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 28, 2017

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Grant County Herald: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: The worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Minneapolis Star Tribune: Editorial: [Tax reform remains a risky gamble](#)

By Minneapolis Star Tribune Editorial Board

December 20, 2017

“The Republican defense, as articulated by Minnesota Republican U.S. **Rep. Erik Paulsen**, is that an economy with weak growth needs a boost. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees this bill will perform that service. And for Minnesotans, the price it extracts could be dear. The federal changes could trigger a rise in state taxes for most Minnesotans unless the Legislature acts. ... The bill also hurts Minnesota because of the state’s healthy homeownership rates. ... The bill also eliminates the insurance mandate for the Affordable Care Act, an unconscionable move that could drive up insurance premiums and cost an estimated 227,000 Minnesotans coverage.”

ABC News 10: [Residents protest tax reform bill](#)

By Lee Snitz

December 11, 2017

HOUGHTON — As the debate over tax reform continues, nearly 30 concerned citizens gathered over the weekend in downtown Houghton to protest the recently passed legislation. Protesters picketed along Sheldon Avenue after marching across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with Congressman Jack Bergman, who voted in support of the tax reform bill recently passed by the House of Representatives.

[The Daily Mining Gazette: Tax Protest: Bridge marchers oppose reform bill](#)

By Kali Katerberg
December 11, 2017

HOUGHTON/HANCOCK — Members of the Houghton and Baraga County Democrats and other concerned citizens marched to protest the GOP tax bill pending in Congress.

The group carried signs across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge Saturday morning. Walking from the Houghton side into Hancock protesters waved to passing cars, attempting to raise awareness. A few drivers honked and waved back.

[Minneapolis Star Tribune: Editorial: Congress should keep working on tax reform](#)

By Minneapolis Star Tribune Editorial Board
December 8, 2017

“With nearly complete disregard for transparency, Republicans have jettisoned the usual vetting process of hearings, bill-scoring and careful analyses that might have given them a chance to perfect tax legislation which, after all, will touch every aspect of American economic life. ... In their zeal to claim victory — any victory — Republican leaders have shut out not only Democrats, but those in their own party who have been sounding warnings. ... In doing so, they also have done an about-face on another long-held principle, and one the Star Tribune Editorial Board has strongly supported over the years — deficit reduction. ... The Republican tax bills not only do not pay for themselves, they are projected to add well over \$1 trillion to the country’s already supersized debt. After lavishing tax giveaways on high-income Americans, the next order of business is quickly shaping up: cutting the health and anti-poverty programs that are lifelines for the nation’s poor, disabled and elderly. Deliberately inflating the deficit with tax cuts, then using it as an excuse to hack away at vital programs is irresponsible and cruel.”

[Star Tribune: Letter to the Editor: Tax reform](#)

By Frank Malley
November 10, 2017

Tax reform is speeding to a vote in the House and in the Senate. The centerpiece is a substantial reduction in U.S. corporate tax so that corporate tax rates, which are now nominally as high as 35 percent, may sink to 20 percent, thereby — we are told — enabling U.S. corporations to be robustly competitive in an international market filled with countries that have low corporate taxes. When corporate taxes are hugely reduced, someone has to pick up the slack. The overall tax burden of individuals will inescapably increase under what Congress chooses to call reform.

[Twin Cities Pioneer Press: Column: Democrats are starting a fierce internal debate. Finally.](#)

By Katrina Vanden Heuvel

August 31, 2017

Syndicated from The Washington Post

Of course, Trump and Republicans still set the national agenda, with tax cuts and infrastructure two possibilities. A broad coalition of more than 400 groups called **Americans for Tax Fairness** champions progressive tax reform that helps make the rich and corporations pay their fair share — a stance that enjoys overwhelming public approval. Similarly, activists will challenge Trump’s infrastructure plan, which appears to feature the worst forms of crony capitalism: “public private partnerships” that privatize highways and bridges and impose tolls on users; tax giveaways to companies stowing profits abroad.

[Staples World: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack

February 2, 2017

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[Minnesota Insight: Op-ed: Repealing the Affordable Care Act is the wrong thing to do](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack

January 29, 2017

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Mississippi

Jackson Clarion-Ledger: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present imaginable](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 29, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Batesville Panolian: Op-ed: [Republicans' tax overhaul: worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 26, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

The Hattiesburg American: [Column: Is new tax proposal really a fair deal?](#)

By Lynn Evans
November 11, 2017

A new poll paid for in part by **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that most Americans have clued in that

the proposed tax plan is not what was promised. About 60 percent of respondents, including Trump supporters, think the tax plan is tilted toward the wealthiest and not the middle class.

Jackson Clarion-Ledger: Op-ed: [Senate bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

July 7, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Missouri

Potosi Independent-Journal: Op-ed: [The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By Frank Clemente

December 28, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Potosi Independent-Journal: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's Blockbuster Tax Cuts](#)

By Frank Clemente

December 14, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Editorial: [Fresh from a big loss, GOP doubles down with unpopular tax plan](#)

By St. Louis Post-Dispatch Editorial Board

December 14, 2017

“Almost two-thirds believe the tax bill benefits the wealthy, and only a quarter see it as a plus for the middle class. President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans can’t hide the unfairness of this bill, yet they insist on barreling forward. ... This tax plan would add another \$1 trillion to the debt and reward the GOP’s preferred group of wealthy individuals and corporations. It directly violates the GOP’s contract with its voters.”

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Editorial: [Experts say tax cuts bills are full of loopholes, games and glitches](#)

By St. Louis Post-Dispatch Editorial Board
December 13, 2017

“As tax experts analyze congressional tax-cut bills in depth — something Republican tax-cutters haven’t bothered to do — they are discovering glitches and loopholes that will make them costlier than anticipated and may punish some of the very people they were intended to reward. ... All of these games and glitches further tilt the advantages to the wealthy at the expense of the middle class. Instead of reconciling the bills, negotiators should throw them out and start from scratch.”

News Tribune (Jefferson City, MO): [Residents protest Luetkemeyer's support of tax plan](#)

By Philip Joens
December 8, 2017

More than a dozen Jefferson City residents squeezed into U.S. Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer's Missouri Boulevard office Thursday and delivered a box of postcards covered with concerns about the tax reform bills working their way through Congress.

During the half-hour protest, organizers said they think the tax bills were written without the input of ordinary citizens. People at the protest also said the changes could harm average Americans, like senior citizens and graduate students.

Kansas City Star: Editorial: [Tax cuts are only the start. Social Security and Medicare could be next on the chopping block](#)

By Kansas City Star Editorial Board
December 4, 2017

“Actually, the driver of our debt is reckless and unnecessary tax reductions for the very richest Americans. The Senate bill — endorsed by Sens. Roy Blunt, Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran — illustrates that point explicitly by permanently slashing income taxes for corporations and their shareholders. ... Americans shouldn’t buy the snake oil. By enacting their own trillion-dollar stimulus plan, the party has demonstrated utter contempt for a balanced federal budget or a reduction in the nation’s debt. ... Any attempt to cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to solve an imagined ‘debt crisis’ should be met with the scorn it deserves. ... Tax cutters in Congress won’t only be stealing from the next generation. They’ll be lying to it, too.”

[KY3 \(Springfield, MO\): Protestors ask Sen. Blunt to vote against tax reform](#)

November 21, 2017

Protesters walked Springfield sidewalks to show concern over tax proposal before the U.S. Senate. Republicans say the \$1.5 billion cut would be good for the economy. Opponents say it benefits the wealthy and corporations. More than two dozen people lined up along East Sunshine in front of Senator Roy Blunt's office. Several of them also headed inside to voice their concerns to a Blunt spokesperson, hoping the Senator will vote "no." Some in the faith community say the bill will benefit the rich and not the poor and middle class. The protestors are also upset about the possibility of a provision to the bill, that could do away with the Affordable Care Act.

[West Plains Daily Quill: Letter to the Editor: Senior budget will devastate](#)

By Jan Lancaster
November 17, 2017

Currently Missouri gets 38 percent of its general revenue from the federal government. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the current Senate budget resolution over the next ten years would cut \$1.3 trillion from Missouri's Medicaid program, \$470 trillion from Medicare, \$650 trillion from "safety net" programs – SNAP food benefits, SSI for disabled Missourians, and working families' tax credits.

[Bolivar Herald-Free Press: Letter to the Editor: Talk is cheap](#)

By Jan Lancaster
November 15, 2017

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[KOMU NBC 8 \(Columbia, MO\): MU graduate students could see federal taxes increase 350 percent](#)

By Ally Wallenta
November 13, 2017

MU Graduate Assistants could see their federal taxes increase up to 350 percent if the tax plan passes. The assistants receiving tuition waivers would have to count their benefits as income.

A group called Coalition of Graduate Workers lined up outside of Representative Vicky Hartzler's district office on Monday with more than 50 letters from MU graduate students and faculty.

"The letters identify the specific provisions within the bill and talk a little bit about what they would do to graduate students and ask Representative Hartzler to consider voting against the bill or at least proposing an amendment on the floor that would take those provisions out of the bill, which is an option," said Outreach Officer for Coalition of Graduate Workers Joseph Moore.

[Columbia Daily Press: Letter to the Editor: Tax reform plan offers more to businesses than people](#)

By Rebecca Shaw
November 12, 2017

Reports indicate it won't help workers and it won't increase wages, but it will give a massive tax cut to the wealthy, to corporations already not paying their fair share, and to Donald Trump himself. Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and Sens. Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill should distance themselves from this bill and think about what best represents what their constituents need. The plan put forward is not an opportunity to show off bipartisan bona fides; it's a trap that will give the wealthy and corporations a huge tax break while doing nothing for the middle class and forcing huge cuts to programs people rely on, like Medicaid.

[KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\): Exclusive: Priorities USA to go back on TV with \\$250K tax reform ad buy](#)

By Ashley Killough
October 10, 2017
Syndicated from CNN Wire

Priorities is the latest group to inject a messaging campaign into the tax reform debate. Other progressive groups like MoveOn.org, Indivisible, and a coalition of liberal groups known as **Americans for Tax Fairness** have also been active in opposition to the tax reform plan.

[Fox 14: Political Organization Issues Statement Contradicting President Trump's Speech in SW Missouri](#)

By Jordan Aubrey
August 30, 2017

President Trump visited Springfield this afternoon to release some details of his tax reform plan. His speech was given at the Loren Cook Company, which manufactures commercial fans for ventilation systems, and distributes many of those fans globally. Loren Cook Company workers, and workers of other area businesses, were in attendance; the event was closed to other members of the public. Information from the White House on the President's plan can be found [here](#).

The "**Americans for Tax Fairness**" organization issued this statement contradicting many of President Trump's statements about taxes and the economy.

Montana

[Billings Gazette: Editorial: How will Montana pay for new tax plan?](#)

By Billings Gazette Editorial Board
December 8, 2017

“**Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte** voted for the GOP tax legislation, **Sen. Jon Tester** voted no. Daines and Gianforte should insist on changes that will mitigate the revenue reduction on their state’s government. ... The tax bill will balloon the federal deficit, increasing pressure in Congress to reduce federal spending, which is likely to shift costs to state governments. In fact, the House tax legislation already proposes to save the federal government money by reducing mineral royalty payments to states like Montana.”

[Missoulian: Op-ed: Taxpayers Funded a Lifesaving Drug and Guess What Happened Next](#)

By Jordan Aubrey
August 30, 2017

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Nebraska

[Lincoln Journal Star: Editorial: GOP’s secrecy wrong way to operate government](#)

By Journal Star Editorial
December 4, 2017

“Public hearings? There were none. The committee process? Nonexistent. Ample time for study? Some Democrats reported receiving a list of proposed amendments before even seeing a draft of the bill. ... Oh, and the bill is forecast to increase the national debt – which was once anathema to Republicans and their apparently bygone era of being deficit hawks – by 7.5 percent, adding another \$1.5 trillion on the existing \$20 trillion total. Legislation that momentous must be thoroughly vetted before a vote. ... Those who allowed this bill to remain hidden from the eyes of their constituents – including Nebraska Sens. Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse – should be ashamed for backing a series of actions that run counter to a government of the people, by the people and for the people.”

New Hampshire

[NH Labor News: Rights and Democracy Decries Trump’s Executive Actions on Health Care](#)

October 13, 2017

Unfortunately, yesterday President Trump demonstrated unequivocally that this battle is far from over—he is directly attacking women, the middle class, and the poor in his effort to strip millions more from having necessary access to health care in order to provide tax breaks for the wealthy and powerful. The eliminations of CSR payments, the executive order on health association plans, and the new rule denying contraceptive coverage to millions of women, all make it clear: Trump doesn’t care about the will of the people who have rejected the Republican agenda for health care over the past several months.

[NH Labor News: Granite Staters Spotlight Open Enrollment for Affordable Care Act and Reject Cuts to Medicare & Medicaid to Pay for Tax Cuts](#)

October 4, 2017

During a national day of action led by Health Care for America Now (HCAN), Rights and Democracy (RAD) NH and Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) organized a press conference in Manchester to raise awareness about open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act and to speak out against cuts to Medicaid and Medicare to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations.

New Jersey

[Bergen County Record: Editorial: You can’t prepay property taxes forever](#)

By Bergen County Record Editorial Board
December 27, 2017

“A little bit of salt adds flavor. No SALT creates panic. That appears to be the case in New Jersey and in neighboring New York, where high-taxed homeowners are trying to lessen the negative effects of the Republican tax reform bill signed into law by President Donald Trump this month. ... Republicans were determined to have one victory in their first year of controlling both Congress and the White House, but this is a Pyrrhic victory. ... Capping the property tax deduction at \$10,000 will have a disastrous effect on states like New Jersey, New York and California. Yes, they are Democrat-leaning states, but that should have no bearing on federal tax policy. And while we will continue to bang the drum for the consolidation of municipal services in New Jersey, that is not likely to happen anytime soon or on a broad enough level to significantly reduce local property taxes. ... Homeowners who can prepay part of next year’s taxes may avoid the pain in 2018 – but the pain will come later. The SALT deduction must be restored.”

[NJ Today: Op-ed: The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 24, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Asbury Park Press: Editorial: Tax bill a shameful sellout](#)

By Asbury Park Press Editorial Board
December 23, 2017

“Whatever modest benefit there is for the middle class — about \$17 to \$26 a week in New Jersey for those with family incomes of between \$50,000 and \$142,000 — the tax cuts for individuals will expire in 2025 while the far deeper tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy are permanent. ... Republicans in Washington, including Rep. Tom MacArthur, the only member of New Jersey’s congressional delegation to support the tax bill, insist the bill is misunderstood and mischaracterized by the press. Sorry, we’re not buying it, not even with our \$17-to-\$26-a-week windfall. ... The bill is nothing but a shameful sellout of working Americans.”

[Courier News-Home News Tribune: Editorial: Be ready to fight GOP tax plan](#)

By Courier News-Home News Tribune Editorial Board
December 6, 2017

“It isn’t entirely clear what they can do, but the Democratic governors — or governor-to-be — of three states being targeted for punishment in the Republican tax plan don’t intend to accept that punishment without a fight. ... Our advice? Pursue all available options, because the proposed reforms represent nothing more than a massive scam that doesn’t live up to claims of benefiting the middle class and lower-income Americans. The tax scam also makes a specific point to inflict more pain on blue states like New Jersey, New York and California, high-tax locales that will suffer from plans to reduce or eliminate deductions for property and income taxes.”

The Press of Atlantic City: [Letter to the Editor: GOP tax cut wouldn’t benefit my business](#)

By Mike Price
November 21, 2017

Don’t believe the hype. The GOP’s proposed “tax reform” would not help small business owners like me. The proposed corporate tax cuts would benefit hedge fund managers, Wall Street lawyers and real estate investors, and would be paid for by cutting public services that benefit my business and help my customers save money. Atlantic County can’t afford these cuts. Transportation and telecommunications infrastructures need an upgrade. Many residents rely on programs like Medicaid for health care. We need to better train and educate the workforce to attract more companies to the area. My small business can only survive and thrive if government invests in the community. The GOP tax cuts would do just the opposite.

Star-Ledger: Editorial: [Hey, MacArthur! Why’d you bail out on N.J.? Come debate the tax plan](#)

By Star-Ledger Editorial Board
November 21, 2017

“It is time to give Tom MacArthur credit: It is difficult for one person’s maniacal ambition to stand out so conspicuously in Washington, but the Republican congressman from New Jersey’s 3rd District has managed to do it with a vote that devastates his district, his state, his country, and whatever is left of his credibility. ... Forty-four percent of the taxpayers in MacArthur’s district deduct their state and local taxes, and this bill kills that deduction. In fact, if you rank each of the 3,141 counties in the U.S. by their dependence on the SALT deduction, Burlington is 21st and Ocean is 26th. That’s going to leave a mark.”

Burlington County Times: [Letter to the Editor: GOP tax and budget plans can hurt small businesses](#)

By Randy Ellis
November 15, 2017

Their plans involve stripping trillions of dollars from Medicaid, Medicare and programs that help people afford housing, education and other essentials. All this to pay for tax cuts that won't help small business owners like me, because we don't generate enough profit to benefit from them. But those tax cuts will benefit hedge fund managers, Wall Street lawyers, multinational corporations — companies that really don't need another advantage over small business. If the GOP want to help small business owners, they need to come up with different tax and budget plans.

[NJ.com: Ivanka Trump pitches Republican tax plan — and Christie supports it](#)

By Matt Arco
November 13, 2017

More than one in four New Jersey residents would face tax hikes under Republican legislation that sharply curtails the federal deduction for state and local taxes, according to a study released last week. That's a higher percentage than in all but two states. Invited guests at the fire house in Ocean County town wrote their questions down and MacArthur, R-3rd Dist., dished them to Trump and Mnuchin. But there were a few heated exchanges. Jason Ireland, of Brick, was denied entry and asked loudly why Democrats were blocked from attending the event. As the session was winding down, MariAnne Clemente, of Barnegat, interrupted Trump's closing remarks and demanded they take more questions from the audience. The event was held just before Gov.-elect Phil Murphy and other Democrats trashed the Republican tax plan as a new report was released maintaining that it would still hurt New Jersey taxpayers even with the new House provision for property tax deductions. In addition, Fitch Ratings agency recently warned that New Jersey and other high-tax states "would be more affected and may have less tolerance for higher taxes going forward" under the legislation that ends the deduction for state and local income and sales taxes and caps it for property taxes.

[The Press of Atlantic City: Ivanka Trump, Mnuchin push for GOP tax package in Ocean County](#)

November 13, 2017

During the 45-minute event, U.S. Rep. Tom MacArthur, R-3rd, Trump and Mnuchin discussed the proposed tax reform, but did not take questions from the pro-Republican crowd. Those attended were allowed to fill out questions card before the event; those questions were given to the trio. As the event wrapped up, Marianne Clemente questioned the panel on why questions weren't taken. The outburst drew the ire of many in the crowd. "This is an outrage that they had an invite only, when MacArthur doesn't have any town hall meetings," said Clemente, a resident of Barnegat. Before the event started, Jason Ireland, of Brick, came inside the venue and yelled "Why are not Democrats allowed?" Ireland was one of the 30 people gathered outside the fire hall to protest the tax reform plan. The protesters held signs voicing their disapproval of the plan, one read "GOP Tax Bills Bad for NJ", while another person held a sign stating: "Tom MacArthur vote no on tax bill." "They are trying to rush it through," said Carla Loundsbury, 68, of Waretown, as she held a "RIP Middle Class" mock head stone. "This is going to hurt the middle class and no one seems to care." Proposals in Congress pose problems for New Jersey, where property taxes are among the nation's highest.

[Asbury Park Press: With party lines drawn at Ivanka Trump event, protesters left in drizzle](#)

By Stacey Barchenger and Michael Diamond
November 13, 2017

Inside the drab building on Route 9 were Republican Gov. Chris Christie, presidential adviser and first daughter Ivanka Trump and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who pushed tax reform. There were about 100 guests listening in the invite-only crowd. Outside, on a soggy patch of grass and in a drizzle, uninvited voices were hoping to be heard. "No tax cuts for the mega-rich." "Stop Mnuchin on our deductions." "No more pencils no more books, GOP are dirty crooks!" their signs said. About 35 people converged to protest. They urged reporters to ask who was invited, since they were not. Host Congressman Tom MacArthur, an Ocean County Republican, later told the press that guests were "people from around the county." Many protesters said the tax reform plans being pushed by President Donald Trump and Republicans in the House and Senate would benefit the rich, not the middle class.

[Asbury Park Press: Ivanka Trump, Mnuchin pitch tax reform in Berkeley, avoid tough Q's on deductions](#)

By Michael Diamond and Stacey Barchenger
November 13, 2017

Since New Jersey has the nation's highest property taxes — on average more than \$8,000 — its middle-class households are on shaky ground. About 100 people gathered Monday, a drizzly November morning, at the modest fire hall off Route 9 for an invitation-only event. It started with an introduction from Gov. Chris Christie and ended 38 minutes later with nary a question from MacArthur to Ivanka Trump or Mnuchin about the SALT deductions. About 35 people protested the event outside the fire hall. Among them was Jason Ireland, of Brick, who tried to push his way into the crowded fire hall, but was stalled by security at the door. And on Monday, the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, a business lobby group, said it too was opposed to the bills' elimination of state and local property tax deductions. It was left to MacArthur, whose ties to the first family include a lucrative fundraiser hosted by Donald Trump in June, to defend.

[Patch \(Toms River\): Mnuchin, Ivanka Trump Press Family-Friendly Message on Tax Reform](#)

By Karen Wall
November 13, 2017

In front of a room of Republican supporters, Rep. Tom MacArthur, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Ivanka Trump pressed a singular message on Monday morning: that the proposed tax reform will help New Jersey's families. It was a message that was warmly received by most inside the Bayville Fire Company firehouse on Monday morning. Outside the firehouse, however, more than three dozen protesters gathered on the front lawn of the firehouse in the rain to give a cold shoulder to not only the tax reform proposal but to MacArthur in particular. They held signs urging MacArthur to vote against the tax reform bill. One couple, Jason and Nancy Ireland from Brick, tried to get into the room before Mnuchin and Trump arrived but were rebuffed by MacArthur's staff. "Are there any Democrats in here?" Jason Ireland yelled two or three times, demanding the opportunity to get in and ask questions about the tax reform bills. The couple was forced to leave. The blinds were drawn and the doors locked to prevent anyone from going in or out of the door. MacArthur read a couple of questions from audience members, but there was no open opportunity to ask questions of Mnuchin or Trump on the tax reform bill.

[Blue Jersey: Protesters Stand Outside Rep. MacArthur's Office](#)

November 13, 2017

There were about 20 people in line outside the Bayville Fire House waiting to get inside from out of the rain to listen to Congressman Tom MacArthur, joined by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and First Nepotistic Daughter Ivanka Trump, talking about tax policy. And there were at least four times as many people standing in the rain outside protesting the Trump/MacArthur reverse Robin Hood tax code.

The indoor event was by invitation only and no Democrats were allowed into the taxpayer-funded venue. But neither that nor the rain stopped activists from protesting the draconian changes being proposed by the Trump administration.

[NJ.com: Trump says his tax plan would help small businesses. It may actually hurt them.](#)

By Jonathan Salant
October 12, 2017

"Those that blindly insist the estate tax hurts small businesses are full of hot air," said Sapna Mehta, legislative policy director for the Main Street Alliance Action Fund, the political arm of the small-business coalition. "The simple truth is that most small businesses aren't the owners or beneficiaries of multimillion-dollar estates."

Of the 5,400 estates large enough to face the estate tax in 2017, less than 1 percent, 50, are either small businesses or family farms, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a progressive research group based in Washington.

The loss of the deduction for state and local property taxes would have a much bigger impact on small businesses, said Chuck Marr, CBPP's director of federal tax policy.

[NJ Spotlight: Trump Tax Policy Could Be Tough on Mom-and-Pop Shops, Main Street](#)

By John Reitmeyer
October 12, 2017

The Trump administration's plan to rewrite federal tax policy has faced widespread criticism in New Jersey, due to the proposed elimination of a key tax deduction that helps offset local property taxes. But now advocates for small-business owners are also questioning Trump's proposals, saying they could end up hurting many of the state's mom-and-pop stores.

The proposal would seem to be a big win for the small-business owners, but the problem is most of them don't earn enough in income to take advantage of the new pass-through rate that's being proposed, said Sapna Mehta, legislative policy director for the Main Street Alliance, during a conference call yesterday.

New Mexico

[Las Cruces Sun-News: Op-ed: GOP's tax overhaul is worst Christmas present ever](#)

By Frank Clemente
December 24, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Silver City Sun-News: Op-ed: GOP tax overhaul worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By Frank Clemente
December 23, 2017

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[Alamogordo Daily News: Op-ed: The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 23, 2017

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[KRWG: As House Passes Disastrous Tax Bill, Progressive Groups Mobilize Grassroots Activity to Fight Back](#)

By Not One Penny
November 16, 2017

Alongside **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Indivisible, MoveOn.org, Organizing for Action, Tax March, and dozens of other groups, the coalition is planning more events and grassroots activity to stop Republicans from raising taxes on middle-class families to give tax breaks to millionaires, billionaires, and wealthy corporations.

[KRWG: "Not One Penny" Campaign Hosts Rally With Leaders Pelosi and Schumer](#)

By Not One Penny
November 15, 2017

The rally was coordinated in partnership with Tax March, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Communications Workers of America, Indivisible, League of Conservation Voters, Little Lobbyists, Main Street Alliance, MoveOn.org, Patriotic Millionaires, Stand Up America, and others.

[The Alamogordo Daily News: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)

By Herb Jackson
October 11, 2017
Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

"The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

Santa Fe New Mexican: Op-ed: [Senate would slash Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
July 10, 2017

Nevada

Reno News & Review: Editorial: [Heller's awful tax bill](#)

By Reno News & Review Editorial Board
December 14, 2017

"At a time when the State of Nevada is larding out corporate welfare for high tech firms, government's federal hand is taking away small ways of helping parents and students. ... Heller really should not brag about writing this bill, but parents and students should keep it in mind next year when he asks for their votes. What was in his mind when he made life more difficult for them?"

Las Vegas Sun: [Letter to the Editor: Wealthy win, health loses](#)

By Brandon Nutton
November 12, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, there will be over \$1 trillion in cuts to programs like Medicaid and Medicare. The GOP is using the federal budget to take health care away from people who need and deserve it by proposing huge cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. Those trying to push this through will avoid really talking about how they will pay for those big tax breaks — hoping that they can move this bill so fast that no one back home will know what's going on. Please think of everyone before voting. Tax breaks for the rich and corporations cost money. That money needs to come from somewhere else in the budget. In this case, it's most likely to come from massive cuts to Medicaid and Medicare.

Nevada Forward: [Battle Born Press Conference Outside of Senator Heller's Las Vegas District Office](#)

October 31, 2017

Nevada Forward shared the live stream of a press conference with Battle Born Progress and other local progressive groups outside of Senator Heller's Las Vegas district office opposing the GOP tax bill and demanding a clean DREAM Act.

CBS Las Vegas: [New Nevada Data Suggest Millions Losing Coverage Under Senate Bill](#)

July 7, 2017

“President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people,” said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “But the Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies. Many working families in Nevada will find it a lot harder to access health care. President Trump needs to support Medicaid, not millionaires.”

New York

Journal News: Editorial: [Prepaid property taxes, health insurance: Tax overhaul is a lump of coal](#)

By Journal News Editorial Board
December 22, 2017

“President Trump and Congressional Republicans promised a sparkly federal income tax overhaul. The reality leaves Congressional hands pretty dirty. ... For many in the Lower Hudson Valley, the tax plan lands like a lump of coal at the bottom of their Christmas stocking. ... In New York and other (blue) states with high real estate taxes, though, individuals and families face the loss of important deductions when they file their 2018 taxes in 2019. The so-called SALT (state and local taxes) deductions that include those sky-high property taxes will be significantly curbed to just \$10,000. About 73 percent of Westchester homeowners pay more than \$10,000 in property taxes. ... The new tax plan comes up woefully short. Many Lower Hudson Valley residents will discover the tax overhaul is giving them a lump of coal. And it's unlikely Congress will be able to make this plan shine anytime soon, even with plenty of public pressure.”

Caribbean Life: Op-ed: [Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 21, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

New York Daily News: Editorial: [Trump's misbegotten tax bill, the gift that keeps on taking](#)

By New York Daily News Editorial Board
December 20, 2017

“At least muggers usually have the decency to flee the scene of the crime. ... The perpetrators of the Great Tax Robbery of 2017 gloated and cheered what they’d wrought with passage of the monster tax bill on Wednesday. ... That’s House Speaker Paul Ryan, who already salivates at the possibilities for cutting back the social safety net, spanning Medicare and Social Security, now that Congress pushes the federal deficit at least \$1.5 trillion deeper into a deep hole. ... Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who cheaply bought votes with special favors for Republican members who’d expressed legitimate doubts about the wisdom of a bill rushed toward law in a frenzy. ... And yes, oh yes, President Trump, who receives the Christmas gift he demanded, feet stomped, allowing him to claim even a single legislative success in a first year in office marked by a failed Obamacare repeal, executive orders overturned in court and compatriots facing criminal charges. ... Trump deceptively, insultingly called the slapdash bill he’s about to sign ‘one of the great gifts to the middle income people of this country.’ If so, the tax overhaul is the kind of gift that falls apart not long after it’s unwrapped.”

Newsday: Editorial: [GOP's new tax code is a bitter bill for the middle class](#)

By Newsday Editorial Board
December 20, 2017

It’s as if the GOP, accepting it must pay a huge penalty in lost popularity with average Americans for this travesty, decided to get everything possible for the party’s donors. ... This plan does not reduce the number of tax brackets, as Trump promised. It does not, for most families, simplify the filing process, as promised. It does not close the “carried interest” loophole that lets hedge-fund millionaires pay taxes at a lower rate than secretaries, as promised. It does not put much money back in middle-class pockets nationally, and does not put money back in middle-class pockets permanently, as promised. And it is projected to add \$1 trillion to the national debt Trump vowed to eliminate. ... The GOP made these choices because it has chosen to defy the middle class and to attack high-cost states like New York that pay the lion’s share of federal taxes. ... If this only costs Republicans their popularity, it will merely be a regrettable move. If it costs the nation, and Long Island in particular, their prosperity, it will be an unforgivable one.”

Albany Times-Union: Editorial: [Kill this terrible tax bill](#)

By Albany Times-Union Editorial Board
December 16, 2017

“This chaotic process has left President Donald Trump — who has routinely lied to Americans since he took office (The Washington Post has logged 1,628 false or misleading claims as of mid-November) — to fill the void by declaring this would be a ‘big, beautiful tax cut.’ ... Don't you believe it. Certainly not from a president who won't release his own tax returns, and whose lies include claiming that he would be hurt by this bill. He would actually be enriched. ... What we know of the bill is that it will raise taxes on many low- and middle-income people, either immediately or within the next decade. ... We also know it will sabotage the Affordable Care Act, which Republicans have repeatedly failed to ‘repeal and replace.’ ... Mr. Trump and Republican lawmakers may see this as the ‘win’ they so desperately want for themselves and their wealthy patrons, but they would do well to remember what happened the last time so many Americans felt their leaders weren't listening.”

Poughkeepsie Journal: Editorial: [Without changes, tax bill will sting New York](#)

By Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial Board
December 13, 2017

“Brace yourself, because millions of New Yorkers — including many right here in the mid-Hudson Valley — are on the wrong end of a massive tax deal making its way through Congress. It's a shame and a sham, and the state deserves a much better fate. ... Yes, the convoluted tax code needs major revisions, but there are far better ways to go about it. The Senate and House of Representatives have passed different versions of the bill and are working on a compromise. But it's clear that, whatever deal gets struck, New York in particular is going to lose out in certain, substantial ways. ... New York's congressional representatives — both Democrats and Republicans — have to step up and salvage the best tax deal possible on behalf of the state. On balance, these changes are do more harm than good for New York — the question is to what level that damage will occur.”

Ithaca.com: [Protestors occupy Congressman Reed's office](#)

By Nick Reynolds & Vaughn Golden
December 12, 2017

Protestors at Rep. Tom Reed's Ithaca office, whom have been staging a sit-in since around 1 p.m. this afternoon, are standing down. Daniel Burns, one of the demonstrators, released this statement to The Ithaca Times on behalf of the group.

[Newsday: Editorial: Tax overhaul aims to reshape social policy, punish blue states](#)

By The Editorial Board
December 9, 2017

“Any change in tax policy will create winners and losers. And lawmakers historically have linked taxation with social policy. But the effort being pushed through Congress is not really tax reform, and it’s not simplification. It is punishment for those who have homes in the suburbs and those who went to college, for cities and states that take care of their poor, for municipal labor unions and even for teachers who buy supplies for their classes. It thwarts renewable energy and rewards those selling fossil fuel. ... The plans double the standard deductions taxpayers can claim while eliminating or slashing itemized deductions for state and local property and income taxes, as well as for mortgage interest. That will give many middle-class taxpayers in low-cost ‘red’ states a larger deduction, while reducing deductions for middle-class taxpayers in costly areas like Long Island.”

[SILive.com: Dozens rally against tax bill in front of Donovan's office](#)

By Thomas Erik Bascome
December 8, 2017

Rep. Daniel Donovan was one of only 13 Republicans to vote "no" on the GOP tax bill passed in the House of Representatives last month, and dozens rallied in front of his office Tuesday morning to encourage him to continue to oppose the bill.

[The Suffolk Times: Editorial: Senate tax bill, if enacted, could impact CPF](#)

The Suffolk Times Editorial Board
December 8, 2017

“For residents in high-tax states such as New York and, in particular, very high property tax regions like Long Island, this change will result in many residents paying a great deal more in taxes. ... In addition, and more ominously, it will almost certainly make life more difficult for working families just getting by and senior citizens on fixed incomes.”

[WRVO: Residents voice opposition to tax bill, Miner reconsiders run against Katko](#)

By Tom Magnarelli
December 6, 2017

A packed audience in Syracuse participated in a town hall on congressional Republicans’ tax bill Tuesday. The town hall was hosted by Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, who is reconsidering a run against central New York Republican Rep. John Katko.

[The Daily Orange: Syracuse residents denounce Republican tax plan, call on Miner to run for Congress during public forum](#)

By Kennedy Rose
December 6, 2017

Syracuse community members on Tuesday evening urged outgoing Mayor Stephanie Miner to run against Rep. John Katko, R-N.Y., during a town hall discussion on contentious GOP tax reform efforts.

Katko voted to pass a House of Representatives tax bill that would significantly lower the corporate tax rate and eliminate certain tax deductions that could cost Syracuse residents thousands of dollars, some officials said.

[The Buffalo News: Editorial: Reed, GOP Seem to be seeing the light on SALT deduction](#)

By The Buffalo News Editorial Board
December 6, 2017

“This is an urgent matter. Voters of both parties have made long-term financial decisions based in large part on the size of their disposable incomes. Tens of millions of those voters live in states with income taxes and high property taxes. The ones who live in this state are already net donors to the federal government, sending more in taxes than they ever get back in benefits or services. ... And yet, Congress – with the enthusiastic support of two Western New York Republicans – is looking to siphon even more money from this state’s taxpayers while pushing a tax bill that sends the budget deficit skyrocketing and that will cause house prices to fall, according to the National Association of Realtors. ... The arithmetic on this misbegotten measure has been wrong from the get-go. That the party of balanced budgets is pushing it represents a special kind of hypocrisy.”

[Syracuse.com: Lively partisan crowd at Mayor Miner's town hall attacks the GOP 'tax scam'](#)

By Tim Knauss
December 5, 2017

An energetic crowd of nearly 200 people packed Syracuse City Hall tonight to denounce the Republican federal tax plan and those who voted for it, including U.S. Rep. John Katko, R-Camillus.

The crowd cheered every time a speaker urged the host of the meeting, Democratic Mayor Stephanie Miner, to run against Katko next year. After the 90-minute session, Miner said she is still thinking about challenging Katko but has not decided.

[Spectrum News: Syracuse Mayor Hosts Tax Town Hall](#)

By Gabrielle Mediak
December 5, 2017

In the midst of negotiations with the proposed tax bill on the federal level, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner hosted a town hall for the public to voice concerns.

Hundreds went to city hall Tuesday night, explaining why the tax plan will negatively impact them. Many there were upset with what the proposed plan could do to health care.

[Times Herald-Record: Editorial: Tax legislation is bad not only for New York](#)

By Times Herald-Record Editorial Board
December 5, 2017

“The tax plan now heading to a House-Senate conference committee will be a disaster for most New Yorkers. Among the many elements in the legislation is a dedication to punishing states with high local and state tax burdens. While the exact effect on that part of the plan will not be clear until the two houses agree on a final bill, nobody expects things to get better. ... That makes it all the more regretful that one of our local members of Congress, John Faso, the Republican from Kinderhook, voted on Monday to advance the House bill he earlier opposed and send it to the conference committee.”

[WSKG and WXXI: Residents Berate Rep. Tom Reed Over House Tax Bill At Town Hall](#)

By Gaber Altieri
November 22, 2017

Congressman Tom Reed returned to the Southern Tier this week and faced heat over his support of the big GOP tax bill that just passed the House of Representatives. The Republican’s district includes Elmira, Corning and Ithaca. He was an architect of the bill. At a town hall at the American Legion in Horseheads, Reed was greeted with jeers. The building was packed with residents who disapprove of the Republican tax bill. They think it’s good for the rich, at the expense of the poor and middle class. Some held signs that read “Tom Reed Voted to Increase My Property Taxes”, a reference to a limit to the state and local tax or SALT deduction in the House tax bill. Two other regional Congress members voted for House tax bill. Neither Claudia Tenney nor John Katko have held similar town halls since.

[WETM 18 News \(Elmira, NY\): Residents respond to Congressman Tom Reed after tax reform vote](#)

By Julio Avila
November 20, 2017

Local residents gathered to hear why Congressman Tom Reed (R- NY) voted the way he did on the tax reform bill. Many in the audience replied with heavy voices. "This has not been debated in the public adequately nationally and we don't know what it's really going to cost," Dianne Trickey-Rokenbrod, a Hornell resident who attended the town hall, said. "Everything we're seeing so far, it's really ugly and really bad." She adds that she would've liked to hear Reed talk more about the bill's impact on the middle class and any possibilities of social services being cut as a result.

[WENY News \(Elmira, NY\): Residents get heated in Tom Reed town hall meeting](#)

By Brandon Menard
November 20, 2017

Republican Congressman Tom Reed got "face-to-face" with his constituents in Horseheads early Monday night. The "town hall style meeting" was held in front of a packed house at the Horseheads American Legion. Some of the main topics were tax reform and health care. Some people were very heated with Congressman Reed as they believed he was "side-stepping" certain issues. "He mentioned briefly closing loopholes, but I felt that it was really swept under the rug by and large," said Hornell resident, Dianne Trickey-Rokenbrod. "Trying to pacify the middle class people by saying there's a few hundred here or a few hundred there. Then still talking about cutting more services. So what are we getting for the one point five trillion dollars? What are the middle class people getting? We're getting the shaft."

[News LI: Analysis: Tax Plan Primarily Benefits the Rich](#)

By Andrea Sears
October 2, 2017

But according to Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the lion's share of the benefits would go to the top 1 percent of taxpayers and corporations, while many families earning less than \$75,000 could end up paying more.

"It's massive tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations, and those tax breaks are going to jeopardize Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and some of the other key services that working families depend on," he states.

[TheVillagesSuntimes: Gillibrand: Trump tax reform plan 'cruel joke'](#)

By Paul Elliott
September 29, 2017

What's more, Frank Clemente, the executive director of the liberal advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said the notion that the pass-through rate would aid small businesses was "simply a hoax".

[New York South East Post: Trump to call for slashing taxes, but leaves the details to Congress New York](#)

September 28, 2017

An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** of the tax framework shows that Trump's tax cuts could total \$6.7 to \$8.3 trillion, \$3 to \$5 trillion of which may not be paid for by closing other tax loopholes and/or by limiting tax deductions.

[Queens Gazette: Reps. Maloney and King Join with Law Enforcement and Advocates to Call for End to Shell Company Secrecy](#)

July 12, 2017

Forty-four anti-corruption advocacy groups have also endorsed the bill. You can see their coalition letter here.

1. AFCSME
 2. AFL-CIO
 3. ActionAid USA
 4. **Americans for Tax Fairness**
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North Carolina

[Capitol Broadcasting Company/WRAL: Editorial: Tax bill's burden falls heaviest on middle class, why is that good?](#)

By CBC Editorial Board
December 19, 2017

"North Carolina's representatives in Washington – nearly every Republican in the delegation in this case – are so desperate to claim they've reformed taxes, they'll sign onto anything that carries that label. ... This terrible tax bill – which is expected to pass Congress this week – doesn't reform taxes, it merely shifts the tax burden to further enrich those who already have seized a greater portion of the nation's wealth than they've earned or deserve. ... Sen. Richard Burr, Sen. Thom Tillis, Rep. George Holding, Rep.

Virginia Foxx, Rep. Mark Walker, Rep. David Rouzer, Rep. Richard Hudson, Rep. Robert Pittinger, Rep. Patrick McHenry, Rep. Mark Meadows and Rep. Ted Budd, we're talking to you."

[Raleigh News & Observer: Editorial: GOP's tax plan steamrolls democracy](#)

By The Raleigh News & Observer Editorial Board
December 16, 2017

"In terms of unfairness and reckless economic policy, it will rank among the worst legislation ever passed. ... But this bill is a travesty not only for what's in it, but for what happened around it on its way to becoming law. ... Democrats have rightly questioned why there needs to be such a rush to pass a massive tax bill. Certainly the economy is not in need of stimulation. The reason is that the bill lacks support and the more it's scrutinized the more the public will oppose it. So the process has been ignored in a headlong race to get the bill to President Trump's desk before opposition builds."

[The Charlotte Observer: Editorial: These small provisions speak volumes about the Republican tax plan](#)

By The Observer Editorial Board
December 4, 2017

"Republicans in Washington insist that their new tax plan will benefit all Americans, but it's no secret that it is especially good for some. The less affluent among us will see significantly smaller tax cuts that disappear after a few years. The more affluent see bigger tax cuts for longer, and corporations fare best of all with a dramatic and permanent drop in their tax rate. ... Republicans say that will lead to job growth, although history shows tax cuts don't prompt job creators to create more jobs. ... In other words, Republicans don't think very highly of everyday Americans. Neither does their tax plan."

[WCNC: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)

By Herb Jackson
October 11, 2017
Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said **Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group Americans for Tax Fairness.** "The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

WCNC: [Demonstrators fight to save Affordable Care Act](#)

By Rad Berky
October 4, 2017

During a demonstration outside of the Government Center Wednesday, the group accused congressional Republican leaders of trying to create tax cuts for the rich, paid for by health cuts to the poor. House Speaker Paul Ryan is planning to introduce a budget resolution that the group calls nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing.

WCNC: [NC Could Be One Of Hardest Hit States By Senate Health Bill](#)

By Nick Kurtz
July 10, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness, a group of 425 local and state organizations aiming to 'support a fair tax system for all Americans' opposes the Senate's version of the healthcare bill.

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Cherokee Scout: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy](#)

By **Frank Clemente & Ron Pollack**
Jan 25, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum for ATF.

Ohio

[The Sunbury News: Op-Ed: Steve Bannon and Members of Trump's Inner Circle Stash Investments in Offshore Tax Havens](#)

By Joshua Holland
December 31, 2017

Obscuring one's investments is just one feature of a much larger scam. For corporate America, offshore tax havens aren't just a means of shifting the tax burden onto the rest of us—they actually serve as profit centers. In 2015, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that American companies were holding \$2.1 trillion in profits in various tax havens around the world, and under current law, they don't have to pay taxes on them until they "repatriate" those dollars. In theory, that means that all of those profits represent an interest-free, or at least very low-interest, loan from the federal government, which they can then invest as they'd like and pocket the returns. It's easy to make money with free money from Uncle Sam.

[Akron Beacon Journal: Editorial: Tax bill as missed opportunity](#)

By Akron Beacon Journal Editorial Board
December 22, 2017

"Republicans have much to overcome about a measure that promises so little in addressing the country's most pressing problems. ... Take income inequality, an increasing share of the country's wealth concentrated at the highest income rungs since the 1980s. Next year, when practically all households receive a tax cut? The Tax Policy Center finds that two-thirds of the benefits still will go to the wealthiest one-fifth. ... What the country needs is true tax reform, moving toward simplicity, ending wasteful tax breaks, discouraging gaming, holding to revenue neutrality. At the start, Republicans pledged as much. Now that they have delivered? An opportunity has been missed."

[Cleveland Plain Dealer: Editorial: Stand up and fight for Ohio on the tax bill, Sen. Portman](#)

By Cleveland Plain Dealer Editorial Board
December 15, 2017

"Clearly, Portman has mastered the slick GOP talking points being used to try to sell this package of tax cuts for big business and the wealthy as help for the middle class. But he risks the voters' ire once the reality sinks in back home that it's all just another political bait and switch. And our editorial board plans to remind voters — repeatedly — of Portman's stance on this bill in the years ahead."

[Akron Beacon Journal: Editorial: Where the Senate tax bill goes wrong](#)

By Akron Beacon Journal Editorial Board
December 9, 2017

“Rob Portman moved, as expected, to present the Senate-approved tax bill in a most favorable light. In his column, published on this page last week, the Ohio Republican contended in the first sentence that the measure passed ‘after years of discussion.’ Was the senator suggesting the process wasn’t what was plain to the eye, rushed, with a minimum of hearings, let alone expert analyses, arriving at the last minute, risking unintended consequences? ... It misses on a principle of sound tax reform. It doesn’t do enough to end tax breaks and broaden the base to achieve lower rates, fairness and efficiency in the tax code.”

[The News-Herald: Opponents of proposed GOP tax plan assemble in Painesville](#)

By Jonathan Tressler
December 7, 2017

A handful of activists representing various groups opposed to the latest Republican tax plan affirmed their disapproval of the proposal on Dec. 7 outside the Painesville office of U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce, R-Bainbridge Township.

They also asked Joyce to, himself, oppose the plan, “which threatens health care for hundreds of thousands of Ohioans,” a Dec. 6 news release from For Ohio’s Future Action Fund states.

[WDTN News: Rally against GOP tax bill held outside U.S. Rep. Mike Turner’s office](#)

By Maytal Levi
December 5, 2017

DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN/NBC) – Dozens stood outside Congressman Mike Turner’s office Tuesday evening pushing for him to vote against the GOP tax bill.

The event was called ‘Rally to Remind Rep. Mike Turner to Do The Right Thing!’

[WSYX ABC 6 News \(Columbus, OH\): Faith Leader Rejects the GOP Tax Bill](#)

November 29, 2017

Faith in Public Life Ohio Leader Reverend Tim Ahrens of First Congregational Church in Columbus spoke out in opposition of the Johnson Amendment repeal in the tax bill that would lift the separation of church and state protections if passed.

[The Cincinnati Enquirer: Polls: Voters in Arizona, Maine, Tennessee disapprove of Senate tax plan](#)

By Jessica Estepa
November 22, 2017

The polls, conducted by Democratic pollster Hart Research Associates and provided to USA TODAY by the liberal advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found that many voters in Maine, Arizona and Tennessee disapprove of the tax plan.

[Tribune Chronicle: Local group criticizes GOP tax plan](#)

By Raymond Smith
November 22, 2017

An anti-tax reform group met Wednesday to talk about the many different ways the reform effort will be harsh on ----small businesses, families and people needing medical assistance.

“The tax reform bill, as currently proposed, would hurt small businesses, push people to give up health insurance because they will no longer be eligible for federal government-approved assistance under the Affordable Care Act and it will encourage some businesses to send their work overseas,” Marcia Dinkins, co-founder and director of Valley Voices United for Change said.

The group is concerned the bill will use profits from the repeal of the Affordable Care Act to pay for permanent tax cuts for large corporations. The Congressional Budget Office predicts the bill would result in 13 million more uninsured people and premium increases of up to 10 percent.

[Findlay Courier: Op-ed: Why Trump must release his tax returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
April 11, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum for ATF.

The Vindicator (Youngstown, OH): [Trump's first test on taxes](#)

By Chuck Collins
February 8, 2017

Our first billionaire president has nominated a cabinet that includes two billionaires and at least 10 multi-millionaires, whose combined net worth is estimated at over \$13 billion. As a group, they're part of the tiny segment of U.S. society that will personally benefit from such targeted tax cuts for the wealthy.

Under the GOP plan, Mnuchin's taxes would be cut by \$3.3 million a year, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. And his heirs would get an extra \$160 million if the estate tax is abolished.

Oklahoma

Tulsa World: Editorial: [Senate OKs tax bill, but it is flawed after a rushed process](#)

By World's Editorial Writers
December 10, 2017

"We call on the state's congressional delegation to make sure that all sides are heard and that the public is kept aware of progress. Quite frankly, this bill was rushed through the Senate with little attempt at bipartisan involvement. ... The final bill will affect every American. It is far too important to be rushed. We call for open debate that we hope will result in a fair tax reform bill that helps all Americans."

Oregon

The World: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 26, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

The Oregonian: Editorial: [Rep. Walden, are you working for Oregon?](#)

By The Oregonian Editorial Board
December 8, 2017

“The Republicans' \$1.5 trillion federal tax reform package calls for eliminating a benefit that will end up hitting Oregon and a handful of other states with high taxes particularly hard. ... Yet Rep. Greg Walden, Oregon’s only Republican in Congress and a powerful figure in the House, hasn’t said a word about the move to dump state and local tax deductions. The nine-term congressman voted for the House plan, which includes eliminating the deduction that’s been around since the inception of the federal income tax. Without it, some 670,000 Oregonians could end up with higher tax bills. ... Walden won’t publicly share what he thinks about eliminating the state and local deductions. Or, for that matter, plans to nix other tax benefits on which vulnerable Oregonians rely, such as the medical expense interest deduction, the veteran mortgage bonds and other affordable housing bonds.”

[Statesman Journal: Letter to the Editor: New tax plan will hurt people who can least afford it, including small-business owners](#)

By Lee Mercer
November 17, 2017

The GOP is not trumpeting another alarming truth about this bill – it eliminates several deductions that benefit middle and lower income taxpayers.

This means the burden increases on small businesses and people who can least afford it. While high-earners on Wall Street are enjoying their tax-break windfall, we on Main Street will see Medicaid, Medicare, and education cut by trillions because politicians claim a lack of funding. Small business owners and their customers will have less disposable income to spend, less security, and a bleaker future.

[The Register-Guard: Letter to the Editor: Reject this heartless tax plan](#)

By Jere C. Rosemeyer
October 9, 2017

By a vote of 219 to 206 (with 18 Republicans voting against), the House passed a budget resolution that will bestow massive tax cuts on the rich by cutting social programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. It would expand the deficit, threatening Social Security. And, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, many working families would see a tax increase. The resolution also prohibits a filibuster in the Senate and allows for fast track passage.

[The Register-Guard: Oregon millionaires would benefit from tax cuts under GOP repeal and replace of Affordable Care Act, critics stress](#)

By Christian Wihtol
July 8, 2017

Citing research by other entities, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said an estimated 2,760 Oregon millionaires would benefit from a cut on the federal tax on investments under the GOP plan. The average annual tax cut for these millionaires would be \$34,584, the group said, citing an analysis by the Center For American Progress. The center is funded by labor groups, corporations and foundations.

Pennsylvania

[Pike County Dispatch: Op-ed: The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 28, 2017

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[Middletown Press & Journal: Op-ed: GOP tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)

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December 27, 2017

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[York Dispatch: Editorial: GOP tax bill done, questions remain](#)

By York Dispatch Editorial Board
December 27, 2017

“As the nation enters an election year that will see the entire House and one-third of the Senate go before voters, Republican incumbents will have to answer for a tax package that was publicly unpopular, fiscally one-sided, blatantly opaque and fiercely partisan. ... And yet, this is the measure they plan on heralding as their marquee piece of legislation for 2017. ... And Republicans, already shackled by the unpopularity of their flag-bearer in the Oval Office, will have to answer for it. That includes Pennsylvania’s regional GOP contingent: Scott Perry of Harrisburg, Lou Barletta of Hazelton, Charlie Dent of Allentown and Lloyd Smucker of West Lampeter Township.”

Delco Times: [Clergy to GOP reps: Vote no on tax bill](#)

By Rick Kauffman
December 18, 2017

Faith-based leaders were on a mission Monday to change the hearts and minds of a congressman ahead of the tax bill vote set to begin Tuesday.

Their message: Vote no.

Clergy and members of Philadelphia Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild (POWER) traveled to the offices of U.S. Reps. Mike Fitzpatrick, R-8 of Levittown, Ryan Costello, R-6 of West Goshen and Pat Meehan, R-7 of Chadds Ford delivering a message to the GOP congressmen to vote against party lines.

The Mercury News: [Protesters urge Costello to vote 'no' on GOP tax bill](#)

By Bill Rettew Jr.
December 18, 2017

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The Phoenix Reporter & Item: [Protesters urge Costello to vote 'no' on GOP tax bill](#)

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December 18, 2017

WEST CHESTER >> As part of two different demonstrations, diverse groups of protesters met Monday outside U.S. Rep. Ryan Costello's, R-6, office, at the Historic Chester County Courthouse.

While a group of five demonstrators led by clergy said prayers at the door of Costello's office, a raucous group of more than 100 protesters later that day met on the courthouse steps.

Scranton Times-Tribune: Editorial: [Tax bill won't create jobs](#)

By Scranton Times-Tribune Editorial Board
December 18, 2017

"It includes a provision that would enable companies to 'repatriate' up to \$2.6 trillion in funds held by their foreign subsidiaries, at tax rates of between 7 percent and 14 percent. ... Although Republicans claim that the companies are going to use "repatriated" money for domestic expansion and job creation, the companies themselves generally make no such claims. ... Members of Congress who want to create this tax break should be candid about it rather than misleading millions of workers who will not realize any benefit from it."

York Dispatch: Editorial: [GOP has abandoned governing](#)

By York Dispatch Editorial Board
December 12, 2017

"As Republicans in the House and Senate continue to reconcile their competing tax plans, it is instructive to reflect on just what this bill represents. ... Not the substance of the eventual \$1.5 trillion plan. That's pretty much decided: Half of the benefits go to the TENNESSEE Americans, while corporations enjoy huge tax breaks. The only unanswered question is whether the poor and working class will get screwed seven ways from Sunday to pay for it all, or if it will take eight ways."

The Times (Beaver, PA): [Health advocates: Tax bill could cut Medicare, impact other health care programs](#)

By Kate Malongowski
December 5, 2017

The tax bill passed by the U.S. House and Senate members could have tremendous impacts on health care, including marketplace users, Medicaid and Medicare recipients, health advocates said.

Several nonprofit leaders spoke about potential changes during a news teleconference organized by the Pennsylvania Health Access Network on Tuesday.

[Bucks County Courier Times: State, local advocates say overhaul bill will tax health care](#)

By Jenny Wagner
December 5, 2017

As lawmakers convene a conference committee to reconcile the Senate and House versions of the tax overhaul, state and local advocates are voicing concerns about the impact the bill would have on health care.

In a conference call with reporters on Tuesday, Antoinette Kraus, executive director of the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, said the result would be “devastating” for families, women, older adults, people with mental health and substance use disorders, among others.

[Philadelphia Inquirer: Editorial: Why the Republicans are passing a tax plan they know is flawed](#)

By Philadelphia Inquirer Editorial Board
December 4, 2017

“Even if the tax overhaul stimulates the economy, the committee said it will add a trillion to the national debt. That projection didn’t move so-called deficit hawks like **Sen. Pat Toomey**, who after failing to kill Obamacare are desperate for a victory. ... The Republicans have learned by now that the president won’t hesitate to put the blame on them if they don’t come through. Fearing his supporters, they would rather pass bad legislation than be accused of hampering Trump’s agenda. ... But there’s still time for a larger constituency to be heard. Most Americans won’t benefit for very long, if at all, from this bill, which sunsets most tax breaks for middle-class families while corporate breaks continue. People must contact their senators and representatives. Make it clear that Trump voters aren’t the only ones who can determine a politician’s future.”

[Daily Local News: Rep. Costello a ‘yes’ vote on tax bill](#)

By Michael Rellahan
November 16, 2017

Several groups led by Delco Indivisible, Havertown Area Community Action Network Indivisible, Indivisible Upper Darby, Indivisible Main Line South and POWER are planning a rally in front of Meehan’s Springfield office today from 4:30-6 p.m.

Democrats have called the GOP plan to cut taxes an exercise in giving to the rich and taking away from middle income earners. An analysis released Monday by Congress’ nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation found that the Senate overhaul bill would increase taxes for some 13.8 million moderate-income American households.

[The Express-Times \(LehighValleyLive.com\): Monstrous or MAGA: Lehigh Valley views on tax cut plan](#)

By Kurt Bresswein
October 31, 2017

Frankenstein's monster, or at least Coopersburg resident Dan Miller wearing a Halloween mask, growled his disapproval Tuesday at one view of what the congressional tax cut plan would mean for America. Miller was among about 20 people gathered for a trick-or-treat-themed protest against the proposal, outside the South Whitehall Township office of U.S. Rep. [Charlie Dent](#). "What we've got here is we expect tricks for us and treats for the wealthy," said Phila Back, dressed as the Joker from the "Batman" franchise. She organized the rally for the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, and it ended with delivering a set of demands on tax reform to Dent's staff. Outside Dent's office on Tuesday, protesters called for him to vote against "tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires and big corporations" and "cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, infrastructure and programs families depend on." They also called on him to reject the provision opening up to oil drilling the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

[Daily Local News: Letter to the Editor: Thanks to Costello for hearing concerns](#)

By Reverend Frank Pennington Wayne
October 25, 2017

A few weeks ago I joined other members of POWER, a progressive nonpartisan inter-faith activist group comprised of concerned citizens from Philadelphia and the western suburbs, to engage in conversations with Rep. Ryan Costello in his District office in West Chester. The meeting was about our concerns for just health care for all. We were particularly concerned about the House budget which proposed paying for trillions in tax cuts to the super wealthy by cutting Medicaid and Medicare by nearly \$1.5 trillion and repealing the ACA. I hope that his openness to hearing the real concerns and stories of his constituents who depend on the ACA, Medicaid and Medicare will allow him to maintain his position and defend our right to health care programs that serve our families and save lives.

[LNP Lancaster Online: Letter to the Editor: Beware of tax reform arguments](#)

By Jacques Gibble
October 9, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness reports that "General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012. Nationally, profitable corporations paid income taxes amounting to just 12.6 percent of worldwide income in 2010."

[The Delaware County Daily Times: Safety net' brings another group to Meehan office](#)

By Susan Serbin
September 28, 2017

“The House Budget Committee’s 2018 plans, presented by Speaker Paul Ryan, would pave the way for trillions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthy and big corporations, while cutting trillions of dollars from public services working families rely on, such as Social Security, health care and education,” said a flyer from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and distributed to those gathered.

[Pittsburgh Gazette: Len Boselovic's Heard off the Street: Tax reform spin cycle will try your patience](#)

By Len Boselovic
September 11, 2017

Left leaning groups contend Mr. Trump’s promise that tax reform will benefit the middle class is a sham. Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, told reporters on a call Wednesday that Mr. Trump’s idea of tax reform is “massive tax cuts that will overwhelmingly benefit the rich.”

[Lockhaven Express: Op-ed: Demanding transparency and fairness](#)

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**
May 18, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum for ATF.

[The Intelligencer: Op-ed: Demanding transparency and fairness from Trump's tax plan](#)

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**
May 18, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum for ATF.

Rhode Island

[Westerly Sun: Op-ed: Tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 28, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[The Providence American: Whitehouse, Baldwin Introduce Amendment to Prevent Tax Windfalls for Trump Administration Billionaires](#)

December 18, 2017

The No Windfalls for Government Service Act has been endorsed by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, and Public Citizen.

[Westerly Sun: Op-ed: Big pharma due for blockbuster tax breaks](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 8, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[The Providence American: Whitehouse, Doggett Call for Action on Tax Haven Bill in Wake of Paradise Papers](#)

November 19, 2017

The bill has the support of the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Fair Share, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the Main Street Alliance, Oxfam America, Public Citizen, U.S. PIRG, and American Sustainable Business Council.

[Westerly Sun: Op-ed: Tax breaks for the wealthy are the priority in Trump budget](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

June 21, 2017

[Westerly Sun: Op-ed: Transparency is a start. Fairness is the goal.](#)

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**

Syndicated by American Forum

[The \(Providence College\) Cowl: Op-ed: Repeal and Wreak Havoc](#)

By Kevin Copp
January 19, 2017

Frank Clemente and Ron Pollack estimate that the cost of insurance would increase about \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year per family, depending on their income level. Thus the most important aspect of Obamacare, its affordability for many working-class families, would be taken away.

[Westerly Sun: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
Jan 19, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Westerly Sun: Op-Ed: For U.S. Businesses to Compete Globally, Our Multinationals Must Pay Their Taxes](#)

By Josh Knauer
December 10, 2016

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South Carolina

[The Clinton Chronicle: Op-ed: Big Pharma's Blockbuster Tax Cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Orangeburg Times & Democrat: Op-ed: Trump's income tax returns overdue](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
April 11, 2017

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Orangeburg Times & Democrat: Op-ed: [Abolishing ACA rewards wealthy](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
January 26, 2017

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South Dakota

Huron Daily Plainsman: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 9, 2017

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Tennessee

Winchester Herald Chronicle: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 21, 2017

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The Tennessean: Editorial: [Sen. Bob Corker, abandon tax reform ship before it sinks you](#)

By The Tennessean Editorial Board
December 18, 2017

“Now is another moment for Bob Corker to show courage. ... Will the senator be up to the challenge? ... If the recent past is any indication, we think so. ... We hope so. ... He voted against the rushed GOP tax reform bill once before. ... Under the current circumstances, a ‘yes’ vote for Corker would be unwise. ... If the Senate insists on a vote this week, he should return to his previous position and vote ‘no.’ ... If tax reform is that important to him and other senators, they should cool their jets, take a break and start over next year with a bill that every member of Congress can understand and explain to the public.”

[Winchester Herald Chronicle: Op-ed: Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 7, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): **Sen. Bob Corker says he will vote against Senate Republican tax-reform package**](#)

By Michael Collins

December 1, 2017

A group called **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund** ran 60-second radio ads in Tennessee urging Corker “to keep his promise” and vote against the tax bill. The Democratic National Committee also targeted Corker with robocalls and digital ads urging Tennesseans to call him and demand that he vote against what the group called “this GOP tax scam.”

[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): **Tax bills raise concerns for older Tennesseans, Medicare funding and all claiming medical deductions**](#)

By Holly Fletcher

November 28, 2017

The proposed tax reform bills in Congress could negatively impact older Tennesseans as they file taxes, try to access physicians under Medicare or buy individual insurance, advocates for seniors say. The tax reform proposals — the House and Senate versions do different things — are concerning to the Council on Aging of Middle Tennessee because of the potential to spur more cuts to programs that serve seniors in an era characterized by a rapidly aging population, said Grace Sutherland Smith, executive director.

[Johnson City Press \(Johnson City, TN\): **Demonstrators urge Bob Corker to oppose GOP tax bill**](#)

By Brandon Paykamian

November 28, 2017

A small group of demonstrators gathered outside Sen. Bob Corker's Jonesborough office Monday, urging him to vote against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. With Corker not expressing explicit support or opposition to this bill specifically, Susan Whitlow, an organizer from the Sullivan County Democratic Party, said protesters hoped to persuade the senator to oppose the legislation. She said the bill many are calling "tax reform" would be more accurately referred to as a tax cut for the wealthy. "This tax bill is immoral, and our senator said that he won't vote for any tax bill that raises the deficit by one penny. If he means that, he can't vote for this because it's going to raise it by a bunch," she said. "Temporarily, it will cut taxes for the middle class. Permanently, it will only cut taxes for the extremely wealthy and for wealthy corporations. In five years, the middle class and lower class will be paying more in taxes."

[Daily News Journal \(Murfreesboro, TN\): Poll: Tennesseans disapprove of congressional tax plan, fear changes won't help middle class](#)

By Dave Boucher
November 22, 2017

Hart Research Associates generally works with Democratic candidates and causes but has also done work with big business and media. They conduct the monthly NBC News and Wall Street Journal poll.

The left-leaning Institute on Taxes and Economic Policy and **Americans for Tax Fairness** paid for the poll.

[The Daily Herald \(Columbia, TN\): Health groups criticize tax cuts](#)

By Mike Christen
November 20, 2017

Tax reform proposals moving through Congress could hurt the health care of millions of Americans and raise costs for families with serious medical needs, several major Tennessee health organizations warned Monday.

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[Johnson City Press \(Johnson City, TN\): Tennessee health care advocates oppose GOP tax bill](#)

By Brandon Paykamian
November 20, 2017

Representatives from more than 20 national health organizations criticized Congress' tax reform bill Friday as a vehicle for "ramming through massive health care cuts it (Congress) could not pass earlier this year" and urged Tennessee's delegation to oppose it.

The main criticism health care advocates and organizations across the state — including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and National Organization for Rare Disorders — lodged against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was its similarity to the failed Graham-Cassidy Bill, which sought to roll back many of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the individual mandate.

[Lebanon Democrat \(Lebanon, TN\): TN health organizations speak out about Senate Tax Bill's impact on Tennessean's health](#)

By Jacob Smith
November 17, 2017

State representatives from several national organizations, including the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and the National Organization for Rare Disorders, explained how the tax reform bill could impact Tennessee's communities and why they are calling on U.S. Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker to vote against it.

The members, who spoke on a conference call Friday, expressed significant concern with the partial Affordable Care Act repeal, which eliminates the tax imposed by the act's mandate that all Americans have health insurance.

[WSMV \(Nashville, TN\): Tennessee representatives react to passage of tax plan](#)

November 16, 2017

What Tennessee representatives are saying after the U.S. House of Representatives passed President Trump's tax plan on Thursday.

House Budget Committee Chairman Diane Black (R-Tennessee)

"I am proud the House has acted on modernizing the federal government's outdated and complicated tax system. By passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, we are one step closer to delivering much-needed tax relief for hardworking American families, empowering businesses to create more jobs and simplifying the tax code. I look forward to similar action in the Senate, so we can ultimately get legislation to the president's desk as soon as possible."

[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): Sen. Lamar Alexander backs GOP plan to repeal Obamacare mandate as part of tax reform](#)

By Michael Collins
November 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – Sen. Lamar Alexander said Wednesday he supports the Senate GOP's tax-reform bill and has no problem with it including a provision to repeal the Affordable Care Act's mandate that everyone buy health insurance.

Tying repeal of the so-called individual mandate to the tax-reform measure could cost Alexander Democratic support for a separate bipartisan bill that he negotiated with Democratic Sen. Patty Murray to stabilize Obamacare's individual health insurance markets in the short term.

[Knox News: Tennessee colleges and universities concerned about GOP tax plans](#)

By Rachael Ohm
November 13, 2017

Colleges and universities in Tennessee are raising concerns about proposed Republican tax plans, which, if passed, could include a tax on the endowments of private colleges and tuition waivers for graduate students.

The proposed changes were presented in a House plan Nov. 2.

[Hendersonville Standard: Letter to the Editor: Rep. Diane Black robs the poor and gives to the rich](#)

By Jordan Banks
November 9, 2017

On the eve of the GOP unveiling its tax plan, Rep. Diane Black during a CNBC interview this week called the GOP tax plan “a gift to America.” What “America” exactly is she referring to? An America that turns its sick citizens away from emergency rooms? An America that gives huge corporations and the rich (like Rep. Black) tax breaks while refusing to provide healthcare to nearly nine million children?

The America Rep. Black envisions steals healthcare, food, and security from the working class and throws change into the treasure troughs of her fellow plutocrats.

[The Winchester Herald-Chronicle: Op-ed: Trump cuts critical services to pay for wealthy tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
June 16, 2017

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[The Commercial Appeal \(Memphis\): Column \(ATF Op-ed\): The Walmart Tax Every American Taxpayer Pays](#)

By Lonnie Shephard
April 8, 2017

According to a 2014 report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart receives an estimated \$6.2 billion in subsidies every year, primarily from the Federal Government.

The reason? The world’s largest retailer, infamous for its poor working conditions and unfair treatment of employees, pays its workers so little that thousands of Walmart employees are forced to rely on public assistance programs like food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing. Programs funded by American taxpayers.

[Knoxville Times: Ending Tax Avoidance An Alternative to Federal Funding Cuts](#)

March 17, 2017
Syndicated from Voice of America

[WKNO: In 2005, Trump Was Hit With A Tax That He Now Wants To Abolish \(Tennessee\)](#)

By Jim Zarroli
March 15, 2017

"Without the alternative minimum tax, Donald Trump would have paid a lower tax rate in 2005 than the poorest half of Americans — just 3.48 percent — despite income of more than \$150 million. Trump wants to abolish the AMT. Now we know why," said **Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director Frank Clemente**.

[The Tennessean \(ATF Op-ed\): Don't give me a tax cut that cuts people's health care](#)

By Stephen Prince
March 20, 2017
Written and placed **by ATF**. Syndicated by American Forum.

Republican plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act and the taxes that pay for it would save rich taxpayers like me a lot of money. But it would also cause 24 million Americans to lose their health insurance. That's not a tradeoff I want to make—and no one else should, either. Long before the ACA required larger employers to offer our workers coverage or pay a penalty, I was already covering my employees. I could have saved millions of dollars over the years if I had left them uninsured.

But I believe health care is a basic human right.

[Nashville Pride: Op-ed: How Obamacare repeal helps rich, hurts poor](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
Jan 20, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Texas

[San Angelo Standard-Times: Op-ed: GOP's tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 23, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

The Gilmer Mirror: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 22, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Houston Chronicle: Editorial: [GOP lawmakers race to pass tax bill without regard to details, fallout](#)

By Houston Chronicle Editorial Board
December 14, 2017

“The most radical tax reform legislation in decades has been rushed around Capitol Hill in a secretive process with no public hearings, no complete analysis of its potential impact and no full understanding among most members of Congress of what it would do. Still, what we already know about this bill is enough to determine that any legislator with a lick of financial sense ought to vote against it. ... Congressional Republicans supporting this plan either do believe in magic or they just don't care. What's most important to them is cutting tax rates for corporations and rich people. Their bill does give temporary tax breaks to many middle-income Americans, but those cuts would disappear over the course of a decade. ... Drain the swamp? Next year, fiscally conservative voters in both parties should do just that, pulling the plug on the politicians behind this break-the-bank tax bill.”

Longview News-Journal: Editorial: [Shoddy tax study is latest example of flawed process](#)

By Longview News-Journal Editorial Board
December 13, 2017

“It's disappointing that most of our state's lawmakers are trying to seriously portray this ill-planned tax-cut push as following anything resembling thoughtful analysis and appropriate debate. In fact, Sen. John Cornyn is among those leading the charge in the Senate for a hurry-up vote, apparently trying to get a deal done before too much information becomes available and understood — or a new Democratic senator from Alabama can be seated.

[Houston Memorial Examiner: Op-ed: Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 13, 2017

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[The Houston Chronicle: Op-ed: Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
December 11, 2017

The biggest losers from the GOP tax plans now before Congress would be the 87 million middle-class families facing higher taxes, plus the 13 million people who would lose their healthcare. The biggest winners? Millionaires and corporations, of course.

Chief among those corporations: America's top drug makers. Pharmaceutical firms will get tens of billions of dollars in tax cuts on their offshore profits alone, while continuing to gouge consumers with ever-higher prices.

[Houston Chronicle: Editorial: The tax bamboozle](#)

By Houston Chronicle Editorial Board
November 25, 2017

“Here in the city that gave birth to Enron, we've learned some hard lessons about believing fantastic financial boasts. So if you're one of those people who lost money or lost your job when Ken Lay's house of cards collapsed, the GOP tax reform plan ought to set off a sense of déjà vu. ... Congressional Republicans are peddling the idea that their tax cuts will trigger an explosion of economic growth over the next decade that'll make up the difference. But betting \$1.4 trillion on that dubious theory is a mighty risky gamble, especially after past tax cuts haven't worked out that way. ... The bottom line is that the GOP tax plan takes money from average Americans so that corporations and rich people can pay lower taxes.”

[San Antonio Express News: Editorial: This isn't tax 'reform' at all](#)

By San Antonio Express Editorial Board
November 20, 2017

“We back tax reform. The U.S. tax code is rife with unnecessary loopholes and deductions and can be simplified. But there is simply no need to deprive 13 million more Americans of health coverage and no need to pass a bill that doesn’t pay for itself. ... Yes, the tax bills’ supporters insist that lower corporate taxes and taxes on the wealthy will spell economic growth, so they contend there would be no \$1.5 trillion growth in deficits. But virtually no independent analysis of these measures reaches that conclusion. ... Reform, yes. What we see here isn’

[The Gilmer Mirror: New Texas Data Shows How Many People Would Lose Coverage from U.S. Senate Health Care Bill & How Many Millionaires Would Get Tax Cuts](#)

July 8, 2017

“President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people,” said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “But the Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies. Many working families in Texas will find it a lot harder to access health care. President Trump needs to support Medicaid, not millionaires.”

[The Dallas Examiner: Op-ed: Trump cuts critical services for wealthy tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

June 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

[Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel: Op-ed: Transparency is a start. Fairness is the goal](#)

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**

Syndicated by American Forum

[Normangee Star: Why Trump Tax Cut May Not Deliver The Boost White House Says](#)

By Madeline Patrick

May 5, 2017

“We should see his tax returns”, said **Frank Clemente**, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** in Washington.

[North Dallas Gazette: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare Rewards Wealthy, Punishes Working Families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
January 24, 2017

The North Dallas Gazette published the column “[How Obamacare repeal helps rich, hurts poor](#)” by **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack, which originally appeared in USA Today.

[Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
January 17, 2017

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Utah

[Deseret News \(Salt Lake City\): Op-ed: Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires’ taxes](#)

By Frank Clemente
July 1, 2017

Despite slight differences, the health-care legislation under consideration in the Senate retains the same sickening goal of its House counterpart: cutting taxes for millionaires, billionaires and big corporations at the expense of working families. These bills are not about ensuring the health of working families, they are designed to increase the wealth of the lucky few.

Twenty-two million people would lose health coverage under the Senate plan, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. The savings would pay for tax cuts of \$570 billion, mostly for high-income individuals and big health care companies. Both the Senate and House bills are meant to replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA, or Obamacare), which extended health coverage to 20 million previously uninsured Americans.

[Deseret News \(Salt Lake City\) \(ATF Op-ed\): GOP Obamacare ‘replacement’ offered wealthy tax cuts, not worker health care](#)

By Jonathan Ruga
March 28, 2017
Written and placed by **ATF** syndicated by American Forum.

The House Republicans' so-called "replacement" of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was a huge tax giveaway to the rich and corporations that threatens the health insurance of 24 million low and moderate-income Americans. Even though I'm one of the fortunate few who stood to gain, I was against the plan because I knew my grandmother wouldn't approve.

Vermont

Vermont Business Magazine: [Leahy, Sanders join in reintroducing bill to simplify tax filing](#)

April 13, 2017

Originally introduced in the 114th Congress, The Tax Filing Simplification Act has been endorsed by more than 40 law professors and economists and is endorsed by the National Consumer Law Center on behalf of its low-income clients; Americans for Financial Reform; the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy; **Americans for Tax Fairness**; and the Hispanic Federation. The bill will be introduced when Congress resumes its 115th session. Joining chief sponsor Senator Warren as original cosponsors are Senator Leahy and Senator Sanders, as well as Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.).

VTDIGGER: [Leahy, Sanders Join in Reintroducing a Bill to Simplify Tax Filing](#)

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Virginia

South Boston News & Record: Op-ed: GOP tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever

By Frank Clemente

December 28, 2017

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December 10, 2017

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WHSV: [Valley protesters take aim at GOP tax reform bill](#)

By Johnny Oliver
December 9, 2017

The push by congressional Republicans to reform the United States tax system drew the ire of demonstrators in the valley on Saturday.

In front of the Augusta County Courthouse in Staunton, protesters braved the chilly temperatures and falling snow in an attempt to convince elected leaders, including Rep. Bob Goodlatte, to stop the GOP's bill.

[Martinsville Bulletin: Editorial: A lesson from a Biblical widow](#)

By Martinsville Bulletin Editorial Board
December 8, 2017

“He’s also suggesting that the reason a lot of people aren’t wealthy is because they’re blowing their money on ‘booze or women or movies.’ That is both unfair and absurd. ... The reason that many people aren’t able to invest their money and become millionaires is because every penny they earn at their job – or jobs – goes toward rent, or groceries, or healthcare, or clothes for their children, or car repairs, or insurance, or fixing the furnace in the dead of winter, or sending a child to college, or supporting an elderly relative, or any number of other things that we all must do while we have less and less money to do it with. To the average working stiff who’s just trying to make ends meet, Grassley’s words are insultingly out of step with reality.”

[The Virginian-Pilot: Editorial: A poor excuse for a tax bill](#)

By The Virginian-Pilot Editorial Board
December 5, 2017

“Tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations. A tougher time for the middle class. Continued abandonment of regular order in Congress. And no expectation of economic growth as a result. ... That seems like a funny checklist for any tax bill. But thanks to the Senate, here we are.”

[SWVA Today: Pence visits Abingdon, stumps for Gillespie](#)

By Robert Sorrell
October 18, 2017

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Bristol Herald Courier: [Pence: Gillespie will 'never let you down'](#)

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Blue Virginia: Democratic Party of Virginia Releases New Paper on Devastating Impact of Trump-Pence Policies on Southwest Virginia

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The Progress-Index: Op-ed: [Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires’ taxes](#)

By Frank Clemente
July 13, 2017

The (University of Virginia) Cavalier Daily: Op-ed: [Top 3 reasons Trump must release his tax returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
April 13, 2017

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Mecklenburg Sun: Op-ed: [Save the Affordable Care Act](#)

By **Frank Clemente & Ron Pollack**
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South Boston News & Record: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare would reward the wealthy, punish working families](#)

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The Columbian: Editorial: [GOP Taxes Credibility](#)

By The Columbian Editorial Board

December 17, 2017

“The process that has brought congressional Republicans to the brink of passing tax ‘reform’ has been nothing short of shameful. ... In short, Congress might be about to sell the American people a bill of goods that has undergone little scrutiny. ... Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, repeated the falsehood about tax cuts paying for themselves in explaining her vote in favor of the House version of the tax bill. If Herrera Beutler insists on voting in favor of the final version of the plan, we encourage her to at least come up with a more plausible explanation this time around.”

[The Spokesman-Review: About 150 march in Spokane in protest of Republican tax reform plans](#)

By Amy Edelen
December 11, 2017

About 150 protesters gathered Monday afternoon in downtown Spokane to denounce Republican tax reform proposals moving through Congress.

All In For Washington, Greater Spokane Progress and the Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane organized the event. Protesters marched from the Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse to the local office of U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers on Post Street.

[Kitsap Daily News: Op-Ed: That 2018 tax cut you've been promised may not happen | As It Turns Out](#)

By Marilyn Olds
November 16, 2017

Groups like Indivisible and others are working against this lethal tax budget. Meet the resistance: #NotOnePenny, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, North Kitsap Indivisible, Public Citizen, Resisterhood.

[The Seattle Times: Editorial: GOP's tax-cut plan is an assault on the middle class](#)

By The Seattle Times Editorial Board
November 3, 2017

"GOP leaders would be hard-pressed to justify cutting the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent, then telling millions of middle-class workers and homeowners they need to swallow higher taxes to foot the bill — all while adding \$1.5 trillion to the national debt. Many economists and critics say there's no evidence that cutting the corporate tax rate by itself will boost wages and spur economic growth, as President Donald Trump has promised. The secrecy of the fast-paced negotiations has made it even more difficult to determine who wins and who loses. ... Brady and other Republican tax writers need to reconsider this approach, and soon. If they don't, voters should show them who they really work for when midterm elections roll around in 2018."

[Seattle Post-Intelligencer: Democrats fail to force release of Trump tax returns; Reichert opposes](#)

By Joe Connelly
March 28, 2017

"If this resolution fails, the public should know which members of Congress are continuing to allow President Trump to hide his business dealings and possible conflicts of interest, and the ways that he could gain personally from his tax (reform) plan," said **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

The Grand Coulee Star: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
January 18, 2017

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West Virginia

Charleston Gazette-Mail: Editorial: [Long-term harm outweighs possible benefits of tax bill](#)

By Charleston Gazette-Mail Editorial Board
December 19, 2017

“Republicans say Americans have a poor opinion of the current tax bill because they view it as a giveaway to the rich. Well, truth hurts. ... This entire page could be filled with ways that the Republican tax bill is bad for the United States. Republicans don’t care. Their rich donors want it, and they’re going to get it. ... Next year, voters should remember.”

The Register-Herald: Editorial: [Tax reform values are unbecoming](#)

By The Register-Herald Editorial Board
December 17, 2017

“What the bill makes clear is that the United States is a remarkably prosperous nation, but instead of pointing pooled resources towards the common good of a majority of Americans, congressional Republicans — including Sen. Shelley Moore Capito and Rep. Evan Jenkins, elected to represent our interests — will side with the donor class of millionaires and billionaires who keep campaign war chests flush with cash. ... This tax bill, after all, is all about them, the donors and the politicians, not you.”

Charleston Gazette-Mail: Editorial: [Why rush the tax bill vote before the new Alabama senator arrives?](#)

By Charleston Gazette-Mail Editorial Board
December 14, 2017

“Republicans in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives are patting themselves on the back for reaching agreement on a bill that will give the richest Americans a monstrously large tax break while throwing a few bones to everyday working people. ... GOP leaders plan to rush through a vote on the new tax bill before Christmas, once again leaving members of their own party, opposition Democrats and regular old United States citizens with very little time to digest the most sweeping changes to the U.S. tax system in decades.”

Charleston Gazette-Mail: [Editorial: Tax bill paves way for future cuts](#)

By Charleston Gazette-Mail Editorial Board
December 4, 2017

“Republicans in Congress have chosen to put billions of dollars more in the pockets of the wealthiest Americans — at a time when working-class Americans grow increasingly worried about their ability to put food on the table, and care for their children and their aging parents, and save for their own later years. ... Shelley Moore Capito, Mitch McConnell and their GOP compatriots in the U.S. Senate rammed through a tax ‘reform’ bill in a late-night vote over the weekend. Although it does many other things, the bill’s main focus — as it has been from the start — was to provide the rich a massive tax break. Mission accomplished. ... It seems that they have their win. The GOP has delivered its wealthy backers a huge Christmas present. The majority of Americans will pay for it.”

Charleston Gazette-Mail: [Capitol votes to proceed on tax reform; Manchin opposes](#)

By Jake Zuckerman
November 29, 2017

Story includes a photo of demonstrators protesting the GOP tax bill in front of Senator Shelley Moore Capito’s Charleston office in the United Bank Building on Virginia Street ahead of a final vote in the U.S. Senate.

The Journal: [Talking about taxes: Protesters rally against tax reform; legislators offer support](#)

By Tim Cook
November 22, 2017

Billed as a Candlelight Protest Rally, the event was a protest against the GOP plan to overhaul the federal tax code for the first time in three decades. For the various proponents of the tax reform bill, including the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, it would stimulate the economy and create jobs. For opponents of the same bill, such as the West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy and the West Virginia Council of Churches, it would give tax cuts to corporations and the wealthiest individuals that would widen the income gap. *"This bill makes no sense,"* Stewart Acuff, a Martinsburg resident and a retired labor organizer with the AFL-CIO, said. *"It only serves to take more and more and more from us and give it to fewer and fewer people. This is not less than a fight to save democracy in America."*

[Charleston Gazette-Mail: Advocates worried health programs will pay for tax cuts](#)

By Erin Beck
November 21, 2017

Several advocacy groups said Tuesday they worried a Republican plan to alter the country's tax code and cut taxes for corporations would be paid for by cutting health care programs heavily relied upon in West Virginia. The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, West Virginia Citizen Action Group and West Virginians for Affordable Health Care — all left-leaning groups — and others held a news conference Tuesday morning at Covenant House in Charleston. "That means we're either going to grow our deficit or we're going to force spending cuts to vital investments like health care, education and job training," said Caitlin Cook, spokeswoman for the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. "These tax cuts are not paid for up front. That means low- and middle-income Americans are going to be footing the bill for the permanent changes to the corporate tax code. "West Virginia's Congressional delegation should be working to advance tax policies that actually invest in our working families while ensuring that tax cuts are paid for by closing loopholes and other responsible measures," Cook said.

[WV MetroNews: W.Va. groups oppose tax reform, urge Capito to reject bill](#)

By Carrie Hodousek
November 21, 2017

State policy advocates are opposing federal tax reform legislation because they say it would harm middle and working-class West Virginians. Several groups joined together at the Covenant House to urge U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) to vote against the Senate's tax reform bill. Among the participating groups: the AFT West Virginia, the NAACP, the AFL-CIO, the West Virginia Council of Churches and the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. Caitlin Cook with the WVCBP said there will need to be forced spending cuts to health care, education and job training to make up for the loss. The wealthiest five percent of tax payers will get 50 percent of the tax cut in 2019, Cook said. She said the benefits for the rich and big corporations will grow over time under both House and Senate versions.

Charleston Gazette-Mail: Op-ed: [GOP tax plans would be disaster for small business](#)

By Martha Ehlman
October 22, 2017

Republicans claim their proposed tax cuts will somehow help small business. As a small business owner, I know the opposite is true.

Trump's proposal would slash that top tax rate, which is mostly paid by hedge-fund managers, Wall Street lawyers, real estate moguls (like Trump) and other high rollers.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Gazette: [Tax plan for Trump: Trump's benefit from GOP tax plan as much as \\$22 million a year](#)

By Americans for Tax Fairness
December 23, 2017

Despite his false claim that his tax plan would “cost me a fortune,” new analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** shows that Donald Trump will benefit enormously from his tax plan.

Trump's exact tax savings are difficult to estimate since he has refused to release his tax returns unlike every other president over the last 40 years — but it is likely to be at least \$11 million a year and perhaps as much as \$22 million.

Wisconsin State Journal: Editorial: [Predictions of higher federal debt are no joke](#)

By Wisconsin State Journal Editorial Board
December 6, 2017

“U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, told a group in Madison this fall he would support a tax overhaul bill ‘as long as it’s pro-growth and doesn’t increase the national debt.’ ... Well, so much for that. ... Johnson voted for the Senate’s version of a sweeping tax bill last week that, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, will add \$1 trillion to the federal debt over the next decade — even when projected economic growth from the bill’s tax cuts is factored in.”

Madison Capital Times: Editorial: [Ron Johnson looks out for himself](#)

By Madison Capital Times Editorial Board
December 5, 2017

“If anyone had any questions about how sincere U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson is in representing ordinary Wisconsin citizens, those questions were answered during the debacle that was supposed to be a serious reform of the nation's tax structure. ... His concern wasn't for Wisconsin's middle class taxpayers, who stand to lose their deductions for the state's relatively high income taxes, but for 'pass-through' companies like his plastics plant in Oshkosh. Both the House and Senate bills had provided healthy tax cuts for the 'pass-throughs,' but they weren't as large as Johnson coveted. ... In the end, he got what he wanted as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell jumped through hoops for Johnson and the handful of others who threatened to withhold their vote if their demands went unanswered — a clever use of blackmail to get your way and, in Johnson's case, more profit.”

FOX6Now (Milwaukee, WI): [Watch: Rep. Gwen Moore, Mayor Tom Barrett come together to oppose GOP tax plans](#)

By Katie DeLong
November 20, 2017

They said plans to eliminate deductions for state income tax, mortgage payments and other expenses will hurt Wisconsinites.

Meanwhile, Barrett complained the GOP bills would lower the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent. He noted Wisconsin lost manufacturing jobs in 2016 despite the elimination of the state's manufacturing and agricultural tax years ago.

News/Talk 1510-AM: [Citizen Action WI Executive Director Robert Kraig interview on the Devil's Advocates Radio Show](#)

By Bryan Kelly
November 20, 2017

The Devil's Advocates Radio Show covered a press conference with Citizen Action WI, Rep. Gwen Moore and Mayor Tom Barrett and other local leaders to oppose the GOP tax bills and spoke with Citizen Action WI Executive Director Robert Kraig about the impacts on people in Wisconsin.

[FOX6Now \(Milwaukee, WI\): Speaker Ryan marches GOP tax bill toward Thursday vote, but Milwaukee realtors aren't sold](#)

By Theo Keith
November 15, 2017

Opposition to Republican bills that overhaul the U.S. tax code came from Milwaukee realtors and local activists on Wednesday, November 15th, one day before Speaker Paul Ryan scheduled a vote on the House floor.

Separately Wednesday, activists with Citizen Action of Wisconsin gathered in Oak Creek to protest the tax cuts' impact on the federal budget. They speculated that the cuts would trigger mandatory spending cuts, which could affect Medicare.

[The Capital Times: Column: Republican tax bills would be paradise for plutocrats](#)

By Katrina vanden Heuvel
November 15, 2017
Syndicated from the Washington Post

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, has sensibly called on Congress to investigate before it legislates. Reform should start by exposing the various scams and dodges, rousing public ire to counter the lobbying weight of big business. Legislation could focus on shutting down the loopholes and cracking down on tax havens abroad. The first step would be to end "deferral" of taxes on profits reported abroad.

[The Oshkosh Northwestern: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)

By Herb Jackson
October 11, 2017
Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

"The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

[WisPolitics.com: Congressional Progressive Caucus: Members of Congress, advocates to call on Congress to reject the Ryan-McConnell Tax Plan](#)

By Sayanna Molina
October 3, 2017

WisPolitics.com published a press release from the Congressional Progressive Caucus and allied groups.

[WisPolitics.com: Op-ed: Americans for Tax Fairness: Senate health bill slashes medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

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[Superior Daily Telegram: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

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January 27, 2017
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[Milwaukee Courier: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare Rewards Wealthy, Punishes Working Families](#)

January 21, 2017

The Milwaukee Courier published the column "[How Obamacare repeal helps rich, hurts poor](#)" by **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack, which originally appeared in USA Today.

[Urban Milwaukee: Baldwin, Whitehouse, Warren, and Feinstein Introduce Bill to Limit Tax Windfalls for Billionaires in the Trump Administration](#)

By Tammy Baldwin
January 4, 2017

The bill has been endorsed by **Americans for Tax Fairness**; Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington; and Public Citizen.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CLIPS

Fnews.me: The 15 richest families could reap \$300 billion from Republican tax cuts

December 8, 2017

Syndicated from Daily Kos

Mother Jones spoke with **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group focused on progressive tax reform, about how these changes to the estate tax will benefit the ultra-wealthy, specifically the top 15 richest Americans, as ranked and reported by Forbes. If the exemptions are doubled, each estate would save \$4.4 million for a couple, or \$2.2 million for a single person. And if the tax is repealed, that's where things get interesting: According to numbers crunched by Americans for Tax Fairness, in that scenario, the people who inherit money from this tiny group of people could potentially save more than a whopping \$300 billion combined. And the families of GOP-megadonors Charles and David Koch could collectively save nearly \$39 billion, while the heirs of Republican kingmaker and moneymen Sheldon Adelson could be looking at \$14 billion.

Common Space: The universal basic necessity in the age of the machines (Scotland)

By Craig Berry

May 8, 2017

This, again, may seem like a dramatisation, but according to the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the United States of America currently subsidises companies like Wal-Mart and McDonald's low-wage employees \$6.2bn in public assistance.

Red Flag: Trump's plan to make the rich even richer (Australia)

By Nicole Colson

May 8, 2017

Or there's the fact that Trump's plan would create a so-called pass-through tax cut for business income that is currently taxed at the business owners' individual income tax rates rather than the corporate rate. Under Trump's plan, the tax rate for this wealth would drop to 15 percent. (**Americans for Tax Fairness** notes that Trump himself has some 500 pass-through arrangements.)

Daily Times: America reaps few benefits from Trump's tax-cut proposal (Pakistan)

By Christopher Walden
May 8, 2017

"Yesterday, we learned President Trump wants to slash the corporate tax rate, even though corporations already dodge most of their tax responsibilities while making record profits," Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness**, told the New York Times.

"Today, we find out it's even worse. In trying to slash taxes for 'pass through' business entities, Trump is seeking to dramatically reduce his own tax bill." The idea advanced by Trump that the tax rate for all small proprietorships should fall to 15 percent caught some observers by surprise. Such small businesses where the individual pays taxes on business profits on their individual taxes are treated as pass throughs for state and federal tax purposes, but also include many professionals and financial firms-including real estate developers.

Arena Publica: Severe loss of tax revenues if Mexico aligns itself to Trump's fiscal policy (Mexico)

By Arena Publica
May 6, 2017

In addition, the reform serves to demonstrate that he is willing to consent to private initiative, according to economic analysts such as the director of "**Americans for Tax Justice**," **Frank Clemente**.

The Guardian (UK): Trump under fire over 'huge tax cut for the rich'

By Dominic Rushe, Ben Jacobs & Sabrina Siddiqui
April 27, 2017

But on the campaign trail, he also consistently pledged to cut the US's \$19tn deficit "big-league" and "very quickly". A 20-percentage-point cut to corporate tax rates alone would add \$2.4tn to the national debt, according to the nonpartisan pressure group **Americans for Tax Fairness**. **Frank Clemente, executive director**, called the proposal a "reckless" plan "for massive tax giveaways to corporations, the wealthy, and his own family" in return for adding trillions of dollars to the national debt.

"So, how would Trump's White House make up the shortfall? By drastic cuts to essential services and lowering the standard of living for regular American families. Unacceptable," said Clemente. "The White House line that 'tax cuts will pay for themselves' is a lie that has been debunked repeatedly, including by the conservative Tax Foundation. We will fight this tax plan tooth and nail, and we'll be joined by Americans of all political stripes in doing so."

US dollar V pound: GBP SURGES against USD after Trump's tax plans

By Matthew Andrews

April 27, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of nonpartisan pressure group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, branded the plans as "reckless" and suggested that the government would be forced to make up the shortfall in taxes by making "drastic cuts to essential services and lowering the standard of living for regular American families".

The Independent (Ireland): Trump tax plan to slash US corporate tax rates, raising job fears here

By Amanda Becker and Steve Holland

April 26, 2017

Syndicated from Reuters
