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TOTAL	676	15	72	763

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U.S. News: Op-ed: 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
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“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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loopholes and/or by limiting tax deductions. They pay too much in taxes.

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".

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

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group, said the idea that a new pass-through rate would help small business was "simply a hoax."

U.S. News: 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

By Dominic Rushe
September 28, 2017

"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**.

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

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Moyers & Company: Daily Reads: Russian Trolls Helped Fuel NFL Controversy; Trump Wants to Slash His Own Taxes

September 28, 2017

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

September 28, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF’s press release analyzing the Trump-GOP tax plan.

USANewsGuide.com: Trump: ‘Pro-growth’ tax plan to double standard deduction, kill estate tax

September 28, 2017

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Freedom’s Phoenix: Trump's Deplorable Tax Cut Scheme

By Stephen Lendman

September 28, 2017

Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) analyzed Trump's new tax cut scheme, saying paying for it, if enacted, jeopardizes funding for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and public education, vital social programs.

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
September 27, 2017

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

September 27, 2017
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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: 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
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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

September 27, 2017
By Christina Wilkie
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Common Dreams: Reaction to GOP Tax Plan

September 27, 2017
Common Dreams published ATF's press release reacting to the Trump-GOP tax plan.

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: 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

September 21, 2017

“You can’t really broaden the base without addressing capital gains,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness**. He, too, favors taxing capital gains at death.

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Moyers & Company: How Corporate Capitalism Looted Democracy

By William Greider
September 18, 2017

Polling by Hart Research for **Americans for Tax Fairness** suggests that the Democratic Party’s base is already on board for a different agenda. “There is no significant constituency for reducing corporate tax rates,” the polling firm found. “Seven in ten voters (69 percent) say wealthy corporations paying their fair share of the taxes is more important than cutting the taxes for American business to make them more competitive in the global economy,” the survey concluded.

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

September 6, 2017

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By Benjy Sarlin
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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

September 3, 2017

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

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Common Dreams: Trump's False Claims About Taxes: His Rhetoric Contradicts His Actual Proposals – and Reality

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

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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

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The Hill: GOP chairman: Tax reform could increase deficit

By Niv Elis
August 16, 2017

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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, stoptrumntaxcuts.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.

Newsline: Liberal Group Launches Website in Effort to Block Tax Cuts

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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.”

National Journal: Liberal Groups’ Next Target: Tax Reform

August 4, 2017

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

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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: Kochs and Trump Team Up to Cut Billionaires' Taxes

By Richard Eskow
August 2, 2017

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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: 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

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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

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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

July 14, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on ACA repeal.

Z Net: Trump Tax Agenda

June 20, 2017

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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: 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: 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: Big Pharma Gets \$28 Billion Tax Break in GOP Trumpcare Plan

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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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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
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AlterNet: 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 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: 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 PoliticusUSA, "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

While the letter sheds some additional light on the content of Trump's returns, it appears unlikely to end speculation by Trump's critics about whether his returns conceal suspicious business ties to foreign entities, including Russia.

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: 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?

By Larry Light

April 26, 2017

"Corporations are already dodging their fair share of taxes at a time of record profits, yet he is trying to give them a massive tax cut," said Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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 Rappoport, 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.

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By Naomi Jagoda
April 14, 2017

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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.
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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.

But could there be another way to build up the military without taking money away from other valuable programs? **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) thinks so.

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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

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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

"Its 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?

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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: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families

By Frank Clemente & Ron Pollack
January 25, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Otherworld'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.

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

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Huffington Post: 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: 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.

Down with Tyranny: Blog: Much of the \$2.5 Trillion in Corporate "Overseas Cash" Is Already in the U.S.

By Gaius Publius
December 15, 2016

For example, we find this, the possibility of a huge tax giveaway on "offshore profits" to Silicon Valley high-tech companies, via **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF).

New York Times: Op-Ed: Corporate Welfare Won't Create Jobs

By Frank Clemente
December 12, 2016

The recent deal to keep some 800 workers employed at a Carrier plant in Indiana rather than see those jobs shipped to Mexico proved great news for the workers and a public relations bonanza for President-elect Donald J. Trump.

What it didn't prove — even though the incoming president used the occasion to promote his proposal for a huge tax giveaway to corporations — is that cutting corporate taxes will save or create many American jobs. It won't.

Humanosphere: Income inequality: How can the business sector close the gap?

By Amanda Pain
December 8, 2016

When President-elect Donald Trump was accused of not paying federal income taxes, he responded by saying, "That makes me smart." It's a testament to the structural problem that exists globally today: vast inequality between rich and poor.

Corporate taxes are the third-highest revenue source for governments, but corporations continue to find ways to avoid paying taxes. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, corporate taxes have dropped from 32 percent of federal tax revenue in 1952 to 10 percent in 2013.

Forbes: Family Business Owners Decry Estate Tax Valuation Rules At Treasury Hearings

By Ashlea Ebeling
December 2, 2016

Family business owners, along with estate lawyers, CPAs, and appraisers, piled into an Internal Revenue Service auditorium yesterday to pan proposed Treasury Department rules they say will wreak havoc on their legacy plans. The proposed rules, known as the 2704 regs, would curb valuation discounts and mean increased estate taxes on the deaths of owners of family businesses.

Just one of the 36 people who testified, Frank Clemente, of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, whose

testimony is here, spoke in favor of the proposed rules, citing abuses and urged that the rules be finalized.

Truthout: Op-ed: The Six Worst Things About Trump's Tax Plan

By Frank Clemente
November 28, 2016

On the campaign trail, Donald Trump promised the biggest tax cuts since the Reagan era and proposed reforms that would drastically increase our country's already extreme levels of inequality. Now the Republican-controlled Congress is considering ramming through tax reforms in the first half of 2017, using a "fast-pass" process called reconciliation that requires just 51 votes in the senate. If Trump's plan becomes the blueprint for this reform, these would be the six worst features.

Huffington Post: Op-ed: Trump's Infrastructure Plan Offers Private Gain, Public Pain

By Frank Clemente
November 23, 2016

Donald Trump promised he would drain the swamp in Washington, but his proposal to repair our crumbling infrastructure will do anything but that. It's the same kind of special interest giveaway voters revolted against on Election Day.

He's peddling a self-serving approach that is nothing more than a huge tax giveaway to rich developers and investors like himself. On top of that, the public won't even own the roads and bridges that get built. They'll stay in the hands of private developers - who will be able to charge tolls to drivers who already paid for these roads with a tax giveaway to the developers.

Bloomberg: Interest Groups See Path to Estate Tax Repeal With Trump

By Allyson Versprille
November 9, 2016

Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal-leaning advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said a Trump presidency really shifts the focus for his group on tax issues. Anticipating a Hillary Clinton win, "we were gearing up for a big fight around corporate tax issues. I think this change in the election means everything is in danger from our point of view, including the estate tax," he said Nov. 9. "I didn't think we'd see action on the estate tax next year," he added.

Morning Consult: Tax Group Says Qualcomm Could Dodge \$10 Billion in U.S. Taxes With NXP Purchase

By Brendan Bordelon
November 2, 2016

San Diego-based Qualcomm Inc. could avoid more than \$10 billion in U.S. taxes if it finalizes a planned \$47 billion purchase of Dutch company NXP Semiconductors N.V., according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

The advocacy group said in a statement Wednesday that the ability of corporations to indefinitely defer the payment of taxes on foreign profits means Qualcomm can use offshore funds to purchase NXP. By spending the money rather than repatriating it, the semiconductor firm could avoid having to pay the \$10.2 billion in federal taxes a Citizens for Tax Justice report estimates Qualcomm owes on approximately \$29 billion in overseas profits.

BROADCAST

KBOK (Radio)

New Orleans, LA
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CNBC (TV)

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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.

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National
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CNN: Alexis Goldstein and Stephen Moore discuss Trump's tax cut plan (TV)

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WUNC-FM (Radio)

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Philadelphia PA
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Minneapolis MN
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New Orleans LA
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Washington DC
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Boston MA
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Hawaii Public Radio

Honolulu HI
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KQED-FM (Radio)

San Francisco CA
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KPCC-FM (Radio)

Los Angeles CA
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Las Vegas NV
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KCRW-FM (Radio)

Los Angeles CA
3/16/17

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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?

WNHN: Radio Interview: Frank Clemente on The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen

November 30, 2016

Part One: **American’s For Tax Fairness** Executive Director **Frank Clemente** on Trump’s infrastructure plan: private gain – public pain.

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Alabama

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

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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

The Arizona Republic: [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

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

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

California

[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: Op-ed: 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**.

The protest organizers sent out a news release urging media organizations to “send cameras.” They promised that “impacted people will share their stories via bullhorn” while participants held “brightly colored signs.”

[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.

[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)

[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: Time to Declare our Independence from Corporate Tax Dodging](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

July 4, 2016

Marchers in this year's 4th of July parades in small towns across America will pass a variety of Main Street businesses: barber shops, restaurants, computer repair services. What all these small businesses have in common is that none of them use unpatriotic offshore tax dodges to avoid paying their fair share of U.S. taxes.

Connecticut

[New Britain Herald: Op-Ed: Taxpayers Funded a Lifesaving Drug and Guess What Happened Next](#)

By Bernie Sanders

August 24, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

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

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 Rappeport, Kate Kelly and Rachel Abrams
April 25, 2017
Syndicated from the New York Times

Palm Beach Post: 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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Georgia

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

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

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

By **Frank Clemente**
July 13, 2017
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[Lahaina News: Letter to the Editor: Trump cuts critical services to pay for wealthy tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
June 29, 2017
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Illinois

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

August 31, 2017
By Jake Johnson

“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** (AFT), 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](#)

July 13, 2017

By Jake Johnson

As **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found in a study also published on Wednesday, among the principle 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 \(II\)](#)

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

[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

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Iowa

[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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January 25, 2017
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[Lyon County Reporter: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

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Kentucky

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

By Frank Clemente
June 29, 2017
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[Richmond Register: GUEST COLUMNIST: 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: Top reasons Trump must release his tax returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
April 25, 2017
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By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack

January 19, 2017

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Louisiana

Houma Courier: Op-Ed: [We can pay for Zika response with corporate tax reform](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

June 25, 2016

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Maine

Portland Press Herald: Op-ed: [Repealing Obamacare Will Cut My Taxes -- But at Too High a Price](#)

By Severin Beliveau

February 22, 2017

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Kennebec Journal: [Op-ed: Repealing Obamacare would help rich at expense of poor](#)

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

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Maryland

[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](#)

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January 25, 2017

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Massachusetts

[Boston Globe: Trump's tax-cut plan would give favorable rate to businesses large and small](#)

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Alan Rappeport

April 26, 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."

[Medford Daily Mercury: 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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Malden Evening News: Op-Ed: [For U.S. Businesses to Compete Globally, Our Multinationals Must Pay Their Taxes](#)

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December 10, 2016
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Taunton Daily Gazette: Op-Ed: [For U.S. Businesses to Compete Globally, Our Multinationals Must Pay Their Taxes](#)

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December 10, 2016
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Wicked Local Berkley: Op-Ed: [For U.S. Businesses to Compete Globally, Our Multinationals Must Pay Their Taxes](#)

By Josh Knauer
December 10, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Michigan

Detroit Lakes Tribune: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack
January 22, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

Minnesota

Twin Cities Pioneer Press: [Opinion: Katrina Vanden Heuvel: 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
Syndicated by American Forum

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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St Cloud Times: Op-ed: [Ending Obamacare rewards rich, punishes working families](#)

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January 25, 2017
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Mississippi

The Clarion-Ledger: [Op-ed: Senate bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By Frank Clemente

July 7, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

Missouri

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

Missoulian: [Op-Ed: Taxpayers Funded a Lifesaving Drug and Guess What Happened Next](#)

By Jordan Aubrey

August 30, 2017

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New Hampshire

Laconia Citizen: [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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New Jersey

[The North Jersey Record: Op-ed: Declare independence from corporate tax dodging](#)

By Frank Clemente

July 17, 2016

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New Mexico

[Santa Fe New Mexican: Op-ed: Senate would slash Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By Frank Clemente

July 10, 2017

[Santa Fe New Mexican: Op-Ed: Taxpayers Funded a Lifesaving Drug and Guess What Happened Next](#)

By Bernie Sanders

August 15, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

Nevada

[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

[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.

[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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[Lockport Union Sun & Journal: Op-ed: Top 3 reasons Trump must release his tax returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
April 13, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

[The Island Now: Pulse of the Peninsula: Americans to march for fair taxes](#)

By Karen Rubin
April 13, 2017

“Right now, multinational corporations owe more than \$750 billion in U.S. taxes on \$2.6 trillion in profits stashed offshore,” stated **Frank Clemente, executive director, Americans for Tax Fairness**. “They’re skirting their patriotic duty to enrich their high-paid CEOs and wealthy shareholders.”

[Daily Messenger: Op-ed: Top 3 reasons Trump must release his tax returns \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
April 11, 2017
Syndicated by American Forum

President Donald 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 percent — of Americans say Trump should release his tax returns. That includes a majority — 53 percent — of Republicans.

[Buffalo Breeze: Ending Tax Avoidance An Alternative to Federal Funding Cuts](#)

March 17, 2017
Syndicated from Voice of America

[The Cash Gazette: House Republicans show long-awaited plan for ACA replacement](#)

By Marie Dunn
March 7, 2017

Subsidies under the Affordable Care Act are calculated based on how much money people make and the price of health plans. "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**.

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

By **Frank Clemente** and Ron Pollack
February 2, 2017

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North Carolina

[WCNC News: NC Could Be One Of Hardest Hit States By Senate Health Bill](#)

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[Cherokee Scout: Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
Jan 25, 2017
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Ohio

[Findlay Courier: Op-ed: Why Trump must release his tax returns](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
April 11, 2017
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[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.

Oregon

[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

[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
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The Intelligencer: Op-ed: [Demanding transparency and fairness from Trump's tax plan \(Pennsylvania\)](#)

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Scranton Times: Op-Ed: [For U.S. Businesses to Compete Globally, Our Multinationals Must Pay Their Taxes](#)

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Rhode Island

Westerley Sun: [Op-Ed: Tax breaks for the wealthy are the priority in Trump budget](#)

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June 21, 2017

Westerley Sun: Op-ed: Transparency is a start. Fairness is the goal.

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The (Providence College) Cow! [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](#)

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December 10, 2016
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South Carolina

Orangeburg Times & Democrat: [Op-ed: Trump's income tax returns overdue](#)

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April 11, 2017
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By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
January 26, 2017
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Tennessee

The Winchester Herald-Chronicle: [Op-ed: Trump cuts critical services to pay for wealthy tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
June 16, 2017

[The Commercial Appeal: Column: The Walmart Tax Every American Taxpayer Pays \(Memphis, TN\)](#)

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: Op-ed: Don't give me a tax cut that cuts people's health care](#)

By Stephen Prince
March 20, 2017
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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

[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
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[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

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[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: Op-ed: Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires’ taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
July 1, 2017

[Deseret News: Op-ed: GOP Obamacare ‘replacement’ offered wealthy tax cuts, not worker health care \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#)

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.

[Deseret News: Op-Ed: Corporate Tax Reform Can Pay For Zika Response](#)

By **Frank Clemente**
June 22, 2016
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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](#)

Press Release

April 12, 2017

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Virginia

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](#)

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Mecklenburg Sun: Op-ed: [Save the Affordable Care Act](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
Jan 18, 2017
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South Boston News & Record: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare would reward the wealthy, punish working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
Jan 19, 2017
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Augusta Free Press: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

By **Frank Clemente** & Ron Pollack
Jan 18, 2017
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Washington

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
Syndicated by American Forum

Wisconsin

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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Milwaukee Courier: [Op-ed: Abolishing Obamacare Rewards Wealthy, Punishes Working Families](#)

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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

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: Trump under fire over 'huge tax cut for the rich'(UK)

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

Financial Times: BlackRock and Franklin Templeton to win big from US tax holiday

By Aliya Ram
December 18, 2016

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a campaign group, said that

shareholders and the US taxpayer are divided on the merits of the transition tax.
“The companies that are going to win the most is those that have paid the lowest rate offshore for longest,” he said. “The American people lose.”
