

GOP TAX SCAM 2.0

The ink isn't even dry on Republicans' manufactured debt crisis, and they're already back to doing what they do best: cutting taxes for the wealthy and well-connected while the most vulnerable families get left behind.

Corporate giveaways are costly and benefit the most profitable corporations

Interest Expense Deduction: Republicans want to loosen the rules they included in their tax scam to tighten the amount of interest that businesses can deduct. In making it easier for leveraged businesses to deduct interest from their taxes, Republicans are handing out over \$10 billion each year, 50 percent of which goes to businesses with revenue over \$1 billion.

Bonus Depreciation: In the first Tax Scam, Republicans allowed businesses to write off the entire cost of equipment in the year it is purchased. Two-thirds of the benefits go to corporations making over \$250 million in revenue, and from 2018 through 2021, about two dozen of the largest corporations received roughly \$50 billion in tax breaks through this provision.

Research & Development: This provision would allow corporations to deduct the full cost of all Research and Development expenditures and retroactively apply it to 2022. This provision is designed to incentivize research that would not otherwise be conducted. In this bill, Republicans made the startling decision to give away money to companies that conducted research in prior years without the need for an incentive.

Climate Denialism: Republicans are doubling down on their climate denialism just days after millions of Americans were sheltered inside due to regionwide air quality warnings on the East Coast. Republicans want to repeal key pieces of the largest investment in the climate crisis in our nation's history and provide Big Oil with a \$10 billion tax break.

Even when Republicans try to cut taxes for families, they leave the most vulnerable behind

This legislation proposes expanding the standard deduction by \$2,000 for single filers and \$4,000 for married couples for the next two years. The benefits skew toward affluent families, with 60 percent of the benefits going to the wealthiest 40 percent of households, and won't help those most in need. Families with the lowest incomes do not earn enough to get any tax break at all.

Republicans still don't know how to cut taxes for working families even after Democrats showed them how to with our expanded Child Tax Credit. Democrats' expanded Child Tax Credit cut child poverty by 40 percent and benefitted over 35 million families, with over half of the benefits going directly to the poorest 20 percent of families.

Republican tax cuts are a masterclass in failed promises: they don't pay for themselves, nor do they increase revenue or raise workers' wages. That wasn't true in 2001, 2003, or 2017, and it isn't true now. It's merely lip service to working families and small businesses while their record speaks for itself: \$10 trillion in tax cuts to the wealthy and well-connected.