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In advance of the mark up for tax policy, faith groups want to share these quotes urging committee members to go strong on revenues.

**Rev. Jennifer Butler, CEO of Faith in Public Life**

“As a pastor, I believe every person’s dignity is worth investing in. That starts with making sure the wealthiest few Americans and big corporations pay their fair share of taxes to fund the Build Back Better Agenda. Denying our neighbors the necessities for a flourishing life while a powerful and ultra-wealthy few pay literally nothing in taxes on vast fortunes is the height of injustice.

“Congress has a rare opportunity to do what is morally right, politically popular, and substantively impactful all at the same time by raising revenues from corporate income and the ultra wealthy. I am praying that our legislators do the right thing.”

**Mary J. Novak, Executive Director, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice**

“For years, tax-dodging corporations, the ultra-wealthy and an army of K Street lobbyists have rigged the tax code to keep the most privileged from paying their fair share of taxes. Meanwhile, the chasm between low wage workers and the richest 1% has widened to heights that are unsustainable over the past decade -- especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. NETWORK calls on Congress to raise at least \$4 trillion in revenues through progressive tax policies in the Build Back Better bill. This revenue is needed to fund long overdue investments in advancing racial and gender equity by improving the economic security of Black, Brown, and Native American women and families and fostering shared prosperity and economic growth. As Pope Francis says, we must say ‘thou shall not’ to an economy of exclusion and inequality.”

**Diane E Randall, General Secretary, the Friends Committee on National Legislation**

“It is our moral duty to create a society where no child experiences poverty and where the racial wealth divide no longer plagues our country. The current tax system advantages those who are privileged and ultra-wealthy. When our federal revenue policies ensure that everyone pays their fair share, we can create a more just and equitable society. We urge Congress to take advantage of this once-in-a-generation opportunity to put the country on a path where everyone can live with dignity and fully flourish.”

**Avery Davis Lamb, Co-Executive Director, Creation Justice Ministries**

Creation justice means protecting, restoring, and rightly sharing God’s Creation. Creation justice is economic justice. To make the investments we desperately need to address the inequities worsened by the climate crisis and create the beloved community of God’s household, the wealthy and corporations must start paying their fair share.”

**Sandy Sorensen, Director of the Washington Office; United Church of Christ**

“We have the opportunity for historic and generational investments in communities – to lift families out of hunger and poverty and give people the opportunity to thrive. Congress needs to be creative and bold in passing the reconciliation package and to pay for those investments by creating a fairer more equitable tax system that requires wealthy individuals and corporations to pay their fair share, leading to a world where all God’s people and creation live in the fullness of life.”