



## MEDIA HITS THROUGH NEWS STORIES AND OPINION PIECES

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	News	Broadcast	Original Op-Eds	Syndicated Op-Eds	Editorials	Digital & Major Blogs	LTEs	TOTAL
National	305	34	4	0	4	175	0	522
State	215	134	15	82	82	0	30	558
International	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,089</b>

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#### **USA Today: How to start fixing democracy with the \$1.50-a-week tax cut Paul Ryan gave you**

by Jason Sattler  
February 14, 2018

Of course, \$13,461,538.50 is on the high end of Charles' estimated tax cut, which **Americans for Tax Fairness** projects will fall between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion a year. He and his brother David could be getting as little as \$9,615,384.62 a week apiece. Or 6,410,256 times what that secretary in Lancaster can expect.

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#### **The Hill: Dems hit stock buybacks in tax law fight**

by Naomi Jagoda  
February 19, 2018

Frank Clemente, executive director of the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said that Democrats' focus on buybacks is "a good message because it's all about who are the winners and the losers in the tax bill."

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#### **CNN : Tax cut scoreboard: Workers \$6 billion; Shareholders \$171 billion**

by Matt Egan  
February 16, 2018

"Our worst nightmare is coming true," said Frank Clemente, executive editor of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that fights for progressive tax reform. "We predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already-wealthy shareholders and CEOs, not to a company's workers."

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## **The Hill: Op-Ed: Millionaires should pay their fair share of Social Security payroll taxes**

by Max Richtman  
February 14, 2018

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, says, "Instead of providing massive tax cuts to the richest one percent, we should be making them pay their fair share by scrapping the cap. America is facing a retirement crisis, and by scraping by the cap, we can ensure fully-funded Social Security benefits for all generations to come."

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## **Common Dreams: Trump to Promote His Tax Plan at Boeing, Company has Rewarded Shareholders -- Not Workers**

by **Americans for Tax Fairness**  
March 14, 2018

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## **Epeak: One-Time Bonuses, Full-Time Con: Trump's Tax Cuts Deliver Worker Layoffs**

by Bob Lord & Josh Hoxie  
March 5, 2018

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## **Common Dreams: Taking on Trump's False Promises, Dems Introduce Bill to End Tax Cuts for Corporate Offshoring**

by Jake Johnson  
February 28, 2018

In a statement endorsing the Not Tax Breaks for Outsourcing Act, **Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente slammed the Trump-GOP tax law as "a jobs killer" that "provides even more tax incentives than existed before for corporations to outsource U.S. jobs and shift profits offshore."

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## **Common Dreams: Analysis: Major Corporations Have Spent Just 6% of Tax Cut Windfall on Workers. Guess Where the Other 94% Went.**

by Jake Johnson  
February 28, 2018

As the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote snarkily on Twitter: "You mean corporations aren't using the bulk of their tax cuts to create jobs and boost workers wages like Trump promised? Weird..."

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## **Accounting Today: Democrats introduce bill to curb GOP tax law**

by Michael Cohn  
February 27, 2018

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## **Hullabaloo: Politics and Reality Radio: Former SWAT Operator Says Trump's Call to Arm Teachers Is Ridiculous; A Different Approach to Medicare for All**

by Joshua Holland  
February 25, 2018

Finally, we'll be joined by Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, to discuss corporate America's efforts to pay Republicans back for the windfall it received in the tax bill with a wave of propaganda designed to hoodwink the public into thinking that the cuts are trickling down into their paychecks.

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## **Truth-out: Op-Ed: Let's Call the GOP Tax Bill What It Is: the "Tax Cuts for Shareholders Act"**

by Lenore Palladino  
February 23, 2018

Several analyses of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are starting to document the scale of buybacks versus pay increases as a result of the tax bill. Bill Lazonick and Rick Wartzman found that corporations are spending roughly 30 times what they'll spend on workers on stock buybacks. And **Americans for Tax Fairness** calculated that just 20 corporations have announced approximately \$100 billion in new stock buybacks since the passage of the Senate bill in early December (and this was before the Cisco announcement). Using data from the pro-tax cut Americans for Tax Reform, they found that only 3.4 percent of Fortune 500 companies have announced a wage increase tied to the tax bill.

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## **The Nation: A Wave of Corporate Propaganda Is Boosting Trump's Tax Cuts**

by Joshua Holland  
February 23, 2018

Exxon Mobil CEO Darren Woods penned a blog post crediting the tax bill for playing a major role in the company's plans to invest \$50 billion in the United States over the next five years. This generated a slew of headlines along the lines of the one that appeared in Reuters: "Exxon plans major U.S. investments due to tax reform: CEO." But according to an analysis of the company's financial statements by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, that's actually \$2.7 billion less than the company invested in the United States between 2012 and 2016. And Bloomberg reports that the company's investments dipped in the last couple of years after oil prices crashed, and the capital-investment plan represents nothing more than "a return to the oil giant's spending habits before crude suffered its worst price rout in a generation." (The company's "fourth-quarter profit nearly quintupled after President Trump's tax cuts gave the oil giant a big lift," according to USA Today.)

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## **Common Dreams: Activist Ejected From Meeting With Lawmaker After Asking How Much Money He's Getting From Koch Brothers**

by Jake Johnson  
February 21, 2018

Jonathan was referring to the \$1.5 trillion tax bill President Donald Trump signed into law last December. According to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** published last month, the Koch brothers "could save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion combined in income taxes each year" thanks to the new law.

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## **Health Nut News: Forbes: Walmart Workers Cost Taxpayers \$6.2 Billion In Public Assistance**

by Erin Elizabeth  
February 18, 2018

Walmart's low-wage workers cost U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$6.2 billion in public assistance including food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing, according to a report published to coincide with Tax Day, April 15.

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of 400 national and state-level progressive groups, made this estimate using data from a 2013 study by Democratic Staff of the U.S. Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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## **Freedom's Phoenix: More Evidence of How the GOP Tax Cut Really Works**

by Stephen Lendman  
February 17, 2018

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) executive director Frank Clemente issued a statement, saying:

"As predicted by many of us who opposed the massive Trump tax giveaway, Cisco is showing that the top priority of multinational corporations for their unprecedented tax cut is to shower shareholders with stock buybacks and higher dividends rather than distribute most of the benefits to workers who generate those profits."

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## **Newtown Daily News: No love for working families this Valentine's Day**

by Josh Hoxie  
February 14, 2018

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## **Daily Kos: Op-Ed: Cupid's Undie Run Detroit stays inside this year**

by Alonso del Arte  
February 10, 2018

According to **Americans For Tax Fairness**, the Koch brothers could get as much as \$1.4 billion from President Tumor's tax scam tax cut they invested \$20 million to help pass (that includes half a million to a PAC supporting Paul Ryan).

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## **The Huffington Post: Nancy Pelosi Is Right About Workers Getting 'Crumbs' From The Tax Bill**

by Arthur Delaney  
February 9, 2018

An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that opposed the tax bill, put the stock buyback total at \$100 billion since the Senate passed the bill in early December. Senate Democrats arrived at a similar tally for just this year.

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## **The Hill: Op-Ed: Big Tech deserves no gratitude for dodging its US taxes**

by Frank Clemente  
February 7, 2018

Apple apparently expects an outpouring of national gratitude for avoiding \$40 billion in U.S. taxes. President Trump and his fellow Republicans are happy to oblige, since handing huge tax cuts to wealthy corporations is one of the principal purposes of their new tax law. But the rest of us can be excused for withholding our applause.

The tech giant recently announced it was paying \$38 billion in repatriated U.S. taxes on the \$252 billion in accumulated cash and “cash like” assets it has stashed offshore. That may sound like a lot of money, but it only represents a 15.5 percent tax rate —a lower rate than many working families pay on their income.

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## **Opposing Views: Woman Yells At Man Over Food Stamps At Wal-Mart**

by Sheena Vasani  
February 7, 2018

A 2014 **Americans For Tax Fairness** report reveals the low wages Wal-Mart -- the store the angry woman is shopping at -- pays its employees means many have to rely on the governments food stamp program, officially called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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## **Boing Boing: Paul Ryan boasts that his tax cut resulted in \$1.50 per week raise for secretary, then deletes tweet**

by Mark Frauenfelder  
February 5, 2018

Meanwhile, **Americans for Tax Fairness** report that "Charles Koch and David Koch and/or Koch Industries could save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion combined in income taxes each year from the Trump tax law—and that doesn't even count how much the brothers might save in taxes on offshore profits or how much their heirs will benefit from weakening the estate tax."

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## **Common Dreams: Paul Ryan, Iron Stache, and How #WithABuckFiftyAWeek Was Born: A Short Story**

by Jon Queally  
February 4, 2018

An analysis released by **Americans for Tax Fairness** last month showed that while the Kochs spent an estimated \$20 million to promote last year's tax bill, they stand to save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion in income taxes per year as a result of its passage. For the 2018 mid-terms, the Koch network is reportedly prepared to spend \$400 million to back Republican candidates.

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## **Dissecting Leftism: Kochs rally donors to spend more to protect business gains**

by Annie Linskey  
February 1, 2018

Voters have been skeptical of the tax law in part because much of the benefit is focused on businesses like those run by the Kochs and their allies. The tax cuts directly benefit Koch Industries by \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion a year, according to a recent analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

"They stand to benefit by massive amounts more than what they've spent," said TJ Helmstetter, a spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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## **Freedom's Phoenix: No Trickle Down from GOP Tax Cuts to Workers**

by Stephen Lendman  
February 1, 2018

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) called the notion of corporate America "sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype."

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## **Common Dreams: New Analysis: ExxonMobil's \$50B Investment Not Likely Due To Tax Cuts**

by **Americans for Tax Fairness**  
January 31, 2018

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## **The Hill: Lobbying's top 50 pour \$540M into influence campaigns**

by Megan R. Wilson  
January 31, 2018

The organization says that the figure represents multiple six-figure grants given to other groups — such as Amnesty International, **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, among others — to perform their own lobbying.

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## **Fortune: Commentary: Trump's Policies Will Devastate the People He Used as Props for His Speech**

by Sarah Anderson  
January 31, 2018

According to a new report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, some of the biggest names in Corporate America, including AT&T (T, -0.41%), Comcast (CMCSA, +0.03%), Humana (HUM, -0.02%), Macy's, (M, +2.65%) Walmart (WMT, +0.57%), Pfizer (PFE, +0.12%), and Wells Fargo (WFC, +1.24%), have all announced plans for job cuts in 2018. Meanwhile, 20 big corporations have announced new stock buybacks worth \$100 billion since the Senate passed the tax bill in early December

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## **USA Today: State of the Union: One different Trump choice and we'd be talking seven more years**

by Jason Sattler  
January 30, 2018

Instead, he served up a huge slice of the American economy to the richest people in America, who have never been richer. A new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Koch brothers alone can expect \$1 to 1.4 billion in tax cuts a year — each.

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## **Daily Kos: The State of our Union 2018: Live coverage of the trainwreck, #2**

by Joan McCarter  
January 30, 2018

Only 46 (9%) appear on the **Americans for Tax Fairness** list for having provided some benefit to employees, customers, or charitable organizations due to their tax cuts.

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## **Bloomberg: Tax Cuts Help Trump Win Fans at Conservative Koch Donor Network**

by John McCormick  
January 29, 2018

Some watchdog groups have pointed out that Koch Industries, one of the nation's largest private corporations, with interests ranging from oil and ranching to farming and manufacturing, stands to benefit in a big way from changes in the tax law. **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning advocacy group, released a rough estimate last week that said the changes could be worth \$1 billion or more a year in reduced taxes for the conglomerate.

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## **The Hill: Dems seek to undermine any good PR for tax law**

by Naomi Jagoda  
January 26, 2018

Frank Clemente, executive director of the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, acknowledged concern about the public relations effort from both Republicans and corporations linking bonuses or pay to the tax law.

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## **Reader Supported News: Koch Brothers Could Be \$1 Billion Richer Each Year From GOP Tax Bill**

by Alex Kotch  
January 26, 2018

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## **MetroLatinoUSA.com: Informe: Millonarios hermanos ahorrarán hasta 1.400 millones al año por reforma tributaria de Trump**

January 25, 2018

En noticias económicas, un nuevo estudio realizado por la agrupación **Americans for Tax Fairness** (“Estadounidenses por la equidad tributaria”, en español) revela que los hermanos Koch y su imperio empresarial podrían llegar a ahorrar hasta 1.400 millones de dólares al año en impuestos a la renta gracias a la reforma tributaria impulsada por el presidente de Estados Unidos, Donald Trump, que fue aprobada en diciembre.

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## **Common Dreams: Koch Brothers Could Save Up To \$1 Billion to \$1.4 Billion Each Year From the Trump Tax Law**

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
January 24, 2018

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## **The Real News Network: Apple: The Biggest Tax Cheaters in History Repatriate Profits Under Trump's Tax Bill**

by Sharmini Peries  
January 22, 2018

Bill, now according to the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Apple would have paid \$78 billion in taxes under the old repatriation tax of 35 percent. Now it will be paying \$38 billion, or \$40 billion less than it would have had they declared their money and not evaded paying tax in the first place. And it also mentioned that it will invest \$350 billion over the next five years. However, according to many analysts, Apple was planning to do these investments anyway in spite of the tax changes, the new tax bill. What is your reaction to all of this?

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## **Yahoo Finance: Wal-Mart's Pay Increases Hide a Dirty Secret**

by Jamal Carnette  
January 22, 2018

Wal-Mart (NYSE: WMT) has always been a lightning rod for the debate on living wages. Critics contend the company has built its success on the back of low-wage employees, noting that many of Wal-Mart's employees are dependent upon government assistance. In a 2004 study, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning organization, said that Wal-Mart employees cost U.S. taxpayers \$6.2 billion in public assistance; the group equates this to a government handout to the company's shareholders, most notably the Walton family.

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## **Public Now: Advisory: Congressman Johnson Holding Tax Teach In**

by Henry C. Johnson  
January 11, 2018

Georgians for a Healthy Future, Not One Penny, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, People For the American Way, MoveOn, Fair Tax; AFL-CIO;

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## **Pharmacy Choice: Being ill and poor in the US just got more expensive**

by **Americans for Tax Fairness**  
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## **All Gov: Trump Gains Millions of Dollars from Republican Tax Law**

by **Americans for Tax Fairness**  
January 3, 2018

Syndication of ATF Press Release

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## **US News & World Report: GOP Tax Bill Rewards Real Estate, Oil While Hurting Hospitals**

by Andrew Soergel  
January 1, 2018

The preservation of favorable language related to like-kind exchanges, depreciation, interest payment deductions and passive losses allow real estate investors to neatly navigate their tax returns with minimal burden. The progressive **Americans for Tax Fairness** advocacy group issued a recent report that estimated the new tax plan would save Trump between \$11 million and \$22 million each year – largely because of favorable treatment for real estate moguls.

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

By Jake Johnson  
December 23, 2017

President Donald Trump has repeatedly described the Republican tax bill he signed into law on Friday as "an incredible Christmas gift" to low-income and middle class Americans—despite the numerous analyses showing that the legislation will ultimately raise taxes on millions in the middle class.

The president hasn't, however, called the tax bill a massive "check to himself." But a [new study](#) (pdf) published on Friday by **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)** demonstrates that this would, in numerous ways, be a more accurate description of the \$1.5 trillion plan.

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

By Stephen Lendman  
December 23, 2017

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

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, 83% of the benefits go to the top 1%.

By 2027, taxes for 92 million middle-class households will be higher than now.

Medicaid will be severely eroded, Medicare cut by \$400 billion over the next decade.

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

By Jake Johnson

December 22, 2017

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

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

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

By Americans for Tax Fairness

December 22, 2017

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

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

By Robert Creamer  
December 21, 2017

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

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

By David Smith  
December 20, 2017

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

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

By Jake Johnson  
December 20, 2017

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

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

By Julia Conley  
December 20, 2017

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

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

By Americans for Tax Fairness  
December 20, 2017

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

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

By Bret Thorn  
December 20, 2017

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

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

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

By Joseph D. Lyons  
December 20, 2017

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

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

By Julia Conley  
December 19, 2017

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

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

By Americans for Tax Fairness  
December 19, 2017

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

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

By Sarah Anderson and Chuck Collins  
December 19, 2017

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

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

By Americans for Tax Fairness  
December 19, 2017

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

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

By Ryan Rainey  
December 19, 2017

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

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

By Jessica Corbett  
December 19, 2017

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

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

By Stephen Lendman  
December 18, 2017

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

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

"Next year when Republicans propose deep cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid under the guise of deficit reduction, we will all remember that they increased the deficit by \$1.5 trillion in order to give tax cuts to millionaires and big corporations."

"If this bill becomes law, it will be a travesty for working families, and a slap in the face to principles."

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

By Jon Queally  
December 16, 2017

"Hypocrisy rules in Washington."

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

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

By Stacy Kranitz and Alice Speri  
December 16, 2017

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

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## **POLITICO: Jones' win adds urgency to GOP tax push**

By Bernie Becker  
December 13, 2017

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

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

By Jake Johnson  
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By Mary Papenfuss

December 11, 2017

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

By Stephen Lendman

December 9, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), "(t)he Pharma Big 10 owe an estimated \$133 billion on their \$506 billion in offshore profits if they are repatriated to the US at the 35% rate (virtually no US corporate giants pay) less credit for foreign taxes paid."

House and Senate bills on these profits would cut their tax liability "to 14% in the House and to 14.5% in the Senate (rates...based on cash assets...much lower if based on non-cash assets such as plants and equipment)," said ATF.

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

By Joan McCarter  
December 8, 2017

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

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

December 8, 2017

A new report released today by Americans for Tax Fairness exposes just how much the pharmaceutical industry stands to gain if the Trump-GOP tax plan becomes law.

The report examines the profits, taxes, and drug prices of the 10 biggest U.S. pharmaceutical companies, the "Pharma Big 10": Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Merck & Co., Gilead Sciences, AbbVie, Amgen, Eli Lilly & Co., Bristol-Myers Squibb, Biogen and Celgene.

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

By Jgeyman  
December 8, 2017

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

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**Common Dreams: Brave Flight Passenger Confronts Jeff Flake**

December 8, 2017

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

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**POLITICO Morning Tax: Double twos?**

December 7, 2017

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

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

By Negin Owliaei

December 6, 2017

Syndicated from Inequality.org

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

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

By Jasper Craven

December 6, 2017

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

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

By Auditi Guha

December 5, 2017

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

By Stephen Lendman  
December 2, 2017

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

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

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## **Vox: "Lots of outrageous things in the bill aren't getting the kind of attention they ought to"**

By Ella Nilsen  
December 1, 2017

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

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

By Joshua Holland  
December 1, 2017

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

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

By Julia Conley  
November 30, 2017

The Progressive Change Campaign Committee, with other resistance groups, began a 24-hour "People's Filibuster" at 3:00pm on Thursday, ahead of the Senate vote on the Republican tax bill, expected by Friday.

Organizations including Not One Penny, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, and **Americans for Tax Fairness** all planned to participate in the all-night rally at the U.S. Capitol.

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

By Will Drabold  
November 30, 2017

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

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

By Kyle Ragins  
November 29, 2017

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

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

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

By Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund  
November 29, 2017

Common Dreams published ATFAP's press release.

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

By Julia Conley  
November 29, 2017

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

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

By Jake Johnson  
November 29, 2017

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

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

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## **POLITICO Morning Tax: Momentum's back**

By Bernie Becker  
November 29, 2017

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

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## **POLITICO Morning Score: McSally embraces Trump ahead of Arizona Senate run**

By Maggie Severns  
November 29, 2017

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

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

By David Weigel  
November 28, 2017

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

By Julia Conley  
November 28, 2017

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

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

By Zacks Equity Research  
November 28, 2017

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

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

November 27, 2017

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

By Stephen Lendman  
November 26, 2017

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

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

By Julia Conley  
November 24, 2017

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

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

By Andrea Germanos  
November 22, 2017

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

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## **Conscious Life News: [New Report Details '13 Terrible Things' About Senate GOP Tax Plan](#)**

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

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## **Newsmax: [Poll: Arizona, Tennessee, Maine Voters Oppose GOP Tax Plan](#)**

By Solange Reyner  
November 22, 2017

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

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

By Jon Qually  
November 18, 2017

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

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## **Freedom’s Phoenix: Blog: The Great American Tax Cut Swindle**

By Stephen Lendman  
November 17, 2017

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

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

"All to give massive tax cuts to corporations and millionaires. Unless you are wealthy, there is nothing in this bill to be thankful for as Thanksgiving approaches. Members of Congress will have a lot to answer for back home. This bill is an abomination."

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

November 16, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

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

November 16, 2017

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

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

November 14, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

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## **The Daily Beast: Can the Democrats Stop This Tax 'Reform' Scam?**

Michael Tomasky

November 14, 2017

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

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

By Katrina vanden Heuvel  
November 14, 2017

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

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

By James Arkin  
November 13, 2017

Roskam is also at the center of the political debate over taxes as Democrats vilify the plan and Republicans search for a legislative victory to run on next year.

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

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

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## **Resilience.org: Opinion: There Can Be No Genuine Tax Reform Without Addressing Hidden Wealth**

By Chuck Collins

November 9, 2017

Syndicated from Institute for Policy Studies

Groups working to oppose the current tax bill, including **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) coalition, have been advocating to close offshore tax havens. They are pressing for such transparency reforms as disclosure of “beneficial ownership” of shell corporations and entities. “The Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act” would require virtually all U.S. companies to disclose who really owns or controls them when they are formed and to keep that information updated.

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By Isaiah Poole  
November 6, 2017

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## **Inequality.org: Blog: Trouble in the Offshore Paradise**

By Chuck Collins  
November 6, 2017

Groups working to oppose the current tax bill, including **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) coalition, have been advocating to close offshore tax havens. They are pressing for such transparency reforms as disclosure of "beneficial ownership" of shell corporations and entities. "The Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act" would require virtually all U.S. companies to disclose who really owns or controls them when they are formed and to keep that information updated.

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## **Reader Supported News: Opinion: Paradise Papers Expose Rich and Famous Using Tax Havens**

By Robert W. Wood  
November 6, 2017  
Syndicated from Forbes

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November 3, 2017

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## **The Western Journal: Top Democrats Speak Out Against GOP Tax 'Abomination'**

By Jason Hopkins

November 3, 2017

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

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

November 2, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

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

November 2, 2017

By Julia Conley

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

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

November 1, 2017

By Andrea Germanos

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

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

October 31, 2017

By Patriotic Millionaires

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

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

October 26, 2017

By Common Dreams Staff

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

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## **Common Dreams: House Budget Vote Immoral Calamity**

October 26, 2017

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

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## **Intrepid Report: Blog: Senate passes deplorable budget bill**

By Stephen Lendman

October 23, 2017

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

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

By Andrew Soergel  
October 20, 2017

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

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

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

By Jake Johnson  
October 20, 2017

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

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

October 19, 2017  
By John Queally  
Syndicated from Common Dreams

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

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

By Herb Jackson

October 11, 2017

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

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

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

By Ashley Killough

October 10, 2017

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

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## **Intrepid Report: House passes draconian budget**

By Stephen Lendman  
October 10, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente issued a statement saying, “This budget resolution is the first step toward an immoral tax scheme that will hand trillions of dollars to millionaires and corporations at the expense of millions of America’s working families, many of whom will actually see a tax increase.”

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

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

By Jake Johnson  
October 6, 2017  
Syndicated from CommonDreams.org

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

By Adam Carter  
October 3, 2017

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## **Law360: 100 Groups Urge Opposition To GOP Territorial Tax System**

By Phillip Rosenstein  
October 3, 2017

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

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

October 2, 2017

Common Dreams published the AFL-CIO's press release, which included the following quote.

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

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By Stephen Lendman

October 2, 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.

ATF estimates his proposed unpaid-for tax cuts may total from "\$6.7 to \$8.3 trillion.

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

By Naomi Jagoda

October 2, 2017

"It is an incredibly bad idea," wrote the groups, which include the AFL-CIO, Americans for Tax Fairness and the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition.

"Ending taxation of offshore profits would give multinational corporations an incentive to send jobs offshore, thereby lowering U.S. wages," they wrote. "It would also be a giant loophole for corporations to use accounting gimmicks to move their profits to tax havens, resulting in the loss of billions of dollars in tax revenue for the United States."

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## **The Hill: Overnight Finance: Congress gets ball rolling on tax reform | Chamber pushes lawmakers to back GOP budget | Rand Paul criticizes tax plan | SEC hack exposed personal data**

By Sylvan Lane  
October 2, 2017

In a letter dated Monday, the groups speak out against the framework's move toward a "territorial" tax system that would largely exempt American companies' foreign profits from U.S. tax.

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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.

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## **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."

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## **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."

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

By Dominic Rushe  
September 29, 2017  
Syndicated from the Guardian

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

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## **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."

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## **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.

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## **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."

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

By Bill Blare  
September 29, 2017

An analysis of the tax framework by **Americans for Tax Fairness** shows that Trump's tax cuts could total \$6.7 trillion to \$8.3 trillion, \$3 trillion to \$5 trillion of which may not be paid for by closing other tax loopholes and/or by limiting tax deductions. They pay too much in taxes.

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

By Amanda Becker  
September 28, 2017

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

By Emily Canal  
September 28, 2017

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## **U.S. News: 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.

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

By Dominic Rushe  
September 28, 2017

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

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## **Moyers & Company: 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.”

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## **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.

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

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

By Stephen Lendman

September 28, 2017

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### **Steelers Lounge: Trump and GOP Roll Out Tax Plan**

By Norman Tucker  
September 28, 2017

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### **The Fiscal Times: Trump's Tax Plan: 12 Reactions You Need to Read**

By Michael Rainey  
September 27, 2017

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

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

By Jason Easley  
September 27, 2017

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

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## **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.

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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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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

By Ylan Mui

September 27, 2017

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By Christina Wilkie

September 27, 2017

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By Christina Wilkie

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## **National Review: Corporate Tax Cuts Would Benefit Ordinary Americans**

By Ryan Bourne

September 27, 2017

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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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

In theory, there's nothing unusual about this. State and federal governments routinely give corporations financial incentives—usually in the form of targeted tax breaks—to help lure them to come to town. A 2014 report from the progressive-leaning think tank **Americans for Tax Fairness**, for instance, found that Walmart benefited from an average \$70 million a year in “economic development subsidies” from state and local governments.

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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!”

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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

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## **Moyers & Company: How Corporate Capitalism Looted Democracy**

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September 18, 2017

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

By S.E. Smith  
September 18, 2017

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## **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.

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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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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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.

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## **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.”

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## **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**

August 31, 2017

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

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August 31, 2017

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

By Jake Johnson  
August 30, 2017

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## **Economic Policy Journal: Trump Adviser Gary Cohn: 'Only morons pay the estate tax'**

By RW

August 30, 2017

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

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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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

By Jon Queally  
August 21, 2017

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

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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

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## **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.

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

By Ryan Rainey & Anna Gronewold  
August 16, 2017

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## **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](http://www.StopTrumpTaxCuts.org) — to battle GOP tax efforts they say will benefit the wealthy and corporations at the expense of the safety net. "Side-by-side, there's no denying it: Trump's draconian cuts to services that will harm working families are intended to pay for his massive tax giveaways to big corporations and the wealthy. Helping the American people understand what's at stake is how we will win the tax fight," said **Frank Clemente**, the group's executive director.

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## **Taxnotes: Stakeholders Anxiously Await New White House Tax Reform Details**

By Jonathan Curry  
August 15, 2017

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

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

By Sam Reisman  
August 10, 2017

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## **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.

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

By Vidya Kauri  
August 9, 2017

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.)

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## **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.”

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## **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.

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## **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.

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

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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."

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Steelers Lounge: Retailers Welcome Removal of Border Tax from Tax Reform Plan**

By Andrew Harnik  
July 29, 2017

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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

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## **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.

The joint statement "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," Clemente said.

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## **Accounting Today: Republican leaders release tax reform update**

By Michael Cohn  
July 27, 2017

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

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

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July 18, 2017

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"Americans don't want more tax breaks and loopholes for Wall Street while the rest of us foot the bill," said Clemente. "Americans don't want a budget that gives huge tax cuts for millionaires paid for by slashing Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security. Americans would rather invest in public education and infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, and broadband access, instead of cutting corporate taxes."

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.”

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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."

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## **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).

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## **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."

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## **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.

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## **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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June 22, 2017

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

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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."

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

By Richard Rubin

June 20, 2017

"Paul Ryan is not serious about tax reform. He's serious about tax giveaways — for millionaires, billionaires, and wealthy corporations," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal group, said in a statement. "Middle-class Americans will see their basic standards of living reduced by Ryan's plans, just so that the rich and huge corporations can get a giant tax cut."

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June 20, 2017

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

By Jake Johnson

June 20, 2017

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

June 20, 2017

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

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## **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.

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

By Steven Rosenfield

May 26, 2017

Syndicated from AlterNet

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## **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."

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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."

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## **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."

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## **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.

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## **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."

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## **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."

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.”

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## **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."

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## **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.

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## **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."

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

By Amanda Becker and Steve Holland

April 26, 2017

Syndicated from Reuters

"Separately cutting the top tax rate for pass-through businesses, which account for most U.S. companies, could benefit Trump himself, said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a Democratic activist group.

"In trying to slash taxes for pass-through business entities, Trump is seeking to dramatically reduce his own tax bill," he said in a statement.

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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."

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## **Reuters: Trump tax plan will sharply slash corporate tax rates**

By Amanda Becker and Steve Holland  
April 25, 2017

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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.

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

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

April 25, 2017

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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Newsmax: Marches Set Nationwide to Protest Trump Tax Returns**

By Wanda Carutthers  
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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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## **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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## **The Hill: Nationwide marches set to protest Trump tax returns**

By Naomi Jagoda  
April 14, 2017

Tens of thousands of people are expected to attend rallies on Saturday that are aimed at pressuring President Trump to release his tax returns.

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

April 13, 2017

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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## BROADCAST CLIPS

### Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: [Apple's Huge Announcement Just a PR Move](#)

January 30, 2018

Total Views: 2.4 million

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

It turns out Apple's huge announcement to invest \$350 billion into the U.S. economy was just a PR move.

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### Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: [Koch Brothers are Cashing In on Trump Tax Cut](#)

January 26, 2018

Total Views: 729,000

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

There is no greater example of how politics works in America than this:

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### Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: [Farmers Give Trump Standing Ovation Over Estate Tax](#)

January 9, 2018

Total Views: 900,000

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

President Trump received a standing ovation from a group of farmers after he told them they would no longer have to pay the estate tax. He forgot to mention that less than 0.1 percent of estate taxes are paid by small farmers.

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### The Rachel Maddow Show: [Your Constituents Will See You Now](#)

December 5, 2017

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

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## **The Rachel Maddow Show: [Protesters out in droves against GOP tax bill \(Television\)](#)**

December 4, 2017

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

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## **National Public Radio (Radio) – Syndicated in 30 Additional Stations**

Washington, DC

November 28, 2017

They took advantage of so many loopholes and deductions they were able to will their tax bills down to nothing. In the uproar that followed, Congress passed what would later become the AMT. Frank Clemente is Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, “The alternative minimum tax is a minimum tax designed to make sure that wealthier people pay a reasonable level of taxes that amounts to a kind of floor on tax payment it takes the fact once you try to lower your tax bill too much.” At first the number of people who had to pay the AMT was small but over time more and more taxpayers have been swept up in it.

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## **Senator Bernie Sanders’ Facebook: [Tim Scott's Tall Tales on Taxes](#)**

November 28, 2017

Total Views: 418,000

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

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## **KNVX (Television)**

Phoenix, AZ

November 17, 2017

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

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## **KNXV (Television)**

Phoenix, AZ  
November 14, 2017

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

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## **WTVF (Television)**

Nashville, TN  
November 10, 2017

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

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## **WTVF (Television)**

Nashville, TN  
November 9, 2017

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

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## **WZTV (Television)**

Nashville, TN  
November 9, 2017

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

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## Nicole Sandler Show: [Death by Taxes \(Radio\)](#)

By Nicole Sandler  
November 3, 2017

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

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

By Joshua Holland  
October 30, 2017  
Syndicated from Politics and Reality Radio

This week, we kick off the show with a discussion of the GOP's plans for "tax reform" with **Frank Clemente, director of Americans for Tax Fairness**. Spoiler alert: Bad economics + staggering hypocrisy about deficits = a muddled mess.

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## Hullabaloo (Blog): [Politics and Reality Radio: GOP Tax Deform; Trump's ACA Sabotage; Marcotte on #MeToo \(Podcast\)](#)

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## **WUWF: [Gaetz: Congress Must Pass Budget, Tax Reform This Year](#) (Radio)**

University of West Florida  
By Dave Dunwoody  
October 27, 2017

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

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## **Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: [Debunking Ted Cruz's Tax Trickery](#)**

October 18, 2017  
Total Views: 1.7M

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

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## **KBOK (Radio)**

New Orleans, LA  
September 29, 2017

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### **CNBC (TV)**

U.S. Cable  
September 7, 2017

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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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## **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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7/4/17

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## **National Public Radio (Radio) – Syndicated to 45 Additional Stations**

U.S. Cable  
5/11/17

In a statement, the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** said with the investigation into Trump's ties to Russia heating up, it's more important than ever that he releases his tax returns.

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U.S. Cable  
4/30/17

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

4/27/17

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

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## **KFBK-AM (Radio)**

Sacramento CA

4/27/17

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Move On, the Communications Workers of America, American Federation of Teachers, **Americans for Tax Fairness** all kinds of groups putting this together

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## **C-SPAN: Read My Lips**

By Vanessa Williamson

April 4, 2017

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## STATE MEDIA CLIPS

### Alabama

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

By Herb Jackson

October 11, 2017

Syndicated from USA Today

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

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

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**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."

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

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**

May 12, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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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

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## Arizona

[AZ Central: Montini: Doug Ducey do-si-dos, again, to the tune of billionaire dark money Koch brothers](#)

by EJ Montini

January 27 2018

An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** says the Kochs and/or their companies could save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion combined in income taxes each year from the Trump tax law.

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

By John Newport

December 4, 2017

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

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

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

By Karen Seal Stewart

November 29, 2017

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

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

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

Editorial Board  
November 29, 2017

The Republican tax bill, to be voted on in the Senate as early as this week, rewards the wealthiest Americans while giving a sop to middle-class taxpayers and actively harming lower-income families.

The fate of the current tax bill is in the hands of a few Republican senators who in the past have shown they are not afraid to diverge from the party line. Arizona is lucky that both its representatives in the Senate are in that group.

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

By Sovay Hansen  
November 25, 2017

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

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

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

By Ronald J. Hansen  
November 24, 2017

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

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

By Megan Cassidy  
May 15, 2017

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

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## **Arkansas**

[Arkansas Times: Blog: Walmart bonuses: The rest of the story](#)

by Max Brantley  
March 9, 2018

To see how much Walmart has cost each state in corporate tax welfare, check out Americans for Tax Fairness 2014 comprehensive report, How Taxpayers Subsidize America's Biggest Employer and Richest Family [page 10, table 1].

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

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 8, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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

By John Moritz  
November 22, 2017

The demonstration included a skit depicting a “fat cat,” and protesters chanted against cutting taxes for wealthy Americans. They specifically named Arkansas’ Walton and Stephens families as potential beneficiaries of the proposal.

Neal Sealy of Arkansas Community Organizations, the group behind the event, said the protest was held at the Human Services offices as “symbolism” because of the services offered by the office, such as Medicaid.

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**Pine Bluff Commercial: Letter to the Editor: Oppose cutting health care for wealth care**

By Ray Williams  
November 19, 2017

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

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**Pine Bluff Commercial: Letter to the Editor: Don’t cut Medicaid, Medicare to pay for tax breaks**

By Deborah Henderson  
November 19, 2017

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

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**Pine Bluff Commercial: Letter to the Editor: Bill gives tax breaks to the richest**

By Brainard Bivens  
November 19, 2017

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

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

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

By Wesley Brown  
November 17, 2017

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

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

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

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

By Max Brantley  
October 5, 2017

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

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## California

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

By **Frank Clemente**

December 26, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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

By Scott Thomas Anderson

December 14, 2017

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

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

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

By Christine Mai-Duc

December 6, 2017

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

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

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

By Shea Johnson  
December 5, 2017

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

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

By Christine Mai-Duc  
December 4, 2017

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

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

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

By Elizabeth Sempadian  
December 3, 2017

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

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

By Jennifer Muir Beuthin  
December 14, 2017

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

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

October 14, 2017

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

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**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.

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**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.”

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**[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.

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**[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)

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

By Peter Drier

April 17, 2017

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

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.

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[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.

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

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## Colorado

### [Durango Herald: LTE: Good to see neighbors in process](#)

Letter to the Editor  
February 17, 2018

Now AFP's here. **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimate the Koch brothers, the money behind AFP, are saving at least \$1 billion from the recent tax cut.

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### [KRDO: Tax cut scoreboard: Workers \\$6 billion; Shareholders \\$171 billion](#)

by Matt Egan  
February 16, 2018

"Our worst nightmare is coming true," said Frank Clemente, executive editor of Americans for Tax Fairness, a group that fights for progressive tax reform. "We predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already-wealthy shareholders and CEOs, not to a company's workers."

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

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 27, 2017  
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### [Colorado Public Radio: GOP Tax Reform Stirs Both Ire And Applause In Colorado](#)

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

By Jim Zarroli (NPR)  
November 28, 2017

It wasn't supposed to be like that. When it first took effect in 1970, the AMT was intended to keep the superwealthy from dodging all taxes by taking too many deductions. Congress passed the AMT after the Treasury revealed that 155 high-income households had not paid a dime of federal income taxes.

"It's designed to make sure that wealthier people pay a reasonable level of tax," says Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans For Tax Fairness**.

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## Florida

Northwest Florida Daily News: [Truth requires context](#)

Jan 18 2018

Truth always requires context, and to say the author is the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** is not enough. He was also the director of the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign in 1988, and campaign director for the Communications Workers of America unions to promote the Affordable Care Act, with over 420 liberal endorsers and funders of “**Americans for Tax Fairness**,” including the AFL-CIO, American Federation of Government Workers, American Teachers Federation, Americans for Democratic Action, Gray Panthers, Florida Equality Now, Florida Farmers Now, Brotherhood of Railroad Workers, National Education Association and hundreds more liberal organizations like these.

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TCPalm: [State of the Union: One different Trump choice and we'd be talking seven more years](#)

by Jason Sattler  
Jan 30 2018

Instead, he served up a huge slice of the American economy to the richest people in America, who have never been richer. A new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Koch brothers alone can expect \$1 to 1.4 billion in tax cuts a year — each.

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Northwest Florida Daily News: Op-ed: [GOP tax overhaul worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
January 7, 2018  
Syndicated by American Forum

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

By Harriet Heywood  
December 5, 2017

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

**Bradenton Herald: Letter to the Editor: Tax cuts will benefit only the wealthy in 10 years**

By Jenni Casale  
December 23, 2017

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

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**WJCT Public Broadcasting: Jacksonville Clergy Coalition Calls on Florida's U.S. Senators To Reject Proposed Tax Plan**

By Ryan Benk  
November 28, 2017

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

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

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**Folio Weekly Magazine: Faith Leaders: Republican Tax Reform Bill is 'Immoral,' 'Attack on American Families'**

By Claire Goforth  
November 28, 2017

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

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

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**Florida Politics: Jax preachers call Senate tax plan 'economic genocide'**

By A.G. Gancarski  
November 28, 2017

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

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

By Mitch Perry  
November 21, 2017

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

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

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

November 21, 2017

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

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

October 17, 2017

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

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## 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.

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**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

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**Georgia**

**The Newnan Times-Herald: Opinion: GOP budget – great for fortunate sons, not the rest of us**

By Clay Neely

October 25, 2017

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

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**Hawaii**

**Lahaina News: Op-ed: [GOP’s tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

January 10, 2018

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**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**

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

December 14, 2017

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

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

By Timna Axel

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

By Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt  
November 22, 2017

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

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

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

By Robert Loren Teiken  
November 22, 2017

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

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

By Bob Rakow  
November 17, 2017

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

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

... "There's not one thing in that bill for the middle class," said [Reid] McCollum, [a leader of the Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th,] who specifically criticized the proposal to eliminate state and local tax deductions.

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

By Lisa Marie Farver  
November 17, 2017

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

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

Ahead of the fundraiser, the group Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th helped organized the protests, which was reportedly backed by the Democratic Women of DuPage County, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Indivisible DuPage, and other organizations.

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

By Erin Hegarty  
November 16, 2017

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

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

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

By Jerry Freda  
October 26, 2017

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

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

By Brenda Schory  
October 5, 2017

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

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

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

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

By Jake Johnson  
August 31, 2017

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

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[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.

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

By Jake Johnson  
July 13, 2017

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

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

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

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

May 4, 2017

Syndicated from Common Dreams

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

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[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

Syndicated by American Forum

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## Indiana

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

December 13, 2017

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

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

By Kim Saylor  
October 13, 2017

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

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

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

By Frank Clemente  
June 30, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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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

### [Newtown Daily News: Op-Ed: No love for working families this Valentine's Day](#)

by Josh Hoxie  
February 14, 2018

Ryan didn't explain why he quickly deleted his tweet shortly after posting it. I suspect it had something to do with the Twitter users who pointed out that the billionaire Koch brothers stand to gain as much as \$1.4 billion annually, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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

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

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

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 13, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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### [KKWL: Rally against tax reform bill in Dubuque](#)

By Shirley Descorbeth  
December 6, 2017

The protesters sang an unusual Christmas carol.

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

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

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

By prynard  
December 5, 2017

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

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

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

By Rekha Basu  
December 5, 2017

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

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

By Pat Kinney  
December 5, 2017

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

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

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

By Matt Kelley  
December 5, 2017

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

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

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

By Sarah Beckman  
November 3, 2017

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

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

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

By Christina Crippes  
October 25, 2017

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

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

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

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

By Christina Crippes

October 25, 2017

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**Mt. Pleasant News: [Main Street Alliance raises concerns about GOP budget](#)**

By Christina Crippes

October 25, 2017

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

By ReShonda Young

October 9, 2017

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

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

An especially big handout to the super wealthy included in the new GOP tax-cut plan is the elimination of the estate tax. [Only 70 Iowa families](#) will have to pay this tax next year. That's not surprising, since you [need to be worth \\$5.5 million](#) for your heirs to pay a dime.

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**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.”

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

By **Frank Clemente**

July 27, 2017

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**Kansas**

**Wichita Business Journal: [Group targets Koch with Wichita billboards pitching tax bill repeal](#)**

by Daniel McCoy

March 23, 2018

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

By **Frank Clemente**

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**Kentucky**

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

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

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

By Kelsi Thorud

November 22, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. (WTVQ)- With the senate expected to vote on a federal tax reform bill soon, critics of the proposed plan are taking to the streets calling for its defeat.

A group against the republican-backed plan hosted a rally in Lexington Wednesday.

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

By Michael Becker

November 22, 2017

Syndicated from Courier Journal

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

By Jason W. Marion

November 22, 2017

One of my co-workers used to remind me, "Never forget where you came from," and I will never forget his words. Folks like state Rep. Rocky Adkins preach and defend the preservation of "hope and opportunity."

Their words have plagued my mind with a question: What am I doing to preserve hope and opportunity for others seeking the opportunities I enjoyed.

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

By Michael Becker  
November 20, 2017

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

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

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

By Reverend Don Gillett  
November 18, 2017

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

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

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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.

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

**By Frank Clemente**

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**Harlan Daily Enterprise: Op-ed: [Top reasons Trump must release his tax returns](#)**

**By Frank Clemente**

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**Middlesboro Daily News: Op-ed: [Top reasons Trump must release his tax returns](#)**

**By Frank Clemente**

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## **Maine**

**Biddeford Journal Tribune: Op-ed: [GOP's tax plan overhaul worst Christmas gift ever](#)**

**By Frank Clemente**

January 16, 2018

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**Biddeford Journal Tribune: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

**By Frank Clemente**

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**Livermore Falls Advertiser: Op-ed: [Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 13, 2017

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**Press Herald: [Tax protest at Sen. Collins' Biddeford office ends as police arrive](#)**

By Dennis Hoey

December 13, 2017

About a dozen protesters who stood outside U.S. Sen. Susan Collins' Biddeford office for about an hour Wednesday afternoon left peacefully after police arrived and told them they could be arrested for criminal trespassing.

No one was arrested and the protesters left around 5:15 p.m., said Deputy Police Chief JoAnne Fisk.

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**The Times Record: [Bowdoin students, others protest tax bill at Collins' office](#)**

By Nathan Strout

December 11, 2017

Following Susan Collins' vote in favor of a GOP tax bill, students from Bowdoin Climate Action and members of other Brunswick activist groups marched to the Republican senator's Portland office to voice their concerns and call on her to reject the legislation.

"(Our purpose is) to demand that Collins vote against the final version of the tax bill when it comes out of conference committee," said Isabella McCann, spokeswoman for Bowdoin Climate Action.

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**Bangor Daily News: [Protesters voice anger over tax bill outside Susan Collins' Bangor home](#)**

By Meg Haskell  
December 10, 2017

About 20 protesters gathered outside Sen. Susan Collins' Bangor home midday Sunday to voice their opposition to the sweeping Republican tax reform bill and Collins' vote in favor of it.

Carrying signs reading "Shame," "No Tax Cut for Fat Cats," "Don't Trickle on Me" and other slogans, the protesters formed a long line along the edge of the road, attracting occasional honks of support from drivers passing through the quiet neighborhood.

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**WABI: [Protesters Gather to Change Senator Collin's Vote on Tax Bill](#)**

By News Desk  
December 10, 2017

They gathered around 12.

Protesters say their decision comes after the Senator's comment that she might change her vote.

Organizers say the reason why they are out is to encourage to her to vote no.

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**Press Herald: [Second chorus of voices echoes protest of Sen. Collins' vote on Republican tax bill](#)**

By Edward D. Murphy  
December 8, 2017

Another day and another group of protesters descended on Sen. Susan Collins' office in Portland to express their unhappiness with the Maine Republican's vote for the Senate version of a tax reform plan working its way through Congress.

The protest Friday drew about 30 people, predominantly students from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, and followed one Thursday that ended with nine religious leaders arrested at Collins' office at One Canal Plaza. The religious leaders were charged with criminal trespass when they refused to leave at the end of the day when her office closed.

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**[Beacon: King, Pingree celebrated, Poliquin shunned returning to Maine on midnight flight](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 8, 2017

In the early hours of Friday morning, a crowd of Mainers with balloons and flowers greeted Sen. Angus King and Rep. Chellie Pingree as they disembarked from a midnight flight from Washington D.C. at the Portland Jetport. Participants thanked them for their votes and advocacy against the Republican tax bill.

Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who voted for the legislation to cut health care and give new tax breaks to wealthy individuals and corporations, hurried past the group, followed by shouts of “Shame!”

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**[Bangor Daily News: Faith leaders arrested for trespassing after hours-long sit-in at Sen. Collins’ Portland office](#)**

By Jake Bleiberg  
December 8, 2017

The religious leaders had pledged earlier in the day they would not leave — even if it meant being arrested — until the Republican lawmaker promised to oppose her party’s tax package when it comes up for a final vote.

It was the second group of protesters this week to be arrested in the offices of Maine’s senior senator while urging her to reject the sweeping changes to the federal tax code that are being negotiated in Washington, D.C. On Monday, police arrested five protesters who staged a sit-in at Collins’ Bangor office.

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**[Portland Press Herald: Religious leaders arrested at Sen. Collins’ Portland office after sit-in to protest her vote on tax bill](#)**

By Dennis Hoey and Randy Billings  
December 7, 2017

A group of nine religious leaders protesting Sen. Susan Collins’ support of the tax reform effort were arrested by Portland police officers shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday.

Police waited inside Collins’ office at One Canal Plaza, Suite 802, while the group prayed and streamed their protest live on Facebook.

**Daily Kos: [Resistance in Maine is strong! Susan Collins forced by irate constituents to walk back tax bill lie](#)**

By Joan McCarter  
December 7, 2017

Nearly two hundred people chanted “bullshit” outside the Portland office of Senator Susan Collins Wednesday afternoon, one day after the Republican attempted to walk back claims that the widely unpopular GOP tax bill would pay for itself. It’s actually projected to create at least a trillion dollar deficit, threatening bedrock government programs including Medicare and Social Security.

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**Central Maine (Augusta, ME): [Maine Voices: Tax bill serves wealthy at a cost to the rest of us](#)**

By Cathy Walsh & Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner  
November 30, 2017

Sometimes a catastrophe takes you by surprise. At other times you can see it coming. The tax plan our U.S. senators are taking up this week, after their Thanksgiving break, is the latter. Despite the deception and outright lies coming out of Washington, D.C., anyone who is paying attention can see that this tax plan, which was written by and for billionaires, millionaires and the wealthiest corporations, is a catastrophe in the making. It gives huge tax breaks to those who need it least while doing great damage to our economy and to working families — to people like us.

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**WGME (Portland, ME): [Maine Small Business Coalition wary of Senate GOP tax plan](#)**

By Marissa Bodnar  
November 30, 2017

AUBURN (WGME) — The Maine Small Business Coalition is calling on Senator Susan Collins to oppose the Senate Republican tax plan, while other state leaders say it would stimulate growth.

Jim Wellehan has been running his family's shoe business since the 1960s. The company, Lamey Wellehan, puts about 100 people to work across six stores.

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**Bangor Daily News: [The Senate Tax Plan Would Harm Maine Communities](#)**

By Robert W. Glover  
November 30, 2017

Mainers understand the value of community. We benefit from living in tightly knit towns and cities where people still know and care for one another. But for communities to work, they require maintenance and care: good schools, investment in infrastructure, emergency responders to keep us safe, access to affordable health care and housing.

The tax plan currently being rammed through the U.S. Senate would threaten our communities, providing little to no benefit for hardworking Mainers. And it would do so to finance a massive tax cut for millionaires and large corporations.

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**Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach Courier: [Letter to the Editor: Trump's plan wouldn't help small business](#)**

By Emily Ingwersen Arundel  
November 29, 2017

When Ivanka Trump came to Biddeford recently, her goal was to tout the plan her father has been pushing that would give a huge tax break to the super rich. You've probably heard the claims from Maine Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin and others about how this plan will help Maine's small businesses. It's not true. This bill may be great if you're a billionaire heiress from New York like Trump or a former Wall Street executive like Poliquin, but it does nothing to help Maine small business owners like me.

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**Fox 22 (Bangor, ME): [Protesters rally against tax plan](#)**

By Shonna Narine  
November 29, 2017

They gathered outside her Bangor office earlier today.

Supporters of the bill say it will benefit lower and middle income working families, but protesters are concerned about how they think it will affect medicaid, social security, and medicare.

**Maine Public Radio: [Maine Faith Leaders: GOP Tax Plan ‘Neither Just Nor Moral’](#)**

By Abukar Adan  
November 28, 2017

Maine faith leaders and community members gathered in front of St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland Tuesday to call on U.S. Sen. Susan Collins to reject the GOP tax plan. .... But speakers at the rally, including Rev. Jim Gertmenian of the Preble St. Faith Action Network, said it's clear who the bill would help – and it isn't working families. .... Gertmenian was joined by about two dozen members of the faith community, who opposed the tax cuts on moral grounds. .... Following the event, rally-goers delivered what they called a "moral declaration," signed by 138 faith leaders from across the state, to Sen. Collins' Portland office.

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**Bangor Daily News: [Senate needs to slow down and fix its tax plan if they truly want to help middle class](#)**

Editorial Board  
November 27, 2017

Back from their Thanksgiving vacation, Senate Republicans are devoting much of their attention to a tax cut plan they hope to pass by the end of the year. Rather than a rushed package of changes that disproportionately benefits the wealthy and corporations, lawmakers should slow down and fully consider the best ways to help middle-class Americans and small businesses.

Numerous analyses of the proposed Senate tax plan, which is not finalized, and a plan passed by House Republicans earlier this month have found that the plans' benefits flow mostly to rich Americans and large corporations and that many average-income Americans will pay higher taxes in a decade. One reason is that while corporate tax cuts are permanent in the legislation, tax changes for individuals and families will expire.

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**NBC News Center Maine (Portland, ME) : [Sen. Collins facing pressure on GOP tax reform plan](#)**

By Danielle Waugh  
November 27, 2017

(NECN) — Senators could vote as soon as this week on the GOP tax reform plan and Maine Senator Susan Collins is still uncommitted. The moderate Republican has voiced concerns about the bill, including a provision to repeal the individual healthcare mandate.

As she decides on her vote, Sen. Collins is getting pressure from home. Protesters gathered outside her Portland office Monday morning, asking Collins to vote against the plan.



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**[Sun Journal: Tax bill's fate may depend on Maine's Susan Collins](#)**

By Steve Collins  
November 27, 2017

Once again, U.S. Sen. Susan Collins may decide the fate of a major proposal touted by President Donald Trump — a tax overhaul.

The Maine Republican's vote is crucial to winning passage in the Senate of a tax bill that would slice the corporate rate and cut most household taxes during the next decade.

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**[Portland Press Herald: Letter to the Editor: Tax reform bills in Congress fall short on child care access](#)**

By Anne Vaughan  
November 20, 2017

Senate tax reform measures make the child tax credit more generous than the House measures do, and they would expand the numbers of those eligible.

However, child care access must be expanded to include more workers. The emphasis that Ivanka Trump places on expansion is deplorably deficient. Her focus is on access to a tax credit by women who are already beneficiaries of large incomes, ignoring the needs of those hoping to work and enter the middle-class, wage-earning public.

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**[Portland Press Herald: Column: Republican tax plan won't benefit many Mainers](#)**

By Cynthia Dill  
November 19, 2017

Remember Question 1 on Maine's November ballot, which wanted us to give one guy – Shawn Scott – the exclusive license to operate a York County casino so he could get richer? That's what the Republican tax overhaul plan coming out of Washington looks like – except instead of one guy getting all the money, it's 1 percent of the population.

I don't fault the logic of the super-rich people who want to get more and more money: The cost of lobbying and controlling members of Congress keeps going up, and a steady stream of big checks is the price of admission to good schools, glitzy parties and attendance at "conferences" and "summits" in places like Aspen and Colorado Springs.

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**WMPG 90.9 (Portland, ME): [Interview on Community Voices for Change Radio Show](#)**

November 16, 2017

Cathy Walsh, owner of Arabica Coffee and an active member of the Maine Small Business Coalition, appeared on a local radio show, *Community Voices for Change*, on WMPG in Portland, and discussed several issues including taxes, healthcare, minimum wage and the environment.

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**WGME (Portland, ME): [MEA claims tax reform plans put Maine education jobs at risk](#)**

By WGME

November 16, 2017

Both the House and Senate tax reform plans get rid of at least part of state and local tax deductions known as SALT, but Maine's largest teachers union says that move could put more than 1,000 education jobs and put public education at risk.

The Maine Education Association (MEA) claims getting rid of the state and local tax deduction will jeopardize public funding of education all to give mostly wealthy people and corporations huge tax breaks.

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**Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel: [Our View: GOP tax plans offer more trickle-down economics](#)**

Editorial

November 12, 2017

The Republican tax reform plan being railroaded through Congress might sound complicated, but it's really very simple.

They want to give about \$5 trillion in tax cuts to the richest individuals, families and corporations, which they propose to offset by eliminating about \$3 trillion in tax deductions that are currently enjoyed by both the wealthy and not-so-wealthy alike.

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**The Ellsworth American: [Letter to the Editor: Poliquin out of touch with his constituents](#)**

By Max Treitler

November 10, 2017

With all of the different attempts to repeal the ACA, combined with the administration's attempts to sabotage the health care market, and now the congressional budget plans, it can be hard to remember that all of this has really been about cutting taxes for the very wealthy. The funding cuts to the ACA that would have left 39,000 or so of us in CD2 without coverage actually were going to fund a huge tax cut that only went to people in the top income brackets, very few of whom live in Mr. Poliquin's district. This has come up again, because the budget proposal that the congressman has just voted for is looking to do the same thing. There are mammoth cuts proposed to both Medicare and Medicaid in order to pay for not only tax cuts for wealthy individuals, but new ways for corporations to move money offshore and banks and bankers to hide their income and avoid paying their fair share. Maine is the oldest state in the union and certainly not the wealthiest. Neither my business, nor any other Maine small business that I know sees any benefit from these tax breaks, but we would suffer from the cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other life-saving programs.

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**[NBC News Center Maine \(Portland, ME\): Collins, Ivanka Trump join forces for tax reform](#)**

By Don Carrigan  
November 10, 2017

According to staff members, Collins has developed an apparently friendly working relationship with President Trump's advisor, and daughter, Ivanka Trump. The two joined forces in Biddeford Friday for a tax forum with an invited audience of about 220 people. Collins' Chief of Staff, Steve Abbott, said the White House asked Collins to organize the event, which was held at Volk Packaging in Biddeford. Many in the audience were invited by Collins, while others were invited by the Maine GOP.

Collins and Trump both said changing the tax laws will help corporations and small businesses compete and grow.

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**[Sun Journal: Ivanka Trump joins Sen. Collins in Biddeford to pitch Republican tax reform effort](#)**

By Scott Thistle  
November 10, 2017

BIDDEFORD (WGME) — The president's daughter paid a visit to Maine, but not without protests.

At a packing plant in Biddeford, Ivanka Trump, Senator Susan Collins, and the U.S. Treasurer pushed for tax reform.

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**WGME (Portland, ME): [Ivanka Trump talks tax reform in Biddeford](#)**

By WGME Staff  
November 10, 2017

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**Beacon: [Mainers protest Republican corporate tax giveaway](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
November 10, 2017

“These reports highlight how the rich and powerful play by a different set of rules than the rest of us. And — if passed — Trump’s tax scam would make a host of loopholes and tax breaks permanent,” said **Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente in a statement.

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**Maine Public Radio: [Business Group Calls On Poliquin, Collins To Oppose Tax Cuts For Wealthy](#)**

By A.J. Higgins  
October 26, 2017

A business group aligned with the progressive Maine People’s Alliance met at a Bangor restaurant Thursday to call upon U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, both Republicans, to reject any Republican efforts to slash Medicare and Medicaid and to cut taxes for the wealthy and large corporations.

“We’re here today to tell Sen. Collins and Rep. Poliquin that Maine small-business owners don’t need tax cuts for wealthy individuals and massive corporations from out of state,” said Will Ikard, who heads the Maine Small Business Coalition. “What we need is investment in programs that strengthen lower- and middle-class families.”

**[Beacon: Maine small business owners condemn Rep. Poliquin's budget vote](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
October 26, 2017

Small business owners in Maine's Second District held a press conference at Fork and Spoon restaurant in Bangor today to criticize Congressman Bruce Poliquin's repeated votes, including one this morning, in support of a Republican federal budget proposal that would cut Medicaid, Medicare and other programs in order to fund \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks that primarily benefit the wealthiest individuals and corporations.

"Business owners want investments in our communities, not tax cuts for the top 1% and corporations based in other states," said Will Ikard, director of the Maine Small Business Coalition. "We know that consumer spending – not tax breaks for Wall Street – is what drives our local economies. Unfortunately, Representative Poliquin has again proven that he puts Wall Street ahead of the small businesses in his own district."

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**[Beacon: King, Collins cast opposing votes on tax breaks for wealthy, health care cuts](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
October 21, 2017

The tax plan that has now been advanced through the budget resolution will raise taxes on 14% of mostly middle-income Maine households, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, while cutting taxes for households earning over \$1.2 million a year by an average of \$30,000.

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**[The Courier-Gazette and Camden Herald: Letter to the Editor](#)**

October 12, 2017

Now consider the amount of taxes some of the other major companies paid: (Source: **Americans for Tax Fairness**). General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012.

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**[Beacon: Rep. Poliquin again votes for health care cuts, tax breaks for the wealth](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
October 6, 2017

“This budget resolution is the first step toward an immoral tax scheme that will hand trillions of dollars to millionaires and corporations at the expense of millions of America’s working families, many of whom will actually see a tax increase” said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “These tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations will ultimately be paid for by cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, disability services, and other national priorities, while the expansion of the deficit will further threaten Social Security. The Republicans who voted to advance this plan owe their constituents an explanation.”

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**[Beacon: On tape, Rep. Poliquin bragged about helping Trump cut taxes for ‘big corporations’](#)**

By Mike Tipping  
October 2, 2017

As Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness noted when asked about Poliquin’s comments, “there aren’t too many Mainers making that kind of money.”

“This massive tax giveaway to the rich and big corporations will end up being paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, education and a lot of other services that benefit most Mainers,” said Clemente.

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## **Maryland**

**[The Frederick News-Post: Letter to the Editor: Health of children should be top priority](#)**

By Maria Dennis  
November 16, 2017

The House recently passed a bill that would pay for CHIP renewal, however, they have included underhanded cuts in other health care programs, including the ACA Prevention and Public Health Fund and by raising Medicare costs for some seniors, tearing down potentially lifesaving health coverage for older Americans. Yet, in the same week the Republicans also introduced a tax bill that would give over \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks mainly to the rich and corporations, to be paid for with \$1.5 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. This is nothing but a corrupt political shell game; one that Rep. Andy Harris (R-1st) is playing, supporting a vote for this tax scheme for political points in D.C. while kids like Michael in his own state will lose so much.

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[The Daily Times \(Delmarvanow.com\): Letter to the Editor: Urge Andy Harris to reject GOP tax reform bill](#)

By Michael Feldman  
November 16, 2017

Here we go again. Rep. Andy Harris turned his back on constituents when he voted in support of the federal budget resolution that would cut Medicare by \$487 billion and \$1 trillion from Medicaid in the next 10 years. .... This week, conservatives are taking the next step with the release of their new tax “reform” bill, which will give away trillions in tax breaks that overwhelmingly benefit the richest Americans and corporations — paid for by those proposed huge cuts to health care programs that seniors, kids, working families, veterans and people with disabilities depend on. .... We can’t allow Andy Harris to cut our health care so he can give his big donors billions in tax breaks.

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[The Baltimore Sun: Letter to the Editor: Andy Harris is no fan of free speech](#)

By Jared Schablein  
November 14, 2017

After a long wait, Rep. Andy Harris finally had another “town hall” from the one last year in Wye Mills (“Maryland Democrats call on Rep. Harris to denounce Roy Moore,” Nov. 10). This time it was on the tax plan, and quickly we realized Mr. Harris was his spineless self. .... Representing a congressional district isn’t about political parties, big donors or personal interests. It is about representing and doing what is best for the people who elected Mr. Harris, and if the congressman can’t hold normal town halls, he should at least let his constituents address him directly. If he can’t put the people of the district over party, he should not run for re-election in 2018.

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[Delmarva Public Radio: Harris Defends Tax Cut Package at Town Hall](#)

By Don Rush  
November 13, 2017

[Congressman] Andy Harris defended the proposed tax cut package now on Capitol Hill saying that it would ensure a vast majority of the middle class would get tax relief. .... There was one protester dressed in a Monopoly costume who was forcibly removed after shouting that Harris’ constituents would lose their Medicare and Medicaid for more tax cuts. .... Harris has been criticized this year for not holding more town halls with constituents.

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**[The Daily Times \(Delmarvanow.com\): Andy Harris talks tax reform at Wi-Hi town hall](#)**

By Faith Tarpley  
November 12, 2017

Though there were anticipated differing opinions on Harris and his voting record, all sides sought clarity regarding the proposal tax proposal.

"I've been to previous meetings where he says, 'The deficit is our biggest problem, the deficit is our biggest problem,' but this adds a trillion and a half to the deficit, so it's kind of hypocritical and we'd like some answers," said Bob Tiernan, a spokesperson for Talbot Rising, which bills itself as "a nonpartisan progressive grassroots volunteer organization using the power of peaceful resistance, education and issue advocacy for economic, social, racial and environmental justice in Talbot County on Maryland's Eastern Shore."

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**[The Star Democrat: Letter to the Editor: Rep. Harris Flip-flops on Deficit with Tax Bill](#)**

By Robert Tiernan  
November 7, 2017

Rep. Andy Harris (MD-01) is asking Maryland taxpayers to support a misguided corporate tax cut that will also boost the federal deficit by \$1.5 trillion. .... And he wants to subsidize that giveaway by taking away the deduction for state and local income taxes, which 41 percent of people in his own First Congressional District itemize. And many of the supposed middle-class breaks will expire in a few years. .... We need some honest answers on Saturday.

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**[The Talbot Spy: Letter to the Editor: Harris Flip-Flops on Deficit-Spending to Support Corporate Tax Giveaway](#)**

By Bob Tiernan  
November 4, 2017

For years, Harris has presented Powerpoint slides complaining about the deficit, but now Harris has sold out to corporate interests to explode the deficit. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, in fact, says many middle-class families will end up paying more taxes.

In this Republican plan, corporate taxes are slashed. The estate tax is whacked, benefiting only the very wealthy. The alternative minimum tax, designed to make sure the wealthy pay their fair share, is gone.

Rep. Harris owes the 700,000 people of the First District a full explanation instead of a 100-word statement.



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**The Daily Times (Delmarvanow.com): Op-ed: [Andy Harris's health care votes will not soon be forgotten](#)**

By Wendi Harris  
October 2, 2017

That means rather than standing up for the people of Maryland, Harris voted to take health insurance from 277,000 of our families to fund big tax breaks for millionaires, billionaires, and insurance and drug companies. .... Repealing the ACA through efforts such as the cautiously departed Graham-Cassidy Bill, the 2018 federal budget or tax reform, including eliminating Medicaid and CHIP funding, would literally put lives at risk. .... So why would Harris vote for this bill? Simple: \$541 billion in planned tax breaks for corporations and wealthy individuals who would benefit from cuts to healthcare. .... Those aren't the constituents who sent Harris to Washington. Still, it seems he was willing to put their greed ahead of our need.

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**Hagerstown Herald-Mail: Op-ed: [Three reasons why Trump must release his tax returns](#)**

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

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**Massachusetts**

**Boston Globe: [Kochs rally donors to spend more to protect business gains](#)**

by Annie Linskey  
Jan 29 2018

Voters have been skeptical of the tax law in part because much of the benefit is focused on businesses like those run by the Kochs and their allies. The tax cuts directly benefit Koch Industries by \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion a year, according to a recent analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

“They stand to benefit by massive amounts more than what they’ve spent,” said TJ Helmstetter, a spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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**[Boston Globe: Column: Twin GOP tax plans will erode domestic spending](#)**

By Michael Cohen  
November 22, 2017

Since the tax cut bill is not paid for and will add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit, it will trigger Senate PAYGO rules that will lead to mandatory spending cuts. That means \$150 billion in spending cuts per year for 10 years. According to Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, that would mean \$28 billion in Medicare cuts in 2018, which will balloon to \$56 billion by 2027.

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**[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  
Syndicated from the New York Times

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."

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## **Michigan**

**[Livingston County News: Demonstrators again target Collins support of tax bill](#)**

By Ben Beagle  
December 11, 2017

About 20 people rallied outside the district office of Congressman Chris Collins, R-Clarence, in Geneseo last week in protest of Republican-backed tax bills they say will be harmful to many residents of New York.

The Dec. 6 rally followed similar efforts happening around the country in which those protesting sought to urge their elected representatives in the House and Senate to vote against the tax-reform bills.

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**The Monroe News: Op-ed: [Big Pharma gets some blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 11, 2017

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**Minnesota**

**St. Cloud Times: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is worst Christmas gift ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 30, 2017

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**Staples World: Op-ed: [Tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 28, 2017

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**Grant County Herald: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: The worst Christmas present ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**ABC News 10: [Residents protest tax reform bill](#)**

By Lee Snitz

December 11, 2017

HOUGHTON — As the debate over tax reform continues, nearly 30 concerned citizens gathered over the weekend in downtown Houghton to protest the recently passed legislation.

Protesters picketed along Sheldon Avenue after marching across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with Congressman Jack Bergman, who voted in support of the tax reform bill recently passed by the House of Representatives.

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[The Daily Mining Gazette: Tax Protest: Bridge marchers oppose reform bill](#)

By Kali Katerberg  
December 11, 2017

HOUGHTON/HANCOCK — Members of the Houghton and Baraga County Democrats and other concerned citizens marched to protest the GOP tax bill pending in Congress.

The group carried signs across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge Saturday morning. Walking from the Houghton side into Hancock protesters waved to passing cars, attempting to raise awareness. A few drivers honked and waved back.

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[Star Tribune: Letter to the Editor: Tax reform](#)

By Frank Malley  
November 10, 2017

Tax reform is speeding to a vote in the House and in the Senate. The centerpiece is a substantial reduction in U.S. corporate tax so that corporate tax rates, which are now nominally as high as 35 percent, may sink to 20 percent, thereby — we are told — enabling U.S. corporations to be robustly competitive in an international market filled with countries that have low corporate taxes. .... When corporate taxes are hugely reduced, someone has to pick up the slack. The overall tax burden of individuals will inescapably increase under what Congress chooses to call reform.

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[Twin Cities Pioneer Press: Column: Democrats are starting a fierce internal debate. Finally.](#)

By Katrina Vanden Heuvel  
August 31, 2017  
Syndicated from The Washington Post

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

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## Mississippi

Jackson Clarion-Ledger: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present imaginable](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 29, 2017

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Batesville Panolian: Op-ed: [Republicans' tax overhaul: worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 26, 2017

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The Hattiesburg American: [Column: Is new tax proposal really a fair deal?](#)

By Lynn Evans

November 11, 2017

A new poll paid for in part by **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that most Americans have clued in that the proposed tax plan is not what was promised. About 60 percent of respondents, including Trump supporters, think the tax plan is tilted toward the wealthiest and not the middle class.

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

By **Frank Clemente**

July 7, 2017

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## Missouri

### [Fox 2 Now: Tax cut scoreboard: Workers \\$6 billion; Shareholders \\$171 billion](#)

by Matt Egan  
February 16, 2018

"Our worst nightmare is coming true," said Frank Clemente, executive editor of Americans for Tax Fairness, a group that fights for progressive tax reform. "We predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already-wealthy shareholders and CEOs, not to a company's workers."

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### [Potosi Independent-Journal: Op-ed: The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 28, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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### [Potosi Independent-Journal: Op-ed: Big Pharma's Blockbuster Tax Cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 14, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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### [News Tribune \(Jefferson City, MO\): Residents protest Luetkemeyer's support of tax plan](#)

By Philip Joens  
December 8, 2017

More than a dozen Jefferson City residents squeezed into U.S. Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer's Missouri Boulevard office Thursday and delivered a box of postcards covered with concerns about the tax reform bills working their way through Congress.

During the half-hour protest, organizers said they think the tax bills were written without the input of ordinary citizens. People at the protest also said the changes could harm average Americans, like senior citizens and graduate students.

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**KY3 (Springfield, MO): [Protestors ask Sen. Blunt to vote against tax reform](#)**

November 21, 2017

Protesters walked Springfield sidewalks to show concern over tax proposal before the U.S. Senate. .... Republicans say the \$1.5 billion cut would be good for the economy. Opponents say it benefits the wealthy and corporations. More than two dozen people lined up along East Sunshine in front of Senator Roy Blunt's office. Several of them also headed inside to voice their concerns to a Blunt spokesperson, hoping the Senator will vote "no." Some in the faith community say the bill will benefit the rich and not the poor and middle class. .... The protestors are also upset about the possibility of a provision to the bill, that could do away with the Affordable Care Act.

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**West Plains Daily Quill: [Letter to the Editor: Senior budget will devastate](#)**

By Jan Lancaster  
November 17, 2017

Currently Missouri gets 38 percent of its general revenue from the federal government. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the current Senate budget resolution over the next ten years would cut \$1.3 trillion from Missouri's Medicaid program, \$470 trillion from Medicare, \$650 trillion from "safety net" programs – SNAP food benefits, SSI for disabled Missourians, and working families' tax credits.

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**Bolivar Herald-Free Press: [Letter to the Editor: Talk is cheap](#)**

By Jan Lancaster  
November 15, 2017

Currently Missouri gets 38 percent of its general revenue from the federal government. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the current Senate budget resolution over the next ten years would cut \$1.3 trillion from Missouri's Medicaid program, \$470 trillion from Medicare, \$650 trillion from "safety net" programs – SNAP food benefits, SSI for disabled Missourians, and working families' tax credits.

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**[KOMU NBC 8 \(Columbia, MO\): MU graduate students could see federal taxes increase 350 percent](#)**

By Ally Wallenta  
November 13, 2017

MU Graduate Assistants could see their federal taxes increase up to 350 percent if the tax plan passes. The assistants receiving tuition waivers would have to count their benefits as income.

A group called Coalition of Graduate Workers lined up outside of Representative Vicky Hartzler's district office on Monday with more than 50 letters from MU graduate students and faculty.

"The letters identify the specific provisions within the bill and talk a little bit about what they would do to graduate students and ask Representative Hartzler to consider voting against the bill or at least proposing an amendment on the floor that would take those provisions out of the bill, which is an option," said Outreach Officer for Coalition of Graduate Workers Joseph Moore.

Moore said the group's goal is "to either get these provisions out of the GOP tax bill or to have this bill die entirely." He also said if the tax plan is approved, he thinks MU would "almost certainly" see a drop in graduate assistants and teachers.

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**[Columbia Daily Press: Letter to the Editor: Tax reform plan offers more to businesses than people](#)**

By Rebecca Shaw  
November 12, 2017

Reports indicate it won't help workers and it won't increase wages, but it will give a massive tax cut to the wealthy, to corporations already not paying their fair share, and to Donald Trump himself. Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and Sens. Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill should distance themselves from this bill and think about what best represents what their constituents need. The plan put forward is not an opportunity to show off bipartisan bona fides; it's a trap that will give the wealthy and corporations a huge tax break while doing nothing for the middle class and forcing huge cuts to programs people rely on, like Medicaid.

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**KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): Exclusive: Priorities USA to go back on TV with \$250K tax reform ad buy**

By Ashley Killough  
October 10, 2017  
Syndicated from CNN Wire

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

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**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.

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## **Montana**

**Missoulian: Op-ed: Taxpayers Funded a Lifesaving Drug and Guess What Happened Next**

By Jordan Aubrey  
August 30, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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## **New Hampshire**

### **NH Labor News: [Rights and Democracy Decries Trump's Executive Actions on Health Care](#)**

October 13, 2017

Unfortunately, yesterday President Trump demonstrated unequivocally that this battle is far from over—he is directly attacking women, the middle class, and the poor in his effort to strip millions more from having necessary access to health care in order to provide tax breaks for the wealthy and powerful. .... The eliminations of CSR payments, the executive order on health association plans, and the new rule denying contraceptive coverage to millions of women, all make it clear: Trump doesn't care about the will of the people who have rejected the Republican agenda for health care over the past several months.

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### **NH Labor News: [Granite Staters Spotlight Open Enrollment for Affordable Care Act and Reject Cuts to Medicare & Medicaid to Pay for Tax Cuts](#)**

October 4, 2017

During a national day of action led by Health Care for America Now (HCAN), Rights and Democracy (RAD) NH and Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) organized a press conference in Manchester to raise awareness about open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act and to speak out against cuts to Medicaid and Medicare to [pay for tax breaks](#) for the wealthy and large corporations.

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## **New Jersey**

### **NJ Today: Op-ed: [The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 24, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**The Press of Atlantic City: [Letter to the Editor: GOP tax cut wouldn't benefit my business](#)**

By Mike Price  
November 21, 2017

Don't believe the hype. The GOP's proposed "tax reform" would not help small business owners like me. .... The proposed corporate tax cuts would benefit hedge fund managers, Wall Street lawyers and real estate investors, and would be paid for by cutting public services that benefit my business and help my customers save money. .... Atlantic County can't afford these cuts. Transportation and telecommunications infrastructures need an upgrade. Many residents rely on programs like Medicaid for health care. We need to better train and educate the workforce to attract more companies to the area. My small business can only survive and thrive if government invests in the community. The GOP tax cuts would do just the opposite.

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**Burlington County Times: [Letter to the Editor: GOP tax and budget plans can hurt small businesses](#)**

By Randy Ellis  
November 15, 2017

Their plans involve stripping trillions of dollars from Medicaid, Medicare and programs that help people afford housing, education and other essentials. .... All this to pay for tax cuts that won't help small business owners like me, because we don't generate enough profit to benefit from them. But those tax cuts will benefit hedge fund managers, Wall Street lawyers, multinational corporations — companies that really don't need another advantage over small business. .... If the GOP want to help small business owners, they need to come up with different tax and budget plans.

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[NJ.com: Ivanka Trump pitches Republican tax plan — and Christie supports it](#)

By Matt Arco  
November 13, 2017

More than one in four New Jersey residents would face tax hikes under Republican legislation that sharply curtails the federal deduction for state and local taxes, according to a study released last week. That's a higher percentage than in all but two states. .... Invited guests at the fire house in Ocean County town wrote their questions down and MacArthur, R-3rd Dist., dished them to Trump and Mnuchin. .... But there were a few heated exchanges. .... Jason Ireland, of Brick, was denied entry and asked loudly why Democrats were blocked from attending the event. .... As the session was winding down, MariAnne Clemente, of Barnegat, interrupted Trump's closing remarks and demanded they take more questions from the audience. .... The event was held just before Gov.-elect Phil Murphy and other Democrats trashed the Republican tax plan as a new report was released maintaining that it would still hurt New Jersey taxpayers even with the new House provision for property tax deductions. .... In addition, Fitch Ratings agency recently warned that New Jersey and other high-tax states "would be more affected and may have less tolerance for higher taxes going forward" under the legislation that ends the deduction for state and local income and sales taxes and caps it for property taxes.

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[The Press of Atlantic City: Ivanka Trump, Mnuchin push for GOP tax package in Ocean County](#)

November 13, 2017

During the 45-minute event, U.S. Rep. Tom MacArthur, R-3rd, Trump and Mnuchin discussed the proposed tax reform, but did not take questions from the pro-Republican crowd. Those attended were allowed to fill out questions card before the event; those questions were given to the trio. .... As the event wrapped up, Marianne Clemente questioned the panel on why questions weren't taken. The outburst drew the ire of many in the crowd. .... "This is an outrage that they had an invite only, when MacArthur doesn't have any town hall meetings," said Clemente, a resident of Barnegat. .... Before the event started, Jason Ireland, of Brick, came inside the venue and yelled "Why are not Democrats allowed?" .... Ireland was one of the 30 people gathered outside the fire hall to protest the tax reform plan. The protesters held signs voicing their disapproval of the plan, one read "GOP Tax Bills Bad for NJ", while another person held a sign stating: "Tom MacArthur vote no on tax bill." .... "They are trying to rush it through," said Carla Loundsbury, 68, of Waretown, as she held a "RIP Middle Class" mock head stone. "This is going to hurt the middle class and no one seems to care." .... Proposals in Congress pose problems for New Jersey, where property taxes are among the nation's highest.

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**Asbury Park Press: [With party lines drawn at Ivanka Trump event, protesters left in drizzle](#)**

By Stacey Barchenger and Michael Diamond  
November 13, 2017

Inside the drab building on Route 9 were Republican Gov. Chris Christie, presidential adviser and first daughter Ivanka Trump and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who pushed tax reform. There were about 100 guests listening in the invite-only crowd. .... Outside, on a soggy patch of grass and in a drizzle, uninvited voices were hoping to be heard. .... "No tax cuts for the mega-rich." "Stop Mnuchin on our deductions." "No more pencils no more books, GOP are dirty crooks!" their signs said. .... About 35 people converged to protest. They urged reporters to ask who was invited, since they were not. .... Host Congressman Tom MacArthur, an Ocean County Republican, later told the press that guests were "people from around the county." .... Many protesters said the tax reform plans being pushed by President Donald Trump and Republicans in the House and Senate would benefit the rich, not the middle class.

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**Asbury Park Press: [Ivanka Trump, Mnuchin pitch tax reform in Berkeley, avoid tough Q's on deductions](#)**

By Michael Diamond and Stacey Barchenger  
November 13, 2017

Since New Jersey has the nation's highest property taxes — on average more than \$8,000 — its middle-class households are on shaky ground. .... About 100 people gathered Monday, a drizzly November morning, at the modest fire hall off Route 9 for an invitation-only event. .... It started with an introduction from Gov. Chris Christie and ended 38 minutes later with nary a question from MacArthur to Ivanka Trump or Mnuchin about the SALT deductions. .... About 35 people protested the event outside the fire hall. Among them was Jason Ireland, of Brick, who tried to push his way into the crowded fire hall, but was stalled by security at the door. .... And on Monday, the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, a business lobby group, said it too was opposed to the bills' elimination of state and local property tax deductions. .... It was left to MacArthur, whose ties to the first family include a lucrative fundraiser hosted by Donald Trump in June, to defend.

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## **Patch (Toms River): [Mnuchin, Ivanka Trump Press Family-Friendly Message on Tax Reform](#)**

By Karen Wall  
November 13, 2017

In front of a room of Republican supporters, Rep. Tom MacArthur, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Ivanka Trump pressed a singular message on Monday morning: that the proposed tax reform will help New Jersey's families. .... It was a message that was warmly received by most inside the Bayville Fire Company firehouse on Monday morning. .... Outside the firehouse, however, more than three dozen protesters gathered on the front lawn of the firehouse in the rain to give a cold shoulder to not only the tax reform proposal but to MacArthur in particular. They held signs urging MacArthur to vote against the tax reform bill. .... One couple, Jason and Nancy Ireland from Brick, tried to get into the room before Mnuchin and Trump arrived but were rebuffed by MacArthur's staff. "Are there any Democrats in here?" Jason Ireland yelled two or three times, demanding the opportunity to get in and ask questions about the tax reform bills. The couple was forced to leave. The blinds were drawn and the doors locked to prevent anyone from going in or out of the door. .... MacArthur read a couple of questions from audience members, but there was no open opportunity to ask questions of Mnuchin or Trump on the tax reform bill.

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## **Blue Jersey: [Access Denied](#)**

November 13, 2017

There were about 20 people in line outside the Bayville Fire House waiting to get inside from out of the rain to listen to Congressman Tom MacArthur, joined by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and First Nepotistic Daughter Ivanka Trump, talking about tax policy. And there were at least four times as many people standing in the rain outside protesting the Trump/MacArthur reverse Robin Hood tax code.

The indoor event was by invitation only and no Democrats were allowed into the taxpayer-funded venue. But neither that nor the rain stopped activists from protesting the draconian changes being proposed by the Trump administration.

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[NJ.com: Trump says his tax plan would help small businesses. It may actually hurt them.](#)

By Jonathan Salant

October 12, 2017

"Those that blindly insist the estate tax hurts small businesses are full of hot air," said Sapna Mehta, legislative policy director for the Main Street Alliance Action Fund, the political arm of the small-business coalition. "The simple truth is that most small businesses aren't the owners or beneficiaries of multimillion-dollar estates."

Of the 5,400 estates large enough to face the estate tax in 2017, less than 1 percent, 50, are either small businesses or family farms, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a progressive research group based in Washington.

The loss of the deduction for state and local property taxes would have a much bigger impact on small businesses, said Chuck Marr, CBPP's director of federal tax policy.

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[NJ Spotlight: Trump Tax Policy Could Be Tough on Mom-and-Pop Shops, Main Street](#)

By John Reitmeyer

October 12, 2017

The Trump administration's plan to rewrite federal tax policy has faced **widespread criticism** in New Jersey, due to the proposed elimination of a key tax deduction that helps offset local property taxes. But now advocates for small-business owners are also questioning Trump's proposals, saying they could end up hurting many of the state's mom-and-pop stores.

The proposal would seem to be a big win for the small-business owners, but the problem is most of them don't earn enough in income to take advantage of the new pass-through rate that's being proposed, said Sapna Mehta, legislative policy director for the Main Street Alliance, during a conference call yesterday.

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**New Mexico**

[Las Cruces Sun-News: Op-ed: GOP's tax overhaul is worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 24, 2017

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[Silver City Sun-News: Op-ed: GOP tax overhaul worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 23, 2017

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[Alamogordo Daily News: Op-ed: The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 23, 2017

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[KRWG: As House Passes Disastrous Tax Bill, Progressive Groups Mobilize Grassroots Activity to Fight Back](#)

By Not One Penny

November 16, 2017

Alongside **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Indivisible, MoveOn.org, Organizing for Action, Tax March, and dozens of other groups, the coalition is planning more events and grassroots activity to stop Republicans from raising taxes on middle-class families to give tax breaks to millionaires, billionaires, and wealthy corporations.

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[KRWG: "Not One Penny" Campaign Hosts Rally With Leaders Pelosi and Schumer](#)

By Not One Penny

November 15, 2017

The rally was coordinated in partnership with Tax March, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Communications Workers of America, Indivisible, League of Conservation Voters, Little Lobbyists, Main Street Alliance, MoveOn.org, Patriotic Millionaires, Stand Up America, and others.

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

By Herb Jackson

October 11, 2017

Syndicated from USA Today

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

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

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

By Frank Clemente

July 10, 2017

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## Nevada

[Las Vegas Sun: Letter to the Editor: Wealthy win, health loses](#)

By Brandon Nutton

November 12, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, there will be over \$1 trillion in cuts to programs like Medicaid and Medicare. The GOP is using the federal budget to take health care away from people who need and deserve it by proposing huge cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. .... Those trying to push this through will avoid really talking about how they will pay for those big tax breaks — hoping that they can move this bill so fast that no one back home will know what's going on. .... Please think of everyone before voting. Tax breaks for the rich and corporations cost money. That money needs to come from somewhere else in the budget. In this case, it's most likely to come from massive cuts to Medicaid and Medicare.

Nevada Forward: [Battle Born Press Conference Outside of Senator Heller's Las Vegas District Office](#)

October 31, 2017

Nevada Forward shared the live stream of a press conference with Battle Born Progress and other local progressive groups outside of Senator Heller's Las Vegas district office opposing the GOP tax bill and demanding a clean DREAM Act.

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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."

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## New York

Ithaca Journal : [Fix democracy with that \\$1.50-a-week tax cut](#)

by Jason Sattler  
February 16, 2018

Of course, \$13,461,538.50 is on the high end of Charles' estimated tax cut, which Americans for Tax Fairness projects will fall between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion a year. He and his brother David could be getting as little as \$9,615,384.62 a week apiece. Or 6,410,256 times what that secretary in Lancaster can expect.

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Ithaca Journal : [Op-Ed: State of the Union: One different Trump choice and we'd be talking seven more years](#)

by John McCormick  
February 9, 2018

Instead, he served up a huge slice of the American economy to the richest people in America, who have never been richer. A new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Koch brothers alone can expect \$1 to 1.4 billion in tax cuts a year — each.

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**Caribbean Life: Op-ed: [Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 21, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Ithaca.com: [Protestors occupy Congressman Reed's office](#)**

By Nick Reynolds & Vaughn Golden

December 12, 2017

Protestors at Rep. Tom Reed's Ithaca office, whom have been staging a sit-in since around 1 p.m. this afternoon, are standing down. Daniel Burns, one of the demonstrators, released this statement to The Ithaca Times on behalf of the group.

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**SILive.com: [Dozens rally against tax bill in front of Donovan's office](#)**

By Thomas Erik Bascome

December 8, 2017

Rep. Daniel Donovan was one of only 13 Republicans to vote "no" on the GOP tax bill passed in the House of Representatives last month, and dozens rallied in front of his office Tuesday morning to encourage him to continue to oppose the bill.

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**WRVO: [Residents voice opposition to tax bill, Miner reconsiders run against Katko](#)**

By Tom Magnarelli

December 6, 2017

A packed audience in Syracuse participated in a town hall on congressional Republicans' tax bill Tuesday. The town hall was hosted by Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, who is reconsidering a run against central New York Republican Rep. John Katko.

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[The Daily Orange: Syracuse residents denounce Republican tax plan, call on Miner to run for Congress during public forum](#)

By Kennedy Rose  
December 6, 2017

Syracuse community members on Tuesday evening urged outgoing Mayor Stephanie Miner to run against Rep. John Katko, R-N.Y., during a town hall discussion on contentious GOP tax reform efforts.

Katko voted to pass a House of Representatives tax bill that would significantly lower the corporate tax rate and eliminate certain tax deductions that could cost Syracuse residents thousands of dollars, some officials said.

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[Syracuse.com: Lively partisan crowd at Mayor Miner's town hall attacks the GOP 'tax scam'](#)

By Tim Knauss  
December 5, 2017

An energetic crowd of nearly 200 people packed Syracuse City Hall tonight to denounce the Republican federal tax plan and those who voted for it, including U.S. Rep. John Katko, R-Camillus.

The crowd cheered every time a speaker urged the host of the meeting, Democratic Mayor Stephanie Miner, to run against Katko next year. After the 90-minute session, Miner said she is still thinking about challenging Katko but has not decided.

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[Spectrum News: Syracuse Mayor Hosts Tax Town Hall](#)

By Gabrielle Mediak  
December 5, 2017

In the midst of negotiations with the proposed tax bill on the federal level, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner hosted a town hall for the public to voice concerns.

Hundreds went to city hall Tuesday night, explaining why the tax plan will negatively impact them. Many there were upset with what the proposed plan could do to health care.

## **WSKG and WXXI: Residents Berate Rep. Tom Reed Over House Tax Bill At Town Hall**

By Gaber Altieri  
November 22, 2017

Congressman Tom Reed returned to the Southern Tier this week and faced heat over his support of the big GOP tax bill that just passed the House of Representatives. .... The Republican's district includes Elmira, Corning and Ithaca. He was an architect of the bill. .... At a town hall at the American Legion in Horseheads, Reed was greeted with jeers. The building was packed with residents who disapprove of the Republican tax bill. They think it's good for the rich, at the expense of the poor and middle class. .... Some held signs that read "Tom Reed Voted to Increase My Property Taxes", a reference to a limit to the state and local tax or SALT deduction in the House tax bill. .... Two other regional Congress members voted for House tax bill. Neither Claudia Tenney nor John Katko have held similar town halls since.

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## **WETM 18 News (Elmira, NY): Residents respond to Congressman Tom Reed after tax reform vote**

By Julio Avila  
November 20, 2017

Local residents gathered to hear why Congressman Tom Reed (R- NY) voted the way he did on the tax reform bill. Many in the audience replied with heavy voices. .... "This has not been debated in the public adequately nationally and we don't know what it's really going to cost," Dianne Trickey-Rokenbrod, a Hornell resident who attended the town hall, said. "Everything we're seeing so far, it's really ugly and really bad." .... She adds that she would've liked to hear Reed talk more about the bill's impact on the middle class and any possibilities of social services being cut as a result.

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[WENY News \(Elmira, NY\): Residents get heated in Tom Reed town hall meeting](#)

By Brandon Menard  
November 20, 2017

Republican Congressman Tom Reed got "face-to-face" with his constituents in Horseheads early Monday night. .... The "town hall style meeting" was held in front of a packed house at the Horseheads American Legion. .... Some of the main topics were tax reform and health care. .... Some people were very heated with Congressman Reed as they believed he was "side-stepping" certain issues. .... "He mentioned briefly closing loopholes, but I felt that it was really swept under the rug by and large," said Hornell resident, Dianne Trickey-Rokenbrod. "Trying to pacify the middle class people by saying there's a few hundred here or a few hundred there. Then still talking about cutting more services. So what are we getting for the one point five trillion dollars? What are the middle class people getting? We're getting the shaft."

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[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.

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[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.

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[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

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[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.”

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

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.

## North Carolina

### [Alleghany News: Op-ed: Tax overhaul: worst Christmas present](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

January 3, 2018

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

By Herb Jackson

October 11, 2017

Syndicated from USA Today

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

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

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### [WCNC: Demonstrators fight to save Affordable Care Act](#)

By Rad Berky

October 4, 2017

During a demonstration outside of the Government Center Wednesday, the group accused congressional Republican leaders of trying to create tax cuts for the rich, paid for by health cuts to the poor. .... House Speaker Paul Ryan is planning to introduce a budget resolution that the group calls nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing.

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

By Nick Kurtz

July 10, 2017



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## Ohio

**The Sunbury News: [Opinion: Steve Bannon and Members of Trump's Inner Circle Stash Investments in Offshore Tax Havens](#)**

By Joshua Holland  
December 31, 2017

Obscuring one's investments is just one feature of a much larger scam. For corporate America, offshore tax havens aren't just a means of shifting the tax burden onto the rest of us—they actually serve as profit centers. In 2015, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that American companies were holding \$2.1 trillion in profits in various tax havens around the world, and under current law, they don't have to pay taxes on them until they "repatriate" those dollars. In theory, that means that all of those profits represent an interest-free, or at least very low-interest, loan from the federal government, which they can then invest as they'd like and pocket the returns. It's easy to make money with free money from Uncle Sam.

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[The News-Herald: Opponents of proposed GOP tax plan assemble in Painesville](#)

By Jonathan Tressler  
December 7, 2017

A handful of activists representing various groups opposed to the latest Republican tax plan affirmed their disapproval of the proposal on Dec. 7 outside the Painesville office of U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce, R-Bainbridge Township.

They also asked Joyce to, himself, oppose the plan, “which threatens health care for hundreds of thousands of Ohioans,” a Dec. 6 news release from For Ohio’s Future Action Fund states.

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[WDTN News: Rally against GOP tax bill held outside U.S. Rep. Mike Turner’s office](#)

By Maytal Levi  
December 5, 2017

DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN/NBC) – Dozens stood outside Congressman Mike Turner’s office Tuesday evening pushing for him to vote against the GOP tax bill.

The event was called ‘Rally to Remind Rep. Mike Turner to Do The Right Thing!’

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[WSYX ABC 6 News \(Columbus, OH\): Faith Leader Rejects the GOP Tax Bill](#)

November 29, 2017

Faith in Public Life Ohio Leader Reverend Tim Ahrens of First Congregational Church in Columbus spoke out in opposition of the Johnson Amendment repeal in the tax bill that would lift the separation of church and state protections if passed.

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[The Cincinnati Inquirer: Polls: Voters in Arizona, Maine, Tennessee disapprove of Senate tax plan](#)

By Jessica Estepa  
November 22, 2017

The polls, conducted by Democratic pollster Hart Research Associates and provided to USA TODAY by the liberal advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found that many voters in Maine, Arizona and Tennessee disapprove of the tax plan.

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**Tribune Chronicle: [Local group criticizes GOP tax plan](#)**

By Raymond Smith  
November 22, 2017

An anti-tax reform group met Wednesday to talk about the many different ways the reform effort will be harsh on ----small businesses, families and people needing medical assistance.

*“The tax reform bill, as currently proposed, would hurt small businesses, push people to give up health insurance because they will no longer be eligible for federal government-approved assistance under the Affordable Care Act and it will encourage some businesses to send their work overseas,”* Marcia Dinkins, co-founder and director of Valley Voices United for Change said.

The group is concerned the bill will use profits from the repeal of the Affordable Care Act to pay for permanent tax cuts for large corporations. The Congressional Budget Office predicts the bill would result in 13 million more uninsured people and premium increases of up to 10 percent.

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

By Frank Clemente  
April 11, 2017  
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**Oregon**

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

By Frank Clemente  
December 26, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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[Statesman Journal: Letter to the Editor: New tax plan will hurt people who can least afford it, including small-business owners](#)

By Lee Mercer  
November 17 ,2017

The GOP is not trumpeting another alarming truth about this bill – it eliminates several deductions that benefit middle and lower income taxpayers.

This means the burden increases on small businesses and people who can least afford it. While high-earners on Wall Street are enjoying their tax-break windfall, we on Main Street will see Medicaid, Medicare, and education cut by trillions because politicians claim a lack of funding. Small business owners and their customers will have less disposable income to spend, less security, and a bleaker future.

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[The Register-Guard: Letter to the Editor: Reject this heartless tax plan](#)

By Jere C. Rosemeyer  
October 9, 2017

By a vote of 219 to 206 (with 18 Republicans voting against), the House passed a budget resolution that will bestow massive tax cuts on the rich by cutting social programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. It would expand the deficit, threatening Social Security. And, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, many working families would see a tax increase. The resolution also prohibits a filibuster in the Senate and allows for fast track passage.

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[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.

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## **Pennsylvania**

**Mercersburg Journal: Op-ed: [The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

January 3, 2018

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**Pike County Dispatch: Op-ed: [The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 28, 2017

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**Middletown Press & Journal: Op-ed: [GOP tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

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**Delco Times: [Clergy to GOP reps: Vote no on tax bill](#)**

By Rick Kauffman

December 18, 2017

Faith-based leaders were on a mission Monday to change the hearts and minds of a congressman ahead of the tax bill vote set to begin Tuesday.

Their message: Vote no.

Clergy and members of Philadelphia Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild (POWER) traveled to the offices of U.S. Reps. Mike Fitzpatrick, R-8 of Levittown, Ryan Costello, R-6 of West Goshen and Pat Meehan, R-7 of Chadds Ford delivering a message to the GOP congressmen to vote against party lines.

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**The Mercury News: [Protesters urge Costello to vote 'no' on GOP tax bill](#)**

By Bill Rettew Jr.  
December 18, 2017

Syndicated from Daily Local News

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**The Phoenix Reporter & Item: [Protesters urge Costello to vote 'no' on GOP tax bill](#)**

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By Bill Rettew Jr.  
December 18, 2017

WEST CHESTER >> As part of two different demonstrations, diverse groups of protesters met Monday outside U.S. Rep. Ryan Costello's, R-6, office, at the Historic Chester County Courthouse.

While a group of five demonstrators led by clergy said prayers at the door of Costello's office, a raucous group of more than 100 protesters later that day met on the courthouse steps.

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**The Times (Beaver, PA): [Health advocates: Tax bill could cut Medicare, impact other health care programs](#)**

By Kate Malongowski  
December 5, 2017

The tax bill passed by the U.S. House and Senate members could have tremendous impacts on health care, including marketplace users, Medicaid and Medicare recipients, health advocates said.

Several nonprofit leaders spoke about potential changes during a news teleconference organized by the Pennsylvania Health Access Network on Tuesday.

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**[Bucks County Courier Times: State, local advocates say overhaul bill will tax health care](#)**

By Jenny Wagner  
December 5, 2017

As lawmakers convene a conference committee to reconcile the Senate and House versions of the tax overhaul, state and local advocates are voicing concerns about the impact the bill would have on health care.

In a conference call with reporters on Tuesday, Antoinette Kraus, executive director of the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, said the result would be “devastating” for families, women, older adults, people with mental health and substance use disorders, among others.

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**[Daily Local News: Rep. Costello a ‘yes’ vote on tax bill](#)**

By Michael Rellahan  
November 16, 2017

Several groups led by Delco Indivisible, Havertown Area Community Action Network Indivisible, Indivisible Upper Darby, Indivisible Main Line South and POWER are planning a rally in front of Meehan’s Springfield office today from 4:30-6 p.m.

Democrats have called the GOP plan to cut taxes an exercise in giving to the rich and taking away from middle income earners. An analysis released Monday by Congress’ nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation found that the Senate overhaul bill would increase taxes for some 13.8 million moderate-income American households.

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**[The Express-Times \(LehighValleyLive.com\): Monstrous or MAGA: Lehigh Valley views on tax cut plan](#)**

By Kurt Bresswein  
October 31, 2017

Frankenstein's monster, or at least Coopersburg resident Dan Miller wearing a Halloween mask, growled his disapproval Tuesday at one view of what the congressional tax cut plan would mean for America. .... Miller was among about 20 people gathered for a trick-or-treat-themed protest against the proposal, outside the South Whitehall Township office of U.S. Rep. [Charlie Dent](#). .... "What we've got here is we expect tricks for us and treats for the wealthy," said Phila Back, dressed as the Joker from the "Batman" franchise. She organized the rally for the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, and it ended with delivering a set of demands on tax reform to Dent's staff. .... Outside Dent's office on Tuesday, protesters called for him to vote

against "tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires and big corporations" and "cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, infrastructure and programs families depend on." They also called on him to reject the provision opening up to oil drilling the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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**Daily Local News: [Letter to the Editor: Thanks to Costello for hearing concerns](#)**

By Reverend Frank Pennington Wayne  
October 25, 2017

A few weeks ago I joined other members of POWER, a progressive nonpartisan inter-faith activist group comprised of concerned citizens from Philadelphia and the western suburbs, to engage in conversations with Rep. Ryan Costello in his District office in West Chester. The meeting was about our concerns for just health care for all. We were particularly concerned about the House budget which proposed paying for trillions in tax cuts to the super wealthy by cutting Medicaid and Medicare by nearly \$1.5 trillion and repealing the ACA. .... I hope that his openness to hearing the real concerns and stories of his constituents who depend on the ACA, Medicaid and Medicare will allow him to maintain his position and defend our right to health care programs that serve our families and save lives.

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**LNP Lancaster Online: [Letter to the Editor: Beware of tax reform arguments](#)**

By Jacques Gibble  
October 9, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** reports that "General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012. Nationally, profitable corporations paid income taxes amounting to just 12.6 percent of worldwide income in 2010."

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

By Susan Serbin  
September 28, 2017

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



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**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."

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**Lockhaven Express: Op-ed: [Demanding transparency and fairness](#)**

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**  
May 18, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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

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**Rhode Island**

**Westerly Sun: Op-ed: [Tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 28, 2017  
Syndicated by American Forum

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**The Providence American: [Whitehouse, Baldwin Introduce Amendment to Prevent Tax Windfalls for Trump Administration Billionaires](#)**

December 18, 2017

The No Windfalls for Government Service Act has been endorsed by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, and Public Citizen.

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**Westerly Sun: Op-ed: [Big pharma due for blockbuster tax breaks](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 8, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**The Providence American: [Whitehouse, Doggett Call for Action on Tax Haven Bill in Wake of Paradise Papers](#)**

November 19, 2017

The bill has the support of the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Fair Share, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the Main Street Alliance, Oxfam America, Public Citizen, U.S. PIRG, and American Sustainable Business Council.

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**Westerly Sun: Op-ed: [Tax breaks for the wealthy are the priority in Trump budget](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

June 21, 2017

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

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**

Syndicated by American Forum

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**South Carolina**

**The Clinton Chronicle: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's Blockbuster Tax Cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

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

By **Frank Clemente**

April 11, 2017

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## **South Dakota**

**Huron Daily Plainsman: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

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## **Tennessee**

**Winchester Herald Chronicle: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)**

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**Winchester Herald Chronicle: Op-ed: [Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

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[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): \*\*Sen. Bob Corker says he will vote against Senate Republican tax-reform package\*\*](#)

By Michael Collins  
December 1, 2017

A group called **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund** ran 60-second radio ads in Tennessee urging Corker “to keep his promise” and vote against the tax bill. The Democratic National Committee also targeted Corker with robocalls and digital ads urging Tennesseans to call him and demand that he vote against what the group called “this GOP tax scam.”

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[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): \*\*Tax bills raise concerns for older Tennesseans, Medicare funding and all claiming medical deductions\*\*](#)

By Holly Fletcher  
November 28, 2017

The proposed tax reform bills in Congress could negatively impact older Tennesseans as they file taxes, try to access physicians under Medicare or buy individual insurance, advocates for seniors say. .... The tax reform proposals — the House and Senate versions do different things — are concerning to the Council on Aging of Middle Tennessee because of the potential to spur more cuts to programs that serve seniors in an era characterized by a rapidly aging population, said Grace Sutherland Smith, executive director.

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[Johnson City Press \(Johnson City, TN\): \*\*Demonstrators urge Bob Corker to oppose GOP tax bill\*\*](#)

By Brandon Paykamian  
November 28, 2017

A small group of demonstrators gathered outside Sen. Bob Corker’s Jonesborough office Monday, urging him to vote against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. .... With Corker not expressing explicit support or opposition to this bill specifically, Susan Whitlow, an organizer from the Sullivan County Democratic Party, said protesters hoped to persuade the senator to oppose the legislation. .... She said the bill many are calling “tax reform” would be more accurately referred to as a tax cut for the wealthy. .... “This tax bill is immoral, and our senator said that he won’t vote for any tax bill that raises the deficit by one penny. If he means that, he can’t vote for this because it’s going to raise it by a bunch,” she said. “Temporarily, it will cut taxes for the middle class. Permanently, it will only cut taxes for the extremely wealthy and for wealthy corporations. In five years, the middle class and lower class will be paying more in taxes.”

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[Daily News Journal \(Murfreesboro, TN\): Poll: Tennesseans disapprove of congressional tax plan, fear changes won't help middle class](#)

By Dave Boucher  
November 22, 2017

Hart Research Associates generally works with Democratic candidates and causes but has also done work with big business and media. They conduct the monthly NBC News and Wall Street Journal poll.

The left-leaning Institute on Taxes and Economic Policy and **Americans for Tax Fairness** paid for the poll.

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[The Daily Herald \(Columbia, TN\): Health groups criticize tax cuts](#)

By Mike Christen  
November 20, 2017

Tax reform proposals moving through Congress could hurt the health care of millions of Americans and raise costs for families with serious medical needs, several major Tennessee health organizations warned Monday.

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**Johnson City Press (Johnson City, TN): [Tennessee health care advocates oppose GOP tax bill](#)**

By Brandon Paykamian

November 20, 2017

Representatives from more than 20 national health organizations criticized Congress' tax reform bill Friday as a vehicle for "ramming through massive health care cuts it (Congress) could not pass earlier this year" and urged Tennessee's delegation to oppose it.

The main criticism health care advocates and organizations across the state — including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and National Organization for Rare Disorders — lodged against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was its similarity to the failed Graham-Cassidy Bill, which sought to roll back many of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the individual mandate.

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**Lebanon Democrat (Lebanon, TN): [TN health organizations speak out about Senate Tax Bill's impact on Tennessean's health](#)**

By Jacob Smith

November 17, 2017

State representatives from several national organizations, including the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and the National Organization for Rare Disorders, explained how the tax reform bill could impact Tennessee's communities and why they are calling on U.S. Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker to vote against it.

The members, who spoke on a conference call Friday, expressed significant concern with the partial Affordable Care Act repeal, which eliminates the tax imposed by the act's mandate that all Americans have health insurance.

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[WSMV \(Nashville, TN\): Tennessee representatives react to passage of tax plan](#)

November 16, 2017

What Tennessee representatives are saying after the U.S. House of Representatives passed President Trump's tax plan on Thursday.

House Budget Committee Chairman Diane Black (R-Tennessee)

"I am proud the House has acted on modernizing the federal government's outdated and complicated tax system. By passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, we are one step closer to delivering much-needed tax relief for hardworking American families, empowering businesses to create more jobs and simplifying the tax code. I look forward to similar action in the Senate, so we can ultimately get legislation to the president's desk as soon as possible."

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[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): Sen. Lamar Alexander backs GOP plan to repeal Obamacare mandate as part of tax reform](#)

By Michael Collins  
November 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – Sen. Lamar Alexander said Wednesday he supports the Senate GOP's tax-reform bill and has no problem with it including a provision to repeal the Affordable Care Act's mandate that everyone buy health insurance.

Tying repeal of the so-called individual mandate to the tax-reform measure could cost Alexander Democratic support for a separate bipartisan bill that he negotiated with Democratic Sen. Patty Murray to stabilize Obamacare's individual health insurance markets in the short term.

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[Knox News: Tennessee colleges and universities concerned about GOP tax plans](#)

By Rachael Ohm  
November 13, 2017

Colleges and universities in Tennessee are raising concerns about proposed Republican tax plans, which, if passed, could include a tax on the endowments of private colleges and tuition waivers for graduate students.

The proposed changes were presented in a House plan Nov. 2.

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**Hendersonville Standard: [Letter to the Editor: Rep. Diane Black robs the poor and gives to the rich](#)**

By Jordan Banks  
November 9, 2017

On the eve of the GOP unveiling its tax plan, Rep. Diane Black during a CNBC interview this week called the GOP tax plan “a gift to America.” What “America” exactly is she referring to? An America that turns its sick citizens away from emergency rooms? An America that gives huge corporations and the rich (like Rep. Black) tax breaks while refusing to provide healthcare to nearly nine million children?

The America Rep. Black envisions steals healthcare, food, and security from the working class and throws change into the treasure troughs of her fellow plutocrats.

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

By **Frank Clemente**  
June 16, 2017

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

By Lonnie Shephard  
April 8, 2017

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

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

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## Texas

San Angelo Standard-Times: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 23, 2017

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

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Houston Memorial Examiner: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

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

By **Frank Clemente**

December 11, 2017

The biggest losers from the GOP tax plans now before Congress would be the 87 million middle-class families facing higher taxes, plus the 13 million people who would lose their healthcare. The biggest winners? Millionaires and corporations, of course.

Chief among those corporations: America's top drug makers. Pharmaceutical firms will get tens of billions of dollars in tax cuts on their offshore profits alone, while continuing to gouge consumers with ever-higher prices.

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[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.”

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[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**

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[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.

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## Utah

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

By **Frank Clemente**

July 1, 2017

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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.).

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VTDIGGER: Press Release: [Leahy, Sanders Join In Reintroducing a Bill To Simplify Tax Filing](#)

April 12, 2017

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## Virginia

South Boston News & Record: Op-ed: [GOP tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

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**WHSV: [Valley protesters take aim at GOP tax reform bill](#)**

By Johnny Oliver

December 9, 2017

The push by congressional Republicans to reform the United States tax system drew the ire of demonstrators in the valley on Saturday.

In front of the Augusta County Courthouse in Staunton, protesters braved the chilly temperatures and falling snow in an attempt to convince elected leaders, including Rep. Bob Goodlatte, to stop the GOP's bill.

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## Think Progress: [Hundreds of protesters fight the GOP tax bill on Capitol Hill](#)

By Rebekah Entralgo

December 5, 2017

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

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

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## SWVA Today: [Pence visits Abingdon, stumps for Gillespie](#)

By Robert Sorrell

October 18, 2017

**Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund**, said, “There’s no doubt about it, Ed Gillespie and Mike Pence have a lot in common. And when it comes to their tax plans, they are trying to rig the system to put more money into the hands of millionaires and billionaires, while doing nothing to help the middle class and actively hurting services that families rely on, such as public education and healthcare.”

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## Bristol Herald Courier: [Pence: Gillespie will 'never let you down'](#)

By Robert Sorrell

October 15, 2017

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**Blue Virginia: Democratic Party of Virginia Releases New Paper on Devastating Impact of Trump-Pence Policies on Southwest Virginia**

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

By **Frank Clemente**

July 13, 2017

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**The (University of Virginia) Cavalier Daily: Op-ed: [Top 3 reasons Trump must release his tax returns](#)**

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April 13, 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

January 19, 2017

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

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Augusta Free Press: Op-ed: [Abolishing Obamacare rewards wealthy, punishes working families](#)

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## Washington

The Grand Coulee Star: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

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The Spokesman-Review: [About 150 march in Spokane in protest of Republican tax reform plans](#)

By Amy Edelen

December 11, 2017

About 150 protesters gathered Monday afternoon in downtown Spokane to denounce Republican tax reform proposals moving through Congress.

All In For Washington, Greater Spokane Progress and the Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane organized the event. Protesters marched from the Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse to the local office of U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers on Post Street.

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Kitsap Daily News: [Opinion: That 2018 tax cut you've been promised may not happen | As It Turns Out](#)

By Marilyn Olds

November 16, 2017

Groups like Indivisible and others are working against this lethal tax budget. Meet the resistance: #NotOnePenny, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, North Kitsap Indivisible, Public Citizen, Resisterhood.

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## West Virginia

Charleston Gazette-Mail: [Capito votes to proceed on tax reform; Manchin opposes](#)

By Jake Zuckerman  
November 29, 2017

Story includes a photo of demonstrators protesting the GOP tax bill in front of Senator Shelley Moore Capito's Charleston office in the United Bank Building on Virginia Street ahead of a final vote in the U.S. Senate.

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The Journal: [Talking about taxes: Protesters rally against tax reform; legislators offer support](#)

By Tim Cook  
November 22, 2017

Billed as a Candlelight Protest Rally, the event was a protest against the GOP plan to overhaul the federal tax code for the first time in three decades. .... For the various proponents of the tax reform bill, including the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, it would stimulate the economy and create jobs. For opponents of the same bill, such as the West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy and the West Virginia Council of Churches, it would give tax cuts to corporations and the wealthiest individuals that would widen the income gap. .... *"This bill makes no sense,"* Stewart Acuff, a Martinsburg resident and a retired labor organizer with the AFL-CIO, said. *"It only serves to take more and more and more from us and give it to fewer and fewer people. This is not less than a fight to save democracy in America."*

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**[Charleston Gazette-Mail: Advocates worried health programs will pay for tax cuts](#)**

By Erin Beck  
November 21, 2017

Several advocacy groups said Tuesday they worried a Republican plan to alter the country's tax code and cut taxes for corporations would be paid for by cutting health care programs heavily relied upon in West Virginia. .... The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, West Virginia Citizen Action Group and West Virginians for Affordable Health Care — all left-leaning groups — and others held a news conference Tuesday morning at Covenant House in Charleston. .... “That means we’re either going to grow our deficit or we’re going to force spending cuts to vital investments like health care, education and job training,” said Caitlin Cook, spokeswoman for the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. “These tax cuts are not paid for up front. That means low- and middle-income Americans are going to be footing the bill for the permanent changes to the corporate tax code. .... “West Virginia’s Congressional delegation should be working to advance tax policies that actually invest in our working families while ensuring that tax cuts are paid for by closing loopholes and other responsible measures,” Cook said.

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**[WV MetroNews: W.Va. groups oppose tax reform, urge Capito to reject bill](#)**

By Carrie Hodousek  
November 21, 2017

State policy advocates are opposing federal tax reform legislation because they say it would harm middle and working-class West Virginians. .... Several groups joined together at the Covenant House to urge U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) to vote against the Senate’s tax reform bill. .... Among the participating groups: the AFT West Virginia, the NAACP, the AFL-CIO, the West Virginia Council of Churches and the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. .... Caitlin Cook with the WVCBP said there will need to be forced spending cuts to health care, education and job training to make up for the loss. .... The wealthiest five percent of tax payers will get 50 percent of the tax cut in 2019, Cook said. She said the benefits for the rich and big corporations will grow over time under both House and Senate versions.

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**Charleston Gazette-Mail: Op-ed: [GOP tax plans would be disaster for small business](#)**

By Martha Ehlman  
October 22, 2017

Republicans claim their proposed tax cuts will somehow help small business. As a small business owner, I know the opposite is true.

Trump's proposal would slash that top tax rate, which is mostly paid by hedge-fund managers, Wall Street lawyers, real estate moguls (like Trump) and other high rollers.

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**Wisconsin**

**Wisconsin Gazette: [Tax plan for Trump: Trump's benefit from GOP tax plan as much as \\$22 million a year](#)**

By **Americans for Tax Fairness**  
December 23, 2017

Despite his false claim that his tax plan would "cost me a fortune," new analysis by Americans for Tax Fairness shows that Donald Trump will benefit enormously from his tax plan.

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

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**FOX6Now (Milwaukee, WI): [Watch: Rep. Gwen Moore, Mayor Tom Barrett come together to oppose GOP tax plans](#)**

By Katie DeLong  
November 20, 2017

They said plans to eliminate deductions for state income tax, mortgage payments and other expenses will hurt Wisconsinites.

Meanwhile, Barrett complained the GOP bills would lower the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent. He noted Wisconsin lost manufacturing jobs in 2016 despite the elimination of the state's manufacturing and agricultural tax years ago.

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[News/Talk 1510-AM: Citizen Action WI Executive Director Robert Kraig interview on the Devil's Advocates Radio Show](#)

By Bryan Kelly  
November 20, 2017

The Devil's Advocates Radio Show covered a press conference with Citizen Action WI, Rep. Gwen Moore and Mayor Tom Barrett and other local leaders to oppose the GOP tax bills and spoke with Citizen Action WI Executive Director Robert Kraig about the impacts on people in Wisconsin.

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[FOX6Now \(Milwaukee, WI\): Speaker Ryan marches GOP tax bill toward Thursday vote, but Milwaukee realtors aren't sold](#)

By Theo Keith  
November 15, 2017

Opposition to Republican bills that overhaul the U.S. tax code came from Milwaukee realtors and local activists on Wednesday, November 15th, one day before Speaker Paul Ryan scheduled a vote on the House floor.

Separately Wednesday, activists with Citizen Action of Wisconsin gathered in Oak Creek to protest the tax cuts' impact on the federal budget. They speculated that the cuts would trigger mandatory spending cuts, which could affect Medicare.

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[The Capital Times: Column: Republican tax bills would be paradise for plutocrats](#)

By Katrina vanden Heuvel  
November 15, 2017  
Syndicated from the Washington Post

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

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

By Herb Jackson

October 11, 2017

Syndicated from USA Today

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

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

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**[WisPolitics.com: Congressional Progressive Caucus: Members of Congress, advocates to call on Congress to reject the Ryan-McConnell Tax Plan](#)**

By Sayanna Molina

October 3, 2017

WisPolitics.com published a press release from the Congressional Progressive Caucus and allied groups.

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## **INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CLIPS**

**Shanghai Daily News: Op-ed: [Being ill and poor in the US just got more expensive](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

January 8, 2018

Syndicated by American Forum

THE biggest losers from the GOP tax plans would be the 87 million middle class families facing higher taxes, plus the 13 million people who would lose their healthcare. The biggest winners? Millionaires and corporations, of course.

Chief among those corporations: America's top drug makers. Pharmaceutical firms will get tens of billions of dollars in tax cuts on their offshore profits alone, while continuing to gouge consumers with ever-higher prices.

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**Fnews.me: [The 15 richest families could reap \\$300 billion from Republican tax cuts](#)**

December 8, 2017

Syndicated from Daily Kos

Mother Jones spoke with **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group focused on progressive tax reform, about how these changes to the estate tax will benefit the ultra-wealthy, specifically the top 15 richest Americans, as ranked and reported by Forbes. If the exemptions are doubled, each estate would save \$4.4 million for a couple, or \$2.2 million for a single person. And if the tax is repealed, that's where things get interesting: According to numbers crunched by Americans for Tax Fairness, in that scenario, the people who inherit money from this tiny group of people could potentially save more than a whopping \$300 billion combined. And the families of GOP-megadonors Charles and David Koch could collectively save nearly \$39 billion, while the heirs of Republican kingmaker and moneymen Sheldon Adelson could be looking at \$14 billion.

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**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.

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**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.)

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## **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.

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## **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**.

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## **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."

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## **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".

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## **The Independent: Trump tax plan to slash US corporate tax rates, raising job fears here (Ireland)**

By Amanda Becker and Steve Holland  
April 26, 2017  
Syndicated from Reuters

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