

The 2017 Tax Vote Explained

Unjust, Inequitable Tax Policy Will Have Long-Lasting Effects for our Country

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On December 22, 2017 President Trump signed the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” into law. The Republican Tax Law significantly rewrites the tax code to make wide-reaching, regressive changes to our federal tax system, largely benefiting corporations and the highest-income households with little relief for middle and lower-income households. The law also permanently eliminates the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act, hurting the viability of our healthcare system.

The bill was crafted behind closed doors with no input from Democrats, and these major changes did not receive a public hearing in either chamber before passing in various stages in the middle of the night. Republican Congressional leadership put the bill on a fast track to President Trump’s desk from day one. The Republicans who secured its passage were chasing the dream of failed trickle-down economics. It is wrong for our nation.

NETWORK opposed the Republican Tax Law because it violated basic principles of tax fairness and encouraged even greater economic inequality. The bill violated NETWORK’s Principles of Tax Justice, which state that any changes to our tax policy must: make the tax code more progressive, raise revenue to support programs that invest in people and communities, and decrease inequality. The new law fails to do this, in fact, it adds \$1.9 trillion to the federal deficit over ten years, draining the treasury of valuable revenue for human needs programs. Additionally, the tax law’s disproportionate benefits for

businesses, stock holders, homeowners, and the wealthiest will exacerbate the racial wealth gap in our nation.

Since passing the law, President Trump and House Republicans, like Speaker Paul Ryan, have used the increase in the deficit as justification for proposing deep cuts to programs including Medicaid, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, Social Security, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It is clear that the Trump Administration and the Congressional Republicans would like to cut funding for these programs to pay for their tax law.

Despite increased annual corporate profits this year, corporate tax revenue is more than \$100 billion lower than last year because of the law’s corporate tax rate cut. These corporate tax cuts are not trickling down. Nine months since the law went into effect, working families have not received the economic benefit they were promised. 4.4% of workers have a pay hike or bonus connected to the tax law and most increases were a one-time bonus, not a permanent wage increase.

The provisions of the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” put our country on a dangerous path to higher economic inequality and decreased investment in our communities. We must put an end to these policies that enrich those who are already thriving and make changes to help those struggling while generating reasonable revenue for responsible programs.

Congressional Votes on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act by State

See how your Members of Congress voted on last year’s tax law and hold them accountable for their votes!

Alabama

YES: Sen. Shelby (R), Sen. Strange (R), Rep. Byrne (R-01), Rep. Roby (R-02), Rep. Rogers (R-03), Rep. Aderholt (R-04), Rep. Brooks (R-05), Rep. Palmer (R-06)

NO: Rep. Sewell (D-07)

Alaska

YES: Sen. Murkowski (R), Sen. Sullivan (R), Rep. Young (R-AL)

Arizona

YES: Sen. Flake (R), Sen. McCain (R), Rep. McSally (R-02), Rep. Gosar (R-04), Rep. Biggs (R-05), Rep. Schweikert (R-06), Rep. Franks (R-08)

NO: Rep. O’Halloran (D-01), Rep. Grijalva (D-03), Rep. Gallego (D-07), Rep. Sinema (D-09)

Arkansas

YES: Sen. Boozman (R), Sen. Cotton (R), Rep. Crawford (R-01), Rep. Hill (R-02), Rep. Womach (R-03), Rep. Westerman (R-04)

California

YES: Rep. LaMalfa (R-01), Rep. Cook (R-08), Rep. Denham (R-10), Rep. Valadao (R-21), Rep. Nunes (R-22), Rep. McCarthy (R-23), Rep. Knight (R-25), Rep. Royce (R-39), Rep. Calvert (R-42), Rep. Walters (R-45), Rep. Hunter (R-50)

NO: Sen. Feinstein (D), Sen. Harris (D), Rep. Huffman (D-02), Rep. Garamendi (D-03), Rep. McClintock (R-04), Rep. Thompson (D-05), Rep. Matsui (D-06), Rep. Bera (D-07), Rep. McNerney (D-09), Rep. DeSaulnier (D-11), Rep. Pelosi (D-12), Rep. Lee (D-13), Rep. Speier (D-14), Rep. Swalwell (D-15), Rep. Costa (D-16), Rep. Khanna (D-17), Rep. Eshoo (D-18), Rep. Lofgren (D-19), Rep. Panetta (D-20), Rep. Carbajal (D-24), Rep. Brownley (D-26), Rep. Chu (D-27), Rep. Schiff (D-28), Rep. Cárdenas (D-29), Rep. Sherman (D-30), Rep. Aguilar (D-31), Rep. Napolitano (D-32), Rep. Lieu (D-33), Rep. Gomez (D-34), Rep. Torres (D-35), Rep. Ruiz (D-36), Rep. Bass (D-37), Rep. Sánchez (D-38), Rep. Roybal-Allard (D-40), Rep. Takano (D-41), Rep. Waters (D-43), Rep. Barragán (D-44), Rep. Correa (D-46), Rep. Lowenthal (D-47), Rep. Rohrbacher (R-48), Rep. Issa (R-49), Rep. Vargas (D-51), Rep. Peters (D-52), Rep. Davis (D-53)

Colorado

YES: Sen. Gardner (R), Rep. Tipton (R-03), Rep. Buck (R-04), Rep. Lamborn (R-05), Rep. Coffman (R-06)
NO: Sen. Bennet (D), Rep. DeGette (D-01), Rep. Polis (D-02), Rep. Perlmutter (D-07)

Connecticut

NO: Sen. Blumenthal (D), Sen. Murphy (D), Rep. Larson (D-01), Rep. Courtney (D-02), Rep. DeLauro (D-03), Rep. Himes (D-04), Rep. Esty (D-05)

Delaware

NO: Sen. Carper (D), Sen. Coons (D), Rep. Blunt Rochester (D-AL)

Florida

YES: Sen. Rubio (R), Rep. Gaetz (R-01), Rep. Dunn (R-02), Rep. Yoho (R-03), Rep. Rutherford (R-04), Rep. DeSantis (R-06), Rep. Posey (R-08), Rep. Webster (R-11), Rep. Bilirakis (R-12), Rep. Ross (R-15), Rep. Buchanan (R-16), Rep. T. Rooney (R-17), Rep. Mast (R-18), Rep. F. Rooney (R-19), Rep. Diaz-Balart (R-25), Rep. Curbelo (R-26), Rep. Ros-Lehtinen (R-27)

NO: Sen. Nelson (D), Rep. Lawson (D-05), Rep. Murphy (D-07), Rep. Soto (D-09), Rep. Demings (D-10), Rep. Crist (D-13), Rep. Castor (D-14), Rep. Hastings (D-20), Rep. Frankel (D-21), Rep. Deutch (D-22), Rep. Wasserman Schultz (D-23)

Georgia

YES: Sen. Isakson (R), Sen. Perdue (R), Rep. Carter (R-01), Rep. Ferguson (R-03), Rep. Handel (R-06), Rep. Woodall (R-07), Rep. A. Scott (R-08), Rep. Collins (R-09), Rep. Hice (R-10), Rep. Loudermilk (R-11), Rep. Allen (R-12), Rep. Graves (R-14)

NO: Rep. Bishop (D-02), Rep. Johnson (D-04), Rep. Lewis (D-05), Rep. D. Scott (D-13)

Hawaii

NO: Sen. Hirono (D), Sen. Schatz (D), Rep. Hanabusa (D-01), Rep. Gabbard (D-02)

Idaho

YES: Sen. Crapo (R), Sen. Risch (R), Rep. Labrador (R-01), Rep. Simpson (R-02)

Illinois

YES: Rep. Roskam (R-06), Rep. Bost (R-12), Rep. R. Davis (R-13), Rep. Hultgren (R-14), Rep. Shimkus (R-15), Rep. Kinzinger (R-16), Rep. LaHood (R-18)

NO: Sen. Duckworth (D), Sen. Durbin (D), Rep. Rush (D-01), Rep. Kelly (D-02), Rep. Lipinski (D-03), Rep. Gutiérrez (D-04), Rep. Quigley (D-05), Rep. D. Davis (D-07), Rep. Krishnamoorthi (D-08), Rep. Schakowsky (D-09), Rep. Schneider (D-10), Rep. Foster (D-11), Rep. Bustos (D-17)

Indiana

YES: Sen. Young (R), Rep. Walorski (R-02), Rep. Banks (R-03), Rep. Rokita (R-04), Rep. Brooks (R-05), Rep. Messer (R-06), Rep. Bucshon (R-08), Rep. Hollingsworth (R-09)

NO: Sen. Donnelly (D), Rep. Visclosky (D-01), Rep. Carson (D-07)

Iowa

YES: Sen. Ernst (R), Sen. Grassley (R), Rep. Blum (R-01), Rep. Young (R-03), Rep. King (R-04)

NO: Rep. Loebsack (D-02)

Kansas

YES: Sen. Moran (R), Sen. Roberts (R), Rep. Marshall (R-01), Rep. Jenkins (R-02), Rep. Yoder (R-03), Rep. Estes (R-04)

Kentucky

YES: Sen. McConnell (R), Sen. Paul (R), Rep. Comer (R-01), Rep. Guthrie (R-02), Rep. Massie (R-04), Rep. Rogers (R-05), Rep. Barr (R-06)

NO: Rep. Yarmuth (D-03)

Louisiana

YES: Sen. Cassidy (R), Sen. Kennedy (R), Rep. Scalise (R-01), Rep. Higgins (R-03), Rep. Johnson (R-04), Rep. Abraham (R-05), Rep. Graves (R-06)

NO: Rep. Richmond (D-02)

Maine

YES: Sen. Collins (R), Rep. Poliquin (R-02)

NO: Sen. King (I), Rep. Pingree (D-01)

Maryland

YES: Rep. Harris (R-01)

NO: Sen. Cardin (D), Sen. Van Hollen (D), Rep. Ruppertsberger (D-02), Rep. Sarbanes (D-03), Rep. Brown (D-04), Rep. Hoyer (D-05), Rep. Delaney (D-06), Rep. Cummings (D-07), Rep. Raskin (D-08)

Massachusetts

NO: Sen. Markey (D), Sen. Warren (D), Rep. Neal (D-01), Rep. McGovern (D-02), Rep. Tsongas (D-03), Rep. Kennedy III (D-04), Rep. Clark (D-05), Rep. Moulton (D-06), Rep. Capuano (D-07), Rep. Lynch (D-08), Rep. Keating (D-09)

Michigan

YES: Rep. Bergman (R-01), Rep. Huizenga (R-02), Rep. Amash (R-03), Rep. Moolenaar (R-04), Rep. Upton (R-06), Rep. Walberg (R-07), Rep. Bishop (R-08), Rep. Mitchell (R-10), Rep. Trott (R-11)

NO: Sen. Peters (D), Sen. Stabenow (D), Rep. Kildee (D-05), Rep. Levin (D-09), Rep. Dingell (D-12), Rep. Conyers (D-13), Rep. Lawrence (D-14)

Minnesota

YES: Rep. Lewis (R-02), Rep. Paulsen (R-03), Rep. Emmer (R-06)

NO: Sen. Franken (D), Sen. Klobuchar (D), Rep. Walz (D-01), Rep. McCollum (D-04), Rep. Ellison (D-05), Rep. Peterson (D-07), Rep. Nolan (D-08)

Mississippi

YES: Sen. Cochran (R), Sen. Wicker (R), Rep. Kelly (R-01), Rep. Harper (R-03), Rep. Palazzo (R-04)

NO: Rep. Thompson (D-02)

Missouri

YES: Sen. Blunt (R), Rep. Wagner (R-02), Rep. Luetkemeyer (R-03), Rep. Hartzler (R-04), Rep. Graves (R-06), Rep. Long (R-07), Rep. Smith (R-08)

NO: Sen. McCaskill (D), Rep. Clay (D-01), Rep. Cleaver (D-05)

Montana

YES: Sen. Daines (R), Rep. Gianforte (R-AL)

NO: Sen. Tester (D)

Nebraska

YES: Sen. Fischer (R), Sen. Sasse (R), Rep. Fortenberry (R-01), Rep. Bacon (R-02), Rep. Smith (R-03)

Nevada

YES: Sen. Heller (R), Rep. Amodei (R-02)

NO: Sen. Cortez Masto (D), Rep. Titus (D-01), Rep. Rosen (D-03), Rep. Kihuen (D-04)

New Hampshire

NO: Sen. Hassan (D), Sen. Shaheen (D), Rep. Shea-Porter (D-01), Rep. Kuster (D-02)

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New Jersey

YES: Rep. MacArthur (R-03)

NO: Sen. Booker (D), Sen. Menendez (R), Rep. Norcross (D-01), Rep. LoBiondo (R-02), Rep. Smith (R-04), Rep. Gottheimer (D-05), Rep. Pallone (D-06), Rep. Lance (R-07), Rep. Sires (D-08), Rep. Pascrell (D-09), Rep. Payne (D-10), Rep. Frelinghuysen (R-11), Rep. Watson Coleman (D-12)

New Mexico

YES: Rep. Pearce (R-02)

NO: Sen. Heinrich (D), Sen. Udall (D), Rep. Lujan Grisham (D-01), Rep. Luján (D-03)

New York

YES: Rep. Tenney (R-22), Rep. Reed (R-23), Rep. Katko (R-24), Rep. Collins (R-27)

NO: Sen. Gillibrand (D), Sen. Schumer (D), Rep. Zeldin (R-01), Rep. King (R-02), Rep. Suozzi (D-03), Rep. Rice (D-04), Rep. Meeks (D-05), Rep. Meng (D-06), Rep. Velázquez (D-07), Rep. Jeffries (D-08), Rep. Clarke (D-09), Rep. Nadler (D-10), Rep. Donovan (R-11), Rep. Maloney (D-12), Rep. Espaillat (D-13), Rep. Crowley (D-14), Rep. Serrano (D-15), Rep. Engel (D-16), Rep. Lowey (D-17), Rep. Maloney (D-18), Rep. Faso (R-19), Rep. Tonko (D-20), Rep. Stefanik (R-21), Rep. Slaughter (D-25), Rep. Higgins (D-26)

North Carolina

YES: Sen. Burr (R), Sen. Tillis (R), Rep. Holding (R-02), Rep. Foxx (R-05), Rep. Walker (R-06), Rep. Rouzer (R-07), Rep. Hudson (R-08), Rep. Pittenger (R-09), Rep. McHenry (R-10), Rep. Meadows (R-11), Rep. Budd (R-13)

NO: Rep. Butterfield (D-01), Rep. Jones (R-03), Rep. Price (D-04), Rep. Adams (D-12)

North Dakota

YES: Sen. Hoeven (R), Rep. Cramer (R-AL)

NO: Sen. Heitkamp (D)

Ohio

YES: Sen. Portman (R), Rep. Chabot (R-01), Rep. Wenstrup (R-02), Rep. Jordan (R-04), Rep. Latta (R-05), Rep. Johnson (R-06), Rep. Gibbs (R-07), Rep. Davidson (R-08), Rep. Turner (R-10), Rep. Tiberi (R-12), Rep. Joyce (R-14), Rep. Stivers (R-15), Rep. Renacci (R-16)

NO: Sen. Brown (D), Rep. Beatty (D-03), Rep. Kaptur (D-09), Rep. Fudge (D-11), Rep. Ryan (D-13)

Oklahoma

YES: Sen. Inhofe (R), Sen. Lankford (R), Rep. Bridenstine (R-01), Rep. Mullin (R-02), Rep. Lucas (R-03), Rep. Cole (R-04), Rep. Russell (R-05)

Oregon

YES: Rep. Walden (R-02)

NO: Sen. Merkley (D), Sen. Wyden (D), Rep. Bonamici (D-01), Rep. Blumenauer (D-05), Rep. DeFazio (D-03), Rep. Schrader (D-04)

Pennsylvania

YES: Sen. Toomey (R), Rep. Kelly (R-03), Rep. Perry (R-04), Rep. Thompson (R-05), Rep. Costello (R-06), Rep. Meehan (R-07), Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-08), Rep. Shuster (R-09), Rep. Marino (R-10), Rep. Barletta (R-11), Rep. Rothfus (R-12), Rep. Dent (R-15), Rep. Smucker (R-16)

NO: Sen. Casey (D), Rep. Brady (D-01), Rep. Evans (D-02), Rep. Boyle (D-13), Rep. Doyle (D-14), Rep. Cartwright (D-17)

Rhode Island

NO: Sen. Reed (D), Sen. Whitehouse (D), Rep. Cicilline (D-01), Rep. Langevin (D-02)

South Carolina

YES: Sen. Graham (R), Sen. Scott (R), Rep. Sanford (R-01), Rep. Wilson (R-02), Rep. Duncan (R-03), Rep. Gowdy (R-04), Rep. Norman (R-5), Rep. Rice (R-07)

NO: Rep. Clyburn (D-06)

South Dakota

YES: Sen. Rounds (R), Sen. Thune (R), Rep. Noem (R-AL)

Tennessee

YES: Sen. Alexander (R), Rep. Roe (R-01), Rep. Duncan (R-02), Rep. Fleischmann (R-03), Rep. DesJarlais (R-04), Rep. Black (R-06), Rep. Blackburn (R-07), Rep. Kustoff (R-08)

NO: Sen. Corker (R), Rep. Cooper (D-05), Rep. Cohen (D-09)

Texas

YES: Sen. Cornyn (R), Sen. Cruz (R), Rep. Gohmert (R-01), Rep. Poe (R-02), Rep. S. Johnson (R-03), Rep. Ratcliffe (R-04), Rep. Hensarling (R-05), Rep. Barton (R-06), Rep. Culberson (R-07), Rep. Brady (R-08), Rep. McCaul (R-10), Rep. Conaway (R-11), Rep. Granger (R-12), Rep. Thornberry (R-13), Rep. Weber (R-14), Rep. Flores (R-17), Rep. Arrington (R-19), Rep. Smith (R-21), Rep. Olson (R-22), Rep. Hurd (R-23), Rep. Marchant (R-24), Rep. Williams (R-25), Rep. Burgess (R-26), Rep. Farenthold (R-27), Rep. Carter (R-31), Rep. Sessions (R-32), Rep. Babin (R-36)

NO: Rep. A. Green (D-09), Rep. Gonzalez (D-15), Rep. O'Rourke (D-16), Rep. Jackson Lee (D-18), Rep. Castro (D-20), Rep. Cuellar (D-28), Rep. G. Green (D-29), Rep. E.B. Johnson (D-30), Rep. Veasey (D-33), Rep. Vela (D-34), Rep. Doggett (D-35)

Utah

YES: Sen. Hatch (R), Sen. Lee (R), Rep. Bishop (R-01), Rep. Stewart (R-02), Rep. Curtis (R-03), Rep. Love (R-04)

Vermont

NO: Sen. Leahy (D), Sen. Sanders (I), Rep. Welch (D-AL)

Virginia

YES: Rep. Wittman (R-01), Rep. Taylor (R-02), Rep. Garrett (R-05), Rep. Goodlatte (R-06), Rep. Brat (R-07), Rep. Griffith (R-09), Rep. Comstock (R-10)

NO: Sen. Kaine (D), Sen. Warner (D), Rep. Scott (D-03), Rep. McEachin (D-04), Rep. Beyer (D-08), Rep. Connolly (D-11)

Washington

YES: Rep. Herrera Beutler (R-03), Rep. Newhouse (R-04), Rep. McMorris Rodgers (R-05), Rep. Reichert (R-08)

NO: Sen. Cantwell (D), Sen. Murray (D), Rep. DelBene (D-01), Rep. Larsen (D-02), Rep. Kilmer (D-06), Rep. Jayapal (D-07), Rep. Smith (D-09), Rep. Heck (D-10)

West Virginia

YES: Sen. Capito (R), Rep. McKinley (R-01), Rep. Mooney (R-02), Rep. Jenkins (R-03)

NO: Sen. Manchin (D)

Wisconsin

YES: Sen. Johnson (R), Rep. Ryan (R-01), Rep. Sensenbrenner (R-05), Rep. Grothman (R-06), Rep. Duffy (R-07), Rep. Gallagher (R-08)

NO: Sen. Baldwin (D), Rep. Kind (D-03), Rep. Moore (D-04)

Wyoming

YES: Sen. Barrasso (R), Sen. Enzi (R), Rep. Cheney (R-AL)

DID NOT VOTE

Rep. Frederica S. Wilson (D-FL-23), Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA-18), Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI-02)

Votes

Votes listed are those cast for House Vote #637 on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (House Version) and Senate Vote #303 on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Senate Version)