CALL TO ACTION – November 19

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

4 Easy Calls To Stop the GOP Tax Scam

This week we are asking our members to focus on this one, urgent action:

Will you join your fellow Olympia Indivisible Members in committing to calling each day from now through Nov. 27th when the Senate will vote on this terrible bill? Every call made strengthens our Senators resolve to slow this bill down in every way possible so the American People can realize what is happening. We ask for two calls a day, one to Murray and one to Cantwell - our nation needs you now.

Make a plan to devote 5 minutes a day! Are you a morning caller? Noon Caller? Afternoon Caller? After Hours Caller? Put it on your calendar so you will remember to call!

Background:
It is no accident that the GOP will try to ram through their Tax Scam this week while families are busy with holiday gatherings. The more time the public has to realize what is actually in the plan, the less chance they have of pulling off this hurtful, unfair and un-American scheme to change our tax code in their favor. Make no mistake, this is not just a plan to favor the wealthy; it is a political plan to weaken Democrats in Blue States so Republicans can continue to rule with a minority of Americans supporting them.

This well written article helps understand why this bill is so dangerous to democracy:


Here are just a few reasons why every call you make will increase the resolve of our Senators to slow down this train wreck of a bill.

The GOP TAX SCAM WILL…

-Repeal the Individual Health Care Mandate and throw 14 million Americans off health care.

-Weaponize the tax code to favor Republican control. It intentionally favors the GOP while targeting Democrats. Just as the GOP has used gerrymandering to give them an unfair advantage, they are trying to do the same with the tax code. Their bill repeals the Johnson Amendment that has prevented non-profits (like churches) from electioneering and influencing voters. Trump has promised to do this for his ultra-conservative groups. Colleges, students with loans, teachers, labor, and Blue States (like California and New York) are all penalized in this bill.

-Unfairly favor the wealthy, the powerful, and corporations. Over 40% of the tax benefits will go to just 1% of our wealthiest citizens. At a time of incredibly unjust income inequality, this will make it harder and harder for average families to just get by while the wealthy gain more and more advantages. The bill increases the number of loopholes to help the wealthy avoid paying taxes. This bill is the payoff for Republican donors like the Koch brothers.
- Puts our country needlessly at risk. Over a trillion dollars in public debt (borrowed from China) will fund this tax giveaway to the rich. Safety net programs (Medicare, Medicaid) and much more will be reduced with the excuse that we can’t afford them because of our massive debt.

Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636  Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281

**ACTION:**

Monday

**Call because the GOP TAX BILL HURTS FAMILIES**

*Script:* My name is ______ from District 10 and I am calling because the GOP TAX BILL will take HEALTH CARE away from our most vulnerable citizens. Repealing the Individual mandate will throw millions of citizens into a healthcare crisis. I want Senator ______ to do everything possible to slow this bill down.

Tuesday

**Call because the GOP TAX Bill IS UNFAIR**

*Script:* My name is ______ from District 10 and I am calling because the GOP TAX BILL is unfair. The majority of tax cuts will go to the wealthiest and most powerful. I want Senator ______ to slow this bill down so that Americans have time to realize how it hurts our country.

Wednesday

**Call because the GOP TAX SCAM IS RISKY**

*Script:* My name is __________ from District 10 and I am calling because the GOP TAX BILL is incredibly risky to the future of our country. The massive public debt needed to fund this unfair tax code will make it impossible for us to afford the things we actually need in times of natural disaster and to repair our highways and infrastructure. I want Senator ________ to resist this hurtful bill in every way possible.

Thursday

**On this National Day of Thanksgiving, take a moment and be grateful**

for all of the actions and efforts that ordinary citizens have made in the face of this historical attack on our Democracy.

Friday

**Call because the GOP TAX PLAN TARGETS DEMOCRATS**

*Script:* My name is ________________________ from District 10 and I am calling because the GOP TAX BILL purposefully targets Democrats. Blue states, colleges, students, teachers and labor are unfairly singled out and penalized in this unjust tax bill. I want Senator ________ to do everything possible to give us time to resist this cynical and unreasonable rewrite of the tax code for political purposes.

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**READY FOR MORE?**

Read This Week’s Research Report and find other important actions to take this week.

Topics include:

- Tell Trump He Can’t Fire Mueller………………………………………………………………………….. Page 3
- Support Expanded Background Checks for Gun Purchase………………………………… Page 6
- Oppose Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)……………………………… Page 8
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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE TOPICS IN THIS WEEK’S EXCELLENT RESEARCH REPORT: http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/archives.html
Nov.24 Friday (6-8 pm)
Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
Bring your ideas for making America better! Three Magnets Brewery 600 Franklin St. Olympia.

NEW DATE!
December 5 Tuesday 7:00pm
OI Membership December Meeting
What: "Safeguarding Our Elections: Gerrymandering and Trump’s Election Integrity Commission"- presentation by Mary Hall, Thurston County Auditor. Questions and answers at the end.
When: Monday, December 4
Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m., Doors open 6:30 pm
Where: Room 152, Building 1, Thurston County Courthouse, - enter room from west side parking lot.