



SUMMER 2017 CONGRESSIONAL RECESS ISSUE GUIDE

Fighting the Right's Tax Agenda

Background:

While our attention was rightly tuned to the health care debate, the Trump administration and Republican members of Congress teed up some big economic justice assaults that threaten the very same vulnerable communities endangered by ACA repeal. One of them is tax reform, but what President Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, House Speaker Paul Ryan, and others are working on isn't reform at all. They are crafting a giant tax giveaway for corporate America and the top 1%. They want to rob you and your family of basic living standards in order to deliver more big wins for millionaires and billionaires.

What we need in America is real tax reform—tax policies that allow you to not only survive but also thrive and that put fairness back into an economy that's far out of balance, requiring the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share. Once we have that, we can invest in what matters most to the working class—food, housing, jobs, education, health care, and Social Security.

Key Points

- Our current tax system is rigged—we are putting loopholes, wealth, and corporations ahead of community investments, the working class, and Main Street businesses.
- The GOP has pledged to deliver on tax reform, but what they really want to deliver is a giant tax giveaway for millionaires and billionaires like Donald Trump.
- Real tax reform means raising revenue for programs and policies that give all Americans a fair chance to survive and thrive.

What you can do:

- Lobby your members of Congress in person while they are home for recess!
- Write a letter to the editor!
- Raise awareness in your own community and networks!
- Get the word out on social media!

Find resources to help you do all of that and more at
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