



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS AT TOWN HALLS

- **Trump's Tax Cuts:** House Republicans and President Trump are proposing tax cuts of \$3 trillion (House) to \$5 trillion (Trump). These will mostly benefit the wealthy and big corporations. To pay for these tax giveaways, their budgets propose about \$4 trillion in cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and a lot of other critical services. **How will cutting taxes for millionaires and big corporations and paying for them by cutting critical services going to help my family? Will you commit to OPPOSE ANY new tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations to protect funding for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and public education?**
- **Budget Vote in Congress:** Before Congress votes on tax legislation you will first vote on a budget and on a fast-track process known as reconciliation. This will pave the way for Congress to pass a massive tax cut later on that mostly benefits the wealthy and big corporations. This budget will put Medicare, Medicaid, education, and other critical services at great risk of being cut to pay for those tax cuts. **Will you commit to OPPOSE any budget that puts tax cuts on the legislative fast-track known as reconciliation?**
[Note: Reconciliation was the procedure Republicans used to try to repeal the Affordable Care Act; it requires 51 votes in the Senate, rather than the usual 60.]
- **Corporate Taxes:** Corporate profits are at record highs but the amount corporations pay in federal taxes is at record lows. Few corporations pay close to the 35% tax rate. Many of them—like General Electric and Verizon—pay little or nothing because of all the tax loopholes. But President Trump and House Speaker Ryan want to give deep tax cuts to corporations anyway, including to corporations that send jobs and stash profits offshore. **Will you oppose tax cuts for corporations and fight to make sure they pay their fair share of taxes?** [Note: Trump proposes to cut the corporate tax rate from 35% to 15% and Ryan from 35% to 20%]
- **Not One Penny:** At a minimum, Congress should make sure that the wealthy and corporations do not get one more penny in new tax cuts. **Will you oppose any tax plan that results in the wealthy and corporations paying less in taxes than they pay now?**