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Senate GOP Plans to Tax Americans Twice

Eliminating Tax Deductions Hurts All 50 States

President Trump and Senate Republicans' tax proposal threatens to take the state and local tax deduction (SALT) away from over **40 million households**. State and local deductions are not a partisan issue—both red and blue state families use them to save hard-earned money on their federal tax returns. The SALT deduction ensures Americans are not taxed twice on the same income. These deductions include write-offs for state sales, income, and property taxes. By eliminating the deduction, working Americans will face tax hikes costing hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Families across the nation enjoy much needed tax relief from state and local tax deductions. In New Mexico, losing the SALT deduction would cost the average taxpayer a deduction worth more than \$7,000, resulting in a tax hike of nearly \$900.²

Many who use the SALT deduction come from working families. In Ohio, more than 800,000 households making less than \$100,000 claim state deductions. In Alaska, more than one-third of SALT deductions benefit those making less than \$100,000.³ The SALT deduction prevents working families from getting taxed on their earnings twice, putting more money in their pockets to invest in the economy and fuel growth.

The SALT deduction also reduces the cost of home ownership, by allowing for the deduction of property taxes. Removing the deduction would increase the cost of owning a home, which could have a substantial impact on the housing market.⁴ Similar Republican tax proposals have been estimated to cause drops in housing prices of more than 10 percent.

¹ http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/statistics/state-and-local-tax-deduction

² JEC Democratic Staff Calculations based on data from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

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⁴https://realtorparty.realtoractioncenter.com/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=4976&utm_source =rorg&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=tax2017&s_src=website&s_subsrc=rorg; http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-gop-tax-plan-mortgage-deduction-20171103-story.html

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Notes: Income levels are adjusted gross incomes, as reported by IRS. Average deduction for property taxes is comprised of "real estate deduction," and does not include personal property tax deductions. Number of people claiming SALT deduction for each state calculated as the maximum of people taking the income and sales deduction (combined) or property deduction since filers cannot take both the sales and income deduction. Average deduction calculated by dividing total number of people who took deduction by total amount of deduction. Average deduction was calculated for state income and sales taxes, and real estate taxes, respectively. Tax increase based on marginal tax rate of 12%.