October 15, 2017

The Honorable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

United States House of Representatives

The Capitol

Washington, DC

## Re: The President’s and Congress’ Proposed Budget and Tax Legislation

Dear Representative,

Nearly three years ago All Saints Church formalized its long tradition of working for economic and social justice when our vestry adopted an Economic Justice resolution. In that resolution we resolved as a religious community *to oppose economic structures that destroy lives and deplete natural resources for ­financial gain, to reclaim stewardship of the earth on behalf of all creation, and to identify and act on a vision of democratic and spiritual renewal.*

Five months ago we wrote letters to Congress opposing the Trump administration’s then proposed federal budget. It proposed tax cuts for the rich and increased military spending at the expense of vital infra-structure, scientific research, educational, cultural and social service programs serving the middle class, working people, young people, the elderly and the disabled.

The tax and budget legislation now being considered by Congress with the support of the Administration has only gone from bad to worse. **We are opposed to the current legislation that gives huge tax breaks to millionaires and big corporations with 80% of the tax cuts going to the richest 1% and corporations holding profits offshore getting a huge tax cut windfall for the accounting games they have been playing, all of which will be paid for by cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, education, and other critical services.**

Any tax and budget plans you support must meet the following principles:

* The wealthy and big corporations must be required to pay their fair share of taxes. They must not get one penny in new tax cuts.
* Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and services that protect the most vulnerable must not be put at risk of cuts. Congress must raise the revenue needed to fund investments that create millions of new jobs rebuilding roads and bridges, educating our children, expanding health care, researching new medical cures and ensuring a secure retirement for seniors.
* Tax breaks should be eliminated that encourage multinational corporations to shift jobs and profits offshore. Corporations should pay what they owe on current offshore profits. And Congress should not establish new tax rates for overseas earnings that encourage companies to stash money abroad.
* Congress must not use a fast-track, partisan process, known as reconciliation, to pass tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations that lose revenue.

Now more than ever, we need tax reform that advances tax fairness and a federal budget that reflects the needs of all Americans and not just those who can buy influence. We need a budget that promotes an economy that works for all and invests in prosperity for America. As we did five months ago, **we continue to support the FY 2018 Congressional Progressive Caucus Alternative Budget: The People’s Budget**. A budget that includes vital provisions to get America back on track and on the path to prosperity.

Sincerely,

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