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## Ten Ways the Republican Tax Plan Scams American Families So the Rich Can Get Richer

The Republican tax plan is not just a huge giveaway to the wealthy – it is a scam perpetrated by the GOP on millions of American families.

- 1. Raises taxes on millions of middle-class families** — Analysis shows that millions of middle-class families will face tax increases *next year*, and millions more in ten years.
- 2. Corporations get permanent tax cuts, families get question marks** — Corporations get permanent tax cuts worth hundreds of billions of dollars, while a \$300 credit for families disappears after just five years.
- 3. Abandons families that face natural disasters or high medical costs** — The Republican plan abandons families facing a natural disaster or costly medical bills by repealing deductions for casualty losses and medical expenses.
- 4. Increases the costs of student loans** — It eliminates the deduction for student loan interest, impacting 12 million borrowers, and cuts total education assistance by more than \$64 billion.
- 5. Could make your home less valuable** — Experts predict the plan could drive down the value of homes, as deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes become less valuable.

The core of this plan is a massive tax cut for corporations, but that is not the only way that the wealthy win big. Here are some of the ways the rich get even richer:

- 6. Massive tax cuts for corporations** — Wealthy corporations get an immediate, massive tax cut, which results in billions more for wealthy shareholders and rich executives.
- 7. Rich estates do great** — The 5,500 multimillion dollar estates which should pay the estate tax get a huge tax cut right away, and then full repeal in just a few years.
- 8. Huge new tax loophole for passthroughs** — Wealthy passthrough owners get their top tax rate cut by up to one-third, costing more than \$400 billion.
- 9. Millionaires still win big through individual income taxes** — By raising the top income tax bracket by more than half a million dollars and repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), millionaires get a huge cut in individual taxes.
- 10. Protects tax loophole for hedge fund managers** — By protecting the carried interest loophole, many of Wall Street's wealthiest money managers will continue paying a lower tax rate than middle-class families.

**This is just step one of their three-step plan to give to the rich and make American families pay for it:**

- **Step 1:** Cut taxes for the rich, and claim that economic growth will pay for it.
- **Step 2:** Pretend to be shocked when the deficit explodes; insist that the only way to fix it is through more spending cuts.
- **Step 3:** Cut important benefits for American families, like Medicare, Social Security, and education assistance, while doing nothing to make millionaires pay their fair share.