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All - Below is a new action alert from our coalition, Americans Against Double Taxation. With the House and Senate moving very quickly with a new budget resolution that sets the stage for massive federal tax reform, we need our members to take action asap.

The elimination of state and local tax deductions (SALT) is a massive federal revenue grab of \$1.3 trillion. It raises federal taxes on middle class homeowners and harms home values by 10 percent. And it rolls back more than 100 years of fiscal federalism - eroding state and local control.

Right now, House GOP leaders are trying to force a series of compromises that don't change the core facts outlined above.

We're looking for phone calls, social media attention, media attention and coalition letters from counties, cities, schools, realtors and others.

We appreciate any assistance. Thank you.
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ACTION ALERT:
TELL CONGRESS SALT MUST BE PRESERVED – NOT LIMITED, RESTRICTED OR MODIFIED IN ANY WAY

There have been multiple reports this week suggesting that a variety of alternative proposals may be on the table to restrict, limit or modify SALT rather than eliminate it entirely as the "Big Six" first proposed. Our allies in the House have confirmed these reports, and told us these talks are progressing rapidly.

This is the first of several critical crossroads we expect to face, and we need your help to make calls to Congress immediately, urging Members to fully preserve SALT, and reject proposals that undermine this deduction which has been a central tenet of our federalism for over 100 years.

The good news is that the talk of alternatives to eliminating SALT means our voices are being heard by Members of Congress, and they now know there is strong and widespread opposition to taking away SALT. However, we must remain vigilant and fully engaged because so-called compromise proposals can sound reasonable, but they also can be harmful to homeowners, middle class taxpayers, state and local governments and the public services they provide, much like full repeal of SALT.

Please urge the members of your organizations to call their Members of Congress in the next 24-48 hours.

Message

The SALT messages we need to deliver are:

1. We stand firmly for the preservation of the full deduction for state and local taxes, and urge you speak out in favor of SALT and vote against any tax reform plan that eliminates, restricts or modifies this deduction.
2. SALT has been a fixture of the federal tax code and our nation's fiscal federalism for more than 100 years to guard against double taxation of households and protect the fiscal integrity of state and local governments, and it should remain in the tax code without limitation.
3. Any limitations, restrictions or changes to SALT would undermine these fundamental principles of our federalism and create a slippery slope that would subject SALT to continued erosion whenever Washington needs more money – at the expense of 44 million middle class households and homeowners who now claim this deduction.
4. The elimination of SALT is one of the largest sources of revenue in the "Big Six" tax plan, estimated at \$1.3 trillion dollars taken from 44 million households. Thus, any compromise and anything less than preserving the full deduction, is sure to cause millions of taxpayers to pay higher taxes, undermine funding for state and local government and the services they support, and possibly cause home values to decline as well.

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