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Fredric V. Rolando, President

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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than 290,000 active and retired letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), I urge you to oppose the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (H.R. 1) when it comes to the floor for a vote.

Letter carriers are the very middle-class working families that will suffer should this misguided legislation become law. H.R. 1 is designed to bolster the fortunes of the wealthiest Americans through, among others, a repeal of the estate tax, a cut to "pass-through" income taxes, a repeal of the alternative minimum tax, and a whopping fifteen percent reduction in the corporate tax rate, all while failing to close costly loopholes.

Adding more than \$1.5 trillion to the federal deficit over the next decade through tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest 1% is irresponsible, but doing so on the backs of middle class working families while risking essential health care and retirement programs is cruel.

These enormous additions to the deficit could trigger mandatory spending cuts worth \$136 billion in 2018 alone, including \$25 billion in Medicare cuts. As we have learned, tax cuts do not pay for themselves and this staggering deficit increase will need to be addressed eventually, thereby jeopardizing programs our 290,000 members and other federal employees heavily rely on such as the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System, and the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program. Programs relied on by many of your constituents such as Social Security and Medicare would also be at high risk of cuts down the line, should this legislation pass.

This bill will hurt working people through an elimination of deductions for state and local income and sales taxes, deductions for tuition assistance, tuition expenses, and student loan interest, and even deductions school teachers depend on when purchasing classroom supplies not provided for by the administration. Working families should not be forced to bear the burden of H.R. 1's generous handouts to corporations, Wall Street CEO's, and slews of millionaires and billionaires.

If it is your intention to help a majority of Americans, or even a majority of your constituents, I respectfully ask that you oppose this corporate giveaway when it comes to the floor.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fredric V. Rolando". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Fredric V. Rolando
President