Fiscal Policy Task Force

Top 3 legislative issues in 2018:

1) **Tax Reform 2.0.** The task force advocated against legislation to make permanent the individual tax cuts in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that disproportionately benefits the wealthiest segment of society and depletes federal revenue needed for critical disability programs. See [letter](#) to House Ways and Means Committee members, [letter](#) to all House offices, and our [action alert](#).

2) **Balanced Budget Amendment.** The task force opposed legislation that would prohibit total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year. This prohibition would be particularly harmful to beneficiaries of Social Security and Medicare as these programs operate with trust funds that collect and store dedicated payroll contributions, helping to pay for projected population needs in future years. See [letter](#) to all House offices.

3) **2019 House Budget Resolution.** The task force opposed the resolution which proposed significant cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, and many other disability programs. See [statement](#).

Other activities in 2018:

- **President’s FY 2019 Budget.** The task force opposed the President’s Budget which proposed drastic cuts to numerous disability programs, including Medicaid, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act Programs. See task force [statement](#).
- **2018 Continuing Resolution.** The task force opposed a bill that did not provide for parity between defense and nondefense discretionary (NDD) programs, targeted the prevention and public health fund, and included harmful policy riders. See [letter](#) to the Senate.
- **2018 Omnibus Appropriations.** The task force expressed support for the enacted funding bill that rejected the President’s proposed cuts and included increases to early intervention, family caregiver, and other programs. See [statement](#).

Taskforce meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM.


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