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CCD Fiscal Policy Task Force Statement on House Tax Cut Bill

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Washington DC, November 3, 2017 - The Fiscal Policy Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is deeply concerned about the House tax bill released yesterday. The tax bill would gut Federal revenue requiring huge cuts in Medicaid, Medicare and other programs people with disabilities rely on to live independently in the community to give huge tax cuts to millionaires and corporations. Although neither the tax bill nor the budget resolution requires these cuts, deep cuts to these programs will result either now to meet reconciliation deficit targets contained in the concurrent budget resolution or in the future due to increased pressure to rein in the debt and deficit created by the inadequate level of revenue these tax cuts would create.

CCD recently released [principles](#) to guide the consideration of any significant changes to the tax code. Unfortunately, the House bill violates virtually all of CCD's principles, including:

- **Unacceptable Process:** Failing to provide for a transparent bipartisan process, moving forward to consideration without a score from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, failing to hold hearings on the specific proposals contained in the bill, and moving the bill under reconciliation rather than through regular order.
- **Tax Provisions for People with Disabilities:** Eliminating tax provisions important to people with disabilities, such as the medical expense deduction for individuals and the disabled access tax credit for corporations.
- **Making It Impossible to Fund Programs for People with Disabilities:** The tax proposal fails to consider the impact of the tax cuts on the independence and economic security of people with disabilities. Even if the reconciliation bill does not include direct cuts to these programs, it will gut Federal revenue creating enormous pressure to cut Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and all of the discretionary programs providing support to people with disabilities in the future or now to stay within the \$1.5 trillion limit on the increase in the deficit allowed by the reconciliation instructions contained in the FY 2018 budget resolution.

- **Exacerbating Income and Wealth Inequality:** The vast majority of these tax cuts go to corporations and millionaires and will increase the unprecedented level of income and wealth inequality in America.

“The tax cut proposal introduced by the House yesterday disproportionately benefits wealthy individuals and corporations at the expense of the ability of the government to fund the services and supports people with disabilities rely on to live independently in the community,” stated Kim Musheno, CCD Chair. “CCD urges the House to reject this tax bill and work on bipartisan solutions that will address our nation’s priorities without harming people with disabilities.”

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is the nation’s largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the education, self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. For more information visit www.c-c-d.org.