



Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers

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Next, they're coming for your Social Security and Medicare.

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Spokane) and her colleagues are about to vote on a “tax reform” bill that the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office says will mostly benefit corporations and the wealthy, will *raise* taxes on lower-income Americans, and will add an estimated \$1.4 trillion to the budget deficit over the next decade.¹ This tax giveaway will cost more than \$5,700 for every adult in the United States!

Even worse, if this passes, **they plan to cut Social Security and Medicare benefits to help pay for it.**

How do we know? They said so!

Even before their tax giveaway has passed, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Florida) said, “You also have to bring spending under control... The driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare.”²

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) says he wants Republicans to focus in 2018 on reducing spending on “entitlement” programs, including Social Security and Medicare.³

Rep. Kevin Brady (R-Texas), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said that House Republicans will soon turn toward “tackling the entitlements.”⁴



Entitlements. That’s what some politicians call the Social Security and Medicare benefits that you’ve paid for your entire working life. They are planning to cut those essential benefits that you *earned* for your health care and basic necessities. Why? So they can pay for trillion-dollar tax cuts for the wealthy.



It's not too late to stop this.

Any day now, a final vote will happen in the House on this tax giveaway to corporations and the wealthy. **Call Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers TODAY at 202-225-2006 in D.C. and 509-353-2374 in Spokane** and tell her to vote NO on this “tax reform” legislation.

And tell her to keep her HANDS OFF the Social Security and Medicare benefits that you have earned.

1. “Senate GOP tax bill hurts the poor more than originally thought, CBO finds,” *The Washington Post* (11-26-17)
2. “Sen. Rubio tells a secret: After giving a tax cut to the rich, GOP will cut Social Security and Medicare,” *The Los Angeles Times* (11-30-17)
3. “GOP eyes post-tax-cut changes to welfare, Medicare and Social Security,” *The Washington Post* (12-1-17)
4. “Republicans May Use Cuts in Entitlement Programs to Reduce Deficit,” *The New York Times* (11-15-17)

A message from the working men, women and retirees of the following organizations:

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| Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans | American Federation of Teachers, Washington | Teamsters 117 |
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| Retired Public Employees of Washington | Wash. Federation of State Employees/AFSCME | SEIU 1199NW |

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