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Fredric V. Rolando, President

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Dear Representative/Senator,

On behalf of the more than 288,000 active and retired letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), I urge you to vote against the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (H.R. 1) this week.

At a time when we should be rebuilding parts of our country devastated by hurricanes and investing in infrastructure, H.R. 1 lavishes corporations and the wealthy with massive tax cuts. It provides permanent cuts to corporate taxes, slashes estate taxes, and creates massive new loopholes for "pass-through" income that will lead to a new wave of tax avoidance by the rich and powerful.

Despite claims that this tax bill will boost economic growth, it will not pay for itself. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation report released last week, the growth effects of the tax bill will only lower the estimated \$1.4 trillion price tag by \$407 billion dollars, leaving a massive increase in the federal budget deficit.

As we have learned through painful experience, such a staggering deficit increase will need to be addressed eventually. Recklessly increasing the deficit will jeopardize benefits that our members and other federal employees work hard to earn every day, including CSRS and FERS pensions and the FEHBP health insurance program. Should this bill become law, programs your own constituents depend on -- such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid -- will also be at high risk for unfair budget cuts.

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 misguided and ill-considered tax bill when it comes to a vote.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fredric V. Rolando".

Fredric V. Rolando
President