

**End Citizens United Noir—Paulsen Issue Ad Back-Up 1/16/18**

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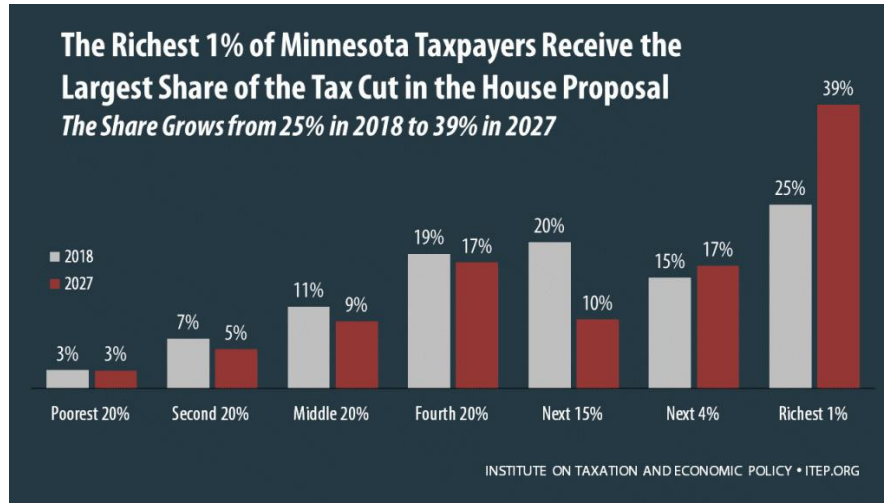
### **TAX POLICY CENTER: HALF THE BENEFITS OF THE HOUSE GOP TAX REFORM BILL WOULD GO TO THE TOP 1 PERCENT BY 2027**

**The Tax Policy Center Found That Half The Benefits Of The House GOP Tax Reform Bill Would Go To The Top 1 Percent By 2027.** “The wealthy get a lot of benefits in the bill. The estate tax, which is paid only when property and other assets worth over \$5.5 million are passed on to heirs, doubles to about \$11 million in 2018 (around \$22 million for couples), meaning a lot fewer people have to pay it. And the estate tax goes away entirely in 2024. The mega-wealthy also would get to keep charitable deductions, a popular way that lowers their tax bills, and they no longer would have to pay the alternative minimum tax (AMT), a safeguard against excessive tax dodging that’s been in place since 1969. Some wealthy business owners would be able to take advantage of the lower pass-through rate as well. Overall, the Tax Policy Center found that half the benefits of the bill go to the top 1 percent by 2027.” [Washington Post, Wonkblog, [11/16/17](#)]

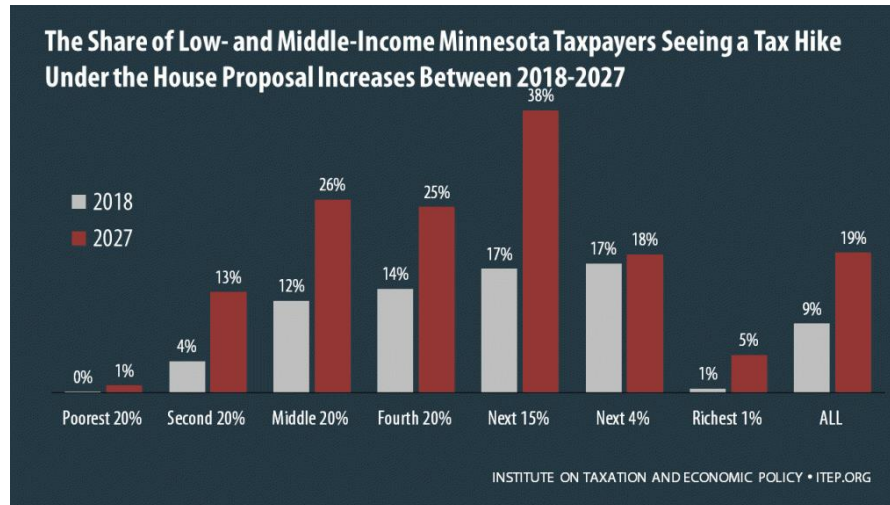
### **ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE BENEFITS FOR THE HOUSE GOP TAX BILL WOULD GO TO BUSINESSES**

**In Total, About Three-Quarters Of The Benefits For The House GOP Tax Bill Would Go To Businesses.** “The price tag for the bill is just over \$1.4 trillion, according to JCT, meaning that amount would be added to the debt if spending cuts are not made (or more revenue raised) in the coming years to offset the cost. Economists believe the tax cuts would generate some additional growth, but not nearly enough to cover the costs. In total, about three-quarters of the benefits go to businesses and the remaining quarter goes to individuals.” [Washington Post, Wonkblog, [11/16/17](#)]

**IN MINNESOTA THE TOP 1% RECEIVED THE MOST BENEFITS WHILE AN INCREASED NUMBER OF LOW- AND MIDDLE-CLASS MINNESOTANS WERE DUE TO SEE A TAX HIKE**



[Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, [11/6/17](#)]



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**VO:** His Big Money supporters called in a favor....  
**GFX:** *Headline: Special Interests Fund Rep. Erik Paulsen*  
**Cite:** *Center for Responsive Politics*

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**PAULSEN'S CAMPAIGNS WERE THE BENEFICIARY OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF AID FROM A COALITION OF GOP SPECIAL INTEREST AND CORPORATE FORCES LEADING THE PUSH FOR TAX REFORM**

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**THE U.S. CHAMBER, KOCH BROTHERS, AND AMERICAN ACTION NETWORK WERE SPECIAL INTERESTS**

**Trump National Campaign Co-Chairman And Policy Adviser Sam Clovis: United States Chamber Of Commerce Was "Incredibly Powerful Special Interest."** "SAM CLOVIS, TRUMP NATIONAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRMAN & POLICY ADVISER: How are you doing, Alisyn? Thanks for having me on [...] CLOVIS: Well, I think the modern populist is one that understands that America is a global player. We are in fact should be the leader in the world on the global stage. In fact, we ought to put American interests first, in doing so, because if we do not put American interests first, what we end up with is what we have. And that's crony capitalism. We have our government picking winners and losers. We have our people that are part of the United States Chamber of Commerce who are incredibly powerful special interest, who fuel and fund reelection campaigns for members of Congress. And this whole notion that they are looking out for the American people is absolutely wrong, because what happens, it raises barriers to entry, it picks winners and losers, allows the trade deals to be written to, in facts, go to the larger corporations." [CNN, New Day, 6/30/16] (VIDEO)

**News And Observer: “Out Of State Special Interests (Does The Phrase ‘Koch Brothers’ Ring A Bell?)” Would Spend More Money On Judicial Elections If They Were Changed To Every Two Years.** “But at least currently, appeals court judges and Superior Court judges serve eight-year terms, with district court judges serving four years. Making all run every two years would mean more money and likely, much of it would come from out of state special interests (does the phrase ‘Koch brothers’ ring a bell?) who have a dream that Republicans could gain control of every branch of government and that Republican judges might be more inclined to enforce the legislation passed by Republican-run legislatures.” [News & Observer, Editorial Board, 10/26/17]

**Star Tribune: Candidate Erik Paulsen Was Aware Of Congressional Leadership Fund But “Candidates Are Banned By Law From Coordinating With Special-Interest Groups” Like CLF.** “CLF field offices tailor their pitches to individual districts, Bliss said. But super PACs don't offer unconditional support. The CLF expects its candidates to take tough votes on issues like health care. Paulsen voted to repeal the Affordable Health Care Act. When Iowa Republican Rep. David Young announced he would vote against the replacement House health care bill, the CLF closed its office in his district. The Paulsen campaign is aware of the CLF's efforts, but candidates are banned by law from coordinating with special-interest groups.” [Star Tribune, 7/28/17]

- **Congressional Leadership Fund Was Formed To Support A Republican Majority In The House And Was The Sister Super PAC To American Action Network.** “Mike Shields, the top aide at the Republican National Committee and a veteran political operative, is leaving the party committee to helm a super PAC dedicated to preserving and expanding the party's House majority. Shields has been appointed president of both the American Action Network, a 501(c)4 organization focused on issue advocacy, and its sister super PAC, the Congressional Leadership Fund.” [Washington Post, [1/28/15](#)]

## **THE U.S. CHAMBER, KOCH NETWORK, AND AMERICAN ACTION NETWORK LED A MULTI-MILLION CAMPAIGN ADVOCATING FOR TAX REFORM**

### **“A COALITION OF SOME OF THE WEALTHIEST FORCES IN CONSERVATIVE POLITICS” LED AN AGGRESSIVE BLITZ TO PUSH GOP LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT TAX REFORM**

**Washington Post: “A Coalition Of Some Of The Wealthiest Forces In Conservative Politics Is Kicking Off A Major TV And Ground Campaign This Month To Drive Momentum For A Historic Tax Overhaul.”** “A coalition of some of the wealthiest forces in conservative politics is kicking off a major TV and ground campaign this month to drive momentum for a historic tax overhaul. The issue is now the GOP's top legislative priority this fall, following the failure to enact an overhaul of the nation's health-care laws.” [Washington Post, [8/11/17](#)]

## **THE U.S. CHAMBER, KOCH NETWORK, AND AAN SPENT MILLIONS ON ADVERTISING AND LOBBYING EFFORTS ADVOCATING FOR TAX REFORM**

### **THE U.S. CHAMBER SPENT \$58 MILLION ON LOBBYING, SPECIFICALLY CITING CORPORATE TAX RATES**

**The U.S. Chamber Spent \$58 Million On Lobbying Through The First Three Quarters Of 2017.** “More than 8,500 companies, municipalities, trade associations and other organizations have reported federal lobbying this year – from less than \$5,000 by the city of Murfreesboro, Tennessee to \$58 million by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the perennial top spender.” [Center for Responsive Politics, OpenSecrets Blog, [10/23/17](#)]

- **MapLight: The Chamber’s Lobbying Came As It Worked To Make Lowering The Corporate Tax Rate A Top Priority.** “Since Trump’s inauguration, the chamber has spent almost \$40 million lobbying the administration, including the White House and the president’s top advisors. The chamber has made lowering the corporate tax rate a top priority. Last month, the organization announced it would evaluate 2018 congressional candidates on their role in passing tax reform legislation. The Trump administration is reportedly pushing to lower the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent or 25 percent.” [MapLight, [8/8/17](#)]

**The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Said It Would Work To Oust Members Of Congress Who Got In The Way Of Rewriting And Modernizing The U.S. Tax Code, Including Supporting Primary Challengers To Sitting Republicans.** “The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is taking a hard-line stance on tax reform, suggesting it will work to oust members of Congress who get in the way of rewriting and modernizing the U.S. tax code. ‘We’re going to hold them accountable about whether or not they help get tax reform across the finish line or whether or not they stood in the way,’ said Neil Bradley, the Chamber’s chief policy officer, in an interview Sunday on C-SPAN’s ‘Newsmakers.’ Asked whether the Chamber would consider supporting primary challengers to sitting Republicans, Bradley said that ‘all options are on the table.’” [Washington Post, [8/28/17](#)]

**U.S. Chamber Of Commerce’s Neil Bradley On What Needed To Be In The GOP Tax Bill: “It’s Corporate Rates, It’s The Pass Through Rates For Individuals, And Frankly, It’s Encouraging More Investment.”** “Ryssdal: Seems to me what you’re saying is, ‘Listen, we’ve got to keep these corporate cuts. We can negotiate on everything else.’ Bradley: We have to keep the fundamental reforms. We have to move towards a system where we no longer are the outlier in the world who taxes businesses on their worldwide income, that we keep the lower rates for small businesses and big businesses. Those are key critical elements of this reform. Ryssdal: So that’s a that’s a long way to say, ‘Yes, you’re right, corporate rates.’ Bradley: Well, it’s corporate rates, it’s the pass through rates for individuals, and frankly, it’s encouraging more investment.” [Northern Public Radio, [11/6/17](#)]

- **Headline: “The US Chamber Of Commerce Won’t Let Go Of Corporate Tax Cuts”** [Northern Public Radio, [11/6/17](#)]

**THE KOCH NETWORK SPENT MILLIONS ON A TAX REFORM LOBBYING CAMPAIGN**

**The Koch Network Said It Spent More Than \$20 Million Promoting The GOP Tax Legislation.** “The Koch-led groups alone spent more than \$20 million promoting the legislation, according to a fact sheet they provided. Republicans on Wednesday said they believe Americans will warm to the legislation over time, as they see changes reflected in their own tax bills.” [Wall Street Journal, [12/21/17](#)]

- **The Koch Network Said Its Campaign In Support Of Tax Reform Included Knocking On More Than 33,000 Doors, Reaching More Than 16 Million People Via Digital Ads Online, And Running 111 Different Digital Campaigns.** “An internal report said the Koch organizations knocked on more than 33,000 doors to tell voters about the tax bill’s potential, reached more than 16 million people via digital ads online and ran 111 different digital campaigns. The cost for Wisconsin alone, where many worried about a defection from Republican Sen. Ron Johnson and the re-election bid next year of Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin, was \$1.6 million.” [TIME, [12/21/17](#)]

**AAN PLANNED TO SPEND UP TO \$50 MILLION SUPPORTING GOP TAX PACKAGE**

**American Action Network Said It Would Spend \$50 Million Promoting The GOP Tax Plan.** “Tens of millions of millions of dollars are likely to be spent by both sides in the tax fight, not to mention the swarm of lobbyists from industry groups expected to descend on Capitol Hill. The conservative American Action Network said it will spend \$50 million promoting the plan, while progressive group have vowed to fund major campaigns against it.” [NBC News, [11/2/17](#)]

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8/30/17	N/A	Mail
9/12/17	\$2,500,000	TV
9/19/17	\$500,000	Digital
9/28/17	N/A	Robocall
10/2/17	N/A	Digital
10/5/17	\$2,000,000	TV
10/11/17	\$500,000	Digital
10/17/17	\$600,000	Digital
10/24/17	\$2,000,000	TV
11/3/17	\$1,000,000	Radio
11/6/17	\$1,000,000	Digital
11/28/17	\$2,500,000	TV & Digital
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,100,000</b>	
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[Analysis of American Action Network Press Releases, May 2017-December 2017]



**AAN'S SISTER ORGANIZATION THREATENED TO TAKE AWAY FIELD SUPPORT FROM CANDIDATES THAT DID NOT VOTE TO THEIR LIKING**

**AAN'S AFFILIATE CLF OPENED A FIELD OFFICE IN PAULSEN'S DISTRICT, AND SAID IT EXPECTED CANDIDATES TO VOTE THEIR WAY OR LOSE THEIR SUPPORT**

**AAN's Sister Organization, Congressional Leadership Fund, Opened Field Office To Campaign For Paulsen, Before Paulsen Or Any Democrats Opened Field Offices.** "The next election is more than 15 months away, but the first campaign field office is already open and buzzing with activity in the politically high-priority Third Congressional District of Minnesota. It wasn't opened by any of the candidates. The Congressional Leadership Fund (CLF), a deep-pocketed national super PAC that has poured millions into Republican races already this year, recently opened a Minnesota outpost at a nondescript strip mall in southwest Bloomington. It's home base for teen volunteers who make calls and knock on doors across the district's suburban neighborhoods, urging voters to send U.S. Rep. Erik Paulsen back for a sixth term next year. Neither Paulsen nor any of the DFLers hoping to unseat him have opened campaign offices in the Third, which encompasses parts of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Edina, Brooklyn Park and other southwestern suburbs." [Star Tribune, 7/28/17]

- **CLF Expected Their Candidates To Vote Their Way On Tough Issues, CLF Closed Its Office In A Representative's District After He Voted Against ACA Repeal.** "CLF field offices tailor their pitches to individual districts, Bliss said. But super PACs don't offer unconditional support. The CLF expects its candidates to take tough votes on issues like health care. Paulsen voted to repeal the Affordable Health Care Act. When Iowa Republican Rep. David Young announced he would vote against the re-placement House health care bill, the CLF closed its office in his district." [Star Tribune, 7/28/17]

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#### **AMERICAN ACTION NETWORK HAD SUPPORTED PAULSEN IN THE PAST**

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<a href="#">\$50,000</a>	<a href="#">\$74,000</a>	<a href="#">\$400,000</a>	<b>\$524,000</b>

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#### **KOCH-BACKED AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY RAN SIX-FIGURE AD URGING PAULSEN TO SUPPORT TAX REFORM**

**Koch-Backed Americans For Prosperity Ran Six-Figure Ad Urging Paulsen To Support Tax Reform.** "Americans for Prosperity, a Koch-backed group, on Thursday announced that it is launching a six-figure advertising effort urging lawmakers to pass tax reform. The effort calls for reform that lowers rates, reduces the number of tax brackets and eliminates preferences for special interests. The first wave of ads will target 18 House members, including Reps. Peter Roskam (R-IL 06), Carlos Curbelo (R-FL 26), and Erik Paulsen (R-MN 03) who are all on the House's tax-writing panel." [Hotline, 6/2/17]

**GFX: Special Interests Fund Rep. Erik Paulsen**

#### **PAULSEN RECEIVED THOUSANDS IN CAREER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SPECIAL INTERESTS**

**Paulsen Received Hundreds Of Thousands In Career Contributions From Special Interest Industries Including Insurance, Securities & Investment, Commercial Banks, And Lobbyists.** Over his career, Rep. Erik Paulsen received contributions from special interest industries, including:

Industry	Total
Insurance	\$1,119,228
Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	\$1,046,829
Securities & Investment	\$803,750
Real Estate	\$520,359
Commercial Banks	\$493,286
Misc Finance	\$387,588
Accountants	\$328,932
Business Services	\$308,350
Republican/Conservative	\$300,740
Lobbyists	\$253,645
Health Services/HMOs	\$222,050

[Center for Responsive Politics, Rep. Erik Paulsen, Top Industries, [2007-2018](#)]

**PAULSEN'S CAMPAIGN AND LEADERSHIP PAC RECEIVED OVER \$70,000 FROM KOCH INDUSTRIES OVER HIS CAREER**

**Paulsen's Campaign Committee And Leadership PAC Received \$74K From Koch Industries Since 2008:**

RECIPIENT	DATE	AMOUNT
Friends of Erik Paulsen	9/30/2017	\$2,000
Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/31/2017	\$2,500
Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/31/2017	\$2,500
ICE PAC	6/28/2016	\$5,000

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		Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/24/2016	\$1,000
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/9/2016	\$500
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/9/2016	\$2,000
		ICE PAC	12/08/2015	\$4,000
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	8/22/2015	\$2,000
		ICE PAC	6/28/2015	\$1,000
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/25/2015	\$2,500
		ICE PAC	6/30/2014	\$5,000
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/5/2014	\$500
		ICE PAC	12/31/2013	\$4,000
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		Friends of Erik Paulsen	9/30/2013	-\$2,000
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		Friends of Erik Paulsen	8/27/2013	\$2,000
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		ICE PAC	6/10/2013	\$1,000
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		Friends of Erik Paulsen	3/3/2013	\$2,500
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		ICE PAC	8/17/12	\$1,500
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	7/31/2012	\$500
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		ICE PAC	6/28/11	\$1,000
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	6/27/2011	\$1,000
		Friends of Erik Paulsen	6/17/2010	\$1,500

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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$74,000</b>

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**PAULSEN RECEIVED OVER \$250,00 FROM LOBBYISTS OVER HIS CAREER**

**Over His Career, Paulsen Received \$253,645 From Lobbyists.** “Candidate: Paulsen, Erik (R-MN); Amount: \$253,645” [Center for Responsive Politics, Lobbyists, Money to Congress, All Cycles, Accessed [1/5/18](#)]

**VO:** ..Cut their taxes...  
**GFX:** PAULSEN ABOARD WITH TAX BILL  
**Cite:** American Action Network Press Releases, May 2017-December 2017; Vote 637, 11.16.17

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10/11/17	\$500,000	Digital
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[Analysis of American Action Network Press Releases, May 2017-December 2017]

**AAN’S SISTER ORGANIZATION THREATENED TO TAKE AWAY FIELD SUPPORT FROM CANDIDATES THAT DID NOT VOTE TO THEIR LIKING**

**AAN'S AFFILIATE CLF OPENED A FIELD OFFICE IN PAULSEN'S DISTRICT, AND SAID IT EXPECTED CANDIDATES TO VOTE THEIR WAY OR LOSE THEIR SUPPORT**

**AAN's Sister Organization, Congressional Leadership Fund, Opened Field Office To Campaign For Paulsen, Before Paulsen Or Any Democrats Opened Field Offices.** "The next election is more than 15 months away, but the first campaign field office is already open and buzzing with activity in the politically high-priority Third Congressional District of Minnesota. It wasn't opened by any of the candidates. The Congressional Leadership Fund (CLF), a deep-pocketed national super PAC that has poured millions into Republican races already this year, recently opened a Minnesota outpost at a nondescript strip mall in southwest Bloomington. It's home base for teen volunteers who make calls and knock on doors across the district's suburban neighborhoods, urging voters to send U.S. Rep. Erik Paulsen back for a sixth term next year. Neither Paulsen nor any of the DFLers hoping to unseat him have opened campaign offices in the Third, which encompasses parts of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Edina, Brooklyn Park and other southwestern suburbs." [Star Tribune, 7/28/17]

- **CLF Expected Their Candidates To Vote Their Way On Tough Issues, CLF Closed Its Office In A Representative's District After He Voted Against ACA Repeal.** "CLF field offices tailor their pitches to individual districts, Bliss said. But super PACs don't offer unconditional support. The CLF expects its candidates to take tough votes on issues like health care. Paulsen voted to repeal the Affordable Health Care Act. When Iowa Republican Rep. David Young announced he would vote against the re-placement House health care bill, the CLF closed its office in his district." [Star Tribune, 7/28/17]

**GFX: PAULSEN ABOARD WITH TAX BILL**

**PAULSEN COSPONSORED AND VOTED FOR THE TAX CUTS & JOBS ACT**

**Paulsen Voted For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In November 2017, Paulsen voted for "Passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production." The bill passed 227-205. [CQ, [11/16/17](#); H.R. 1, Vote 637, [11/16/17](#)]

- **Paulsen Was A Original Cosponsor Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** On November 2, 2017, Paulsen cosponsored: "A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018." [CQ, H.R. 1, Cosponsored [11/2/17](#)]

	<p><b>Paulsen Voted To Adopt The Conference Report On The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act That Would Overhaul The Federal Income Tax System.</b> In December 2017, Paulsen voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for ‘pass-through’ business income through 2025.” The report was adopted by a vote of 227-203. [CQ, <a href="#">12/19/17</a>; H.R.1, Vote 692, <a href="#">12/19/17</a>]</p>
<p><b>VO:</b> Raise taxes on Minnesotans.  <b>GFX:</b> Rep. Eric Paulsen Voted To Raise Taxes For Thousands of Minnesota Families  <b>Cite:</b> Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, 12.19.17</p>	<p><b><u>VO: Raise taxes on Minnesotans. GFX: Rep. Eric Paulsen Voted To Raise Taxes For Thousands of Minnesota Families</u></b></p> <p><b>BILL PAULSEN VOTED FOR COULD RAISE TAXES ON THOUSANDS OF MINNESOTA IN 2027</b></p> <p><b>Paulsen Voted For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.</b> In November 2017, Paulsen voted for “Passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [CQ, <a href="#">11/16/17</a>; H.R. 1, Vote 637, <a href="#">11/16/17</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paulsen Was A Original Cosponsor Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.</b> On November 2, 2017, Paulsen cosponsored: “A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.” [CQ, H.R. 1, Cosponsored <a href="#">11/2/17</a>]</li> <li>• <b>Under The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, 138,720 Minnesotans In The Lowest 20% Income Bracket Were Projected To Receive A Tax Hike In 2027, Compared To 57,850 Seeing No Change And 462,030 Receiving A Tax Cut.</b> [Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, Accessed <a href="#">12/19/17</a>]</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Under The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, 135,490 Minnesotans In The 20-40% Income Bracket Were Projected To Receive A Tax Hike In 2027, Compared To 27,360 Seeing No Change And 459,240 Receiving A Tax Cut.</b> [Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, Accessed <a href="#">12/19/17</a>]</li> <li>• <b>Under The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, 198,730 Minnesotans In The 40-60% Income Bracket Were Projected To Receive A Tax Hike In 2027, Compared To 19,480 Seeing No Change And 390,040 Receiving A Tax Cut.</b> [Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, Accessed <a href="#">12/19/17</a>]</li> <li>• <b>Under The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, 111,410 Minnesotans In The 60-80% Income Bracket Were Projected To Receive A Tax Hike In 2027, Compared To 2,740 Seeing No Change And 472,640 Receiving A Tax Cut.</b> [Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, Accessed <a href="#">12/19/17</a>]</li> <li>• <b>Under The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, 105,900 Minnesotans In The 80-95% Income Bracket Were Projected To Receive A Tax Hike In 2027, Compared To 770 Seeing No Change And 310,820 Receiving A Tax Cut.</b> [Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, Accessed <a href="#">12/19/17</a>]</li> </ul>
<p><b>VO:</b> Tell Erik Paulsen: Stop selling out Minnesotans to Big Money Donors  <b>GFX:</b> Call Rep. Erik Paulsen 202.225.6351  <b>GFX:</b> Tell Paulsen: Stop Selling out Minnesotans  <b>Disclaimer:</b> Paid for by End Citizens United.  <a href="http://www.endcitizensunited.org">www.endcitizensunited.org</a>. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.</p>	