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GOP tax plan hurts Ohioans in all congressional districts

With the Senate set to vote on its version of the GOP tax bill this week, Policy Matters Ohio is releasing an [interactive map](#) that shows how the bill and the likely subsequent spending cuts could affect people living in Ohio.

From the 21,872 households in Rep. David Joyce's district who receive federal aid to help put food on the table, to the 21,010 students in Rep. Mike Turner's district who used Pell Grants to pay for college, the map and accompanying fact sheets highlight some of the people in each Ohio congressional district that could be harmed by the tax bill and budget cuts. Because the Senate bill plans to eliminate the individual mandate to buy health insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), these fact sheets also include data on enrollment in the ACA insurance marketplace.

"These data points show just how much is at risk in many Ohio communities," said Policy Matters Researcher Katie Fallon who compiled the data. "From food aid to tax breaks that help make housing affordable – many Ohioans, including our friends and neighbors, stand to lose something from the changes that will result from this bill."

The Senate could vote on the bill this Thursday or Friday. Then it will go to a conference committee where it must be reconciled with the House bill that passed earlier this month. President Trump urged Congress to pass the tax plan by Christmas, pushing Congress to rush the process. The haste and inattention could lead to bad policies for Ohio and many low and middle income Americans. Both bills add about \$1.5 trillion to the federal deficit over 10 years and lavish tax cuts on the wealthiest Americans and corporations.

"There is still time for Ohioans to tell their representatives to oppose this bill that cuts taxes for the wealthy and corporations at the expense of the rest of us," Fallon said. "The tax scheme would harm thousands of our neighbors who rely on these programs to feed their families, receive health care, and access education. The map and fact sheets give citizens the information they need to rally together and stop this bill."

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