

Dear Minuteman Indivisible Lexington members,

We are asking you to call Governor Charlie Baker to urge his Republican colleagues in the US Senate to stand up against the “Tax Cuts & Jobs” bill that does serious harm to Massachusetts. Details, resources and action items are provided below.

Trump and the Republican members of Congress’ “Tax Cuts & Jobs” bill provides neither long-term tax cuts for 99% of us *nor any* job creation that will *trickle down* to those who need it. It is a *scam*: it is a *giveaway* to corporations and billionaires; it is adding *1.5 trillion dollars* to the deficit over the next ten years in order to give tax cuts to the very people who have already amassed great wealth on the backs of the rest of us.

And the Senate Republican’s version of the bill that is under discussion this week [repeals the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate](#) that makes the current healthcare insurance marketplace viable. Deep tax cuts to line the pockets of their billionaire donors at the expense of students and seniors weren’t enough. Now they want to leave *13 million people uninsured* and raise your health care premiums.

The TrumpTaxScam also [disproportionately harms Massachusetts](#). One way the Senate version does this is by imposing a new [tax on large university endowments](#). This is expected to negatively affect 8 universities in MA, which are among the state’s most important economic engines. The Senate bill will make it even harder for working families to afford college, particularly on top of the House bill’s [repeal of the deduction](#) for interest on student loans and treatment of tuition waivers for graduate students as [taxable income](#). University students form the *engine* of our future state and national economies.

The details of these plans pale in contrast to the overall picture of a massive transfer of wealth away from 99% of our people and the resources of America just to benefit the 1% who don’t need any more!

Please call Governor Baker now and ask him to speak out more forcefully against the Republican “Tax Cuts and Jobs” bill in the Senate. We have put together a call script for you to use. Many other details on

the [TrumpTaxScam](#) are on the [Indivisible](#) and [Minuteman Indivisible](#) websites, but please don't let the details keep you from calling now.

Thank you for all that you do to help preserve critical programs for our fellow citizens.

### **Call Script for Governor Charlie Baker**

**Caller:** Hello! My name is [NAME] and I live in [MA Town]. I'm calling to ask where Governor Baker stands on the Senate's "Tax Cuts and Jobs" bill.

**Staffer:** The Governor has expressed concerns about this bill.

**Caller:** That's good to hear, however, I'd like to ask the Governor to protect the citizens of Massachusetts by speaking out more forcefully against the bill. As you know, the Senate bill, and the one passed earlier by the House, will disproportionately hurt Massachusetts and its citizens. The bill includes a repeal of the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate, which Gov. Baker had previously opposed. The bill will also hit higher education in MA, one of the state's most important economic engines, putting college even further out of reach for working families. In addition, analyses show the bill will raise taxes on working people in Massachusetts just to put more money in the pockets of billionaires and corporations.

Can we count on Governor Baker to take a forceful stand against these bills to protect the citizens of Massachusetts?

**Staffer:** I can convey your concern to Governor Baker.

**Caller:** Please do that and get back to me. Here is my [email or telephone number].

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