**GOP ALERT!**

**The GOP is planning to throw taxpayers to the wolves!**

**Please let them know that we insist they protect us!**

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**My fellow Constitutional patriots,**

**This is primarily to alert you to the impending suicidal GOP proposal, and to ask you to let your GOP contacts know that we insist that they reverse course.**

**The GOP has recently issued its**[**Blueprint**](http://abetterway.speaker.gov/_assets/pdf/ABetterWay-Tax-PolicyPaper.pdf) **for tax reform that would increase the already lethal level of about 50% of the population that pays zero Income Tax, and zero or only partial SS/Medicare "tax" (after offset by Refundable Tax Credits, or "RTC's").**

**Many people actually receive tax refunds that are attributable solely to RTC's that exceed all Income Tax and SS/Medicare "tax" liability (i.e., "tax welfare").**

**The Blueprint increases the non-taxpaying group, primarily by nearly doubling the Standard Deduction. Noted economist**[**Daniel J. Mitchell**](https://danieljmitchell.wordpress.com/2011/06/22/i-fantasize-about-a-world-with-no-income-tax-but/)**also warns of the danger of increasing the number of non-taxpayers.**

**We must insist that Congress instead begin to reverse this disturbing progression that has been taking place for many years, or else taxpayers will become an absolute and helpless minority that will be slaughtered. See the link to my more detailed comments on the Blueprint in the Alert on the home page of my website,**[**sceldridge.wix.com/sceldridge**](sceldridge.wix.com/sceldridge)

**Based upon a brief review of the GOP's "Better Way" proposal and conversations with the office of a GOP US Rep., the GOP apparently believes that;**

* **The Constitution is outdated, but is a “living, breathing document” that we can interpret in any way we like**
* **The Constitution’s ”General Welfare” clause allows the federal governmentt to conduct unlimited wealth redistribution**
* **We must “incentivize” the poor to work via zero or negative taxes, but not via phasing down welfare which would make work more attractive and mandatory**
* **We must provide additional “incentives” to "induce" the poor to work, (perhaps only a partial welfare reduction for work), instead of "no work, no welfare"**
* **Such incentives will magically protect the helpless taxpaying minority - they will not**
* **We must reduce *only* SS/Medicare benefits (for which we paid, in part), but we must not reduce welfare's attractiveness compared to work**
* **“If you don’t work, you don’t eat” is not politically acceptable (to Congress) as an incentive for the poor to help themselves**
* **Congress cannot go back to 1990's welfare reforms (which worked to reduce welfare rolls) and add further reforms to protect taxpayers**
* **Congress must feed the poor, even if the poor refuse to work**
* **The GOP must compromise (with its own GOP Progressives), even if that leads to the slaughter of the taxpaying minority**
* **The GOP will not insist on reversing the Progressive trend and actually decrease the number of non-taxpayers**
* **The GOP needs the Presidency and a supermajority in both the House and Senate before they help us – but somehow DEMS accomplish their agenda without that ????**
* **Congress *alone* understands how to “fix” our problems**
* **The majority popular vote that resulted in the nomination of**

**Donald Trump does *not* represent the public’s extreme frustration with Congress, but "something else”**

* **We taxpayers are stupid and will forever buy the GOP’s lame excuses for their failures and for GOP capitulation to DEMS**

**Please contact your GOP representatives and let them know we insist that they;**

* **Stop decreasing and begin increasing the number of taxpayers, by phasing out Standard Deductions, Personal Exemptions and Refundable Tax Credits, etc.**
* **Decrease welfare (including SS disability, SSI, federal unemployment insurance, food stamps, etc.), making welfare far less attractive than work**
* **Reform (Privatize) SS/Medicare, without means-testing (i.e., without wealth redistribution)**

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**Of secondary importance and not urgent, while the Blueprint thankfully does *not* adopt the FAIRtax (i.e., H. R. 25, the 30% national retail sales tax), its grassroots lobbyists continue to market this Progressive financial scam all over the country.**

**In its latest ploy, FAIRtax lobbyists advise their marketers to avoid the details (wherein the Devil resides) and focus instead on its deceptive sales-hype claims.**

**For a 2 page summary LTE outlining its fatal flaws and why a very flat income tax makes a great deal of sense, see**[**sceldridge.wix.com/sceldridge#!summary-lte-and-supporting-papers/c7dr**](sceldridge.wix.com/sceldridge#!summary-lte-and-supporting-papers/c7dr)

**Let me know if you would like me to make a free SKYPE presentation.**

**Please feel free to share this info with other patriot groups.**

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