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## **Coalition Blasts Roskam Tax Bill Vote as Against the Interests of his District**

**Vote helped Republicans serve corporate interests over citizens**

The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6<sup>th</sup> today denounced Rep. Peter Roskam's vote in favor of budget legislation that clears the way for a tax bill that will add more than \$1.5 trillion to federal deficits over a decade in the name of tax reform.

"This legislation enables Trump's tax bill, which provides great benefits to the wealthiest Americans while providing little to the middle class, to be passed by the Congress with no votes from Democrats," said Elizabeth Hooper, an Executive Committee member of the Coalition. "Roskam sided with President Trump, the Koch Brothers, and his wealthiest contributors against the interest of constituents in the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois."

The bill passed the House 216-212, with 20 Republicans, mainly from New York, New Jersey and California, voting against the legislation. Although Illinois citizens, like residents of those states, will be hit hardest by the elimination of deductions for state and local taxes which Roskam has promoted, no Illinois Republicans joined their coastal colleagues to oppose the measure.

The legislation is scheduled to be formalized next week by the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Tax Policy, which Rep. Roskam chairs. "Rep. Roskam is tone-deaf and has been hijacked by the Kochs and other corporate contributors, whose interests he places ahead of his constituents. We share his desire for fair tax reform and we believe the tax code needs simplification, but the results of the new equation must not be unbalanced in favor of the 1%," said Hooper.

According to the Tax Policy Center, the plan would reduce federal revenues by \$2.4 trillion in its first 10 years and provide the biggest tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans. In the plan's first year, taxpayers on average would receive a tax cut of \$1,570, while those in the top 1 percent would see their taxes decrease on average by about \$130,000 and would receive about 80% of the benefits from changes in the tax code.

The Coalition for a Better IL 6<sup>th</sup>, a network of more than 25 grassroots group operating in Illinois' 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, will protest Roskam's tax reform policies on November 16, at 5:30pm, at the Downers Grove Township Republican Organization's "Reagan Day Dinner" fundraiser in Wheaton at which Roskam is the keynote speaker, and just prior to an expected House vote which President Trump has requested to take place before Thanksgiving.