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***Community Activists to Hold Congressman Roskam Accountable for  
His Dickensian Tax Bill,***

*Tax plan will increase the deficit, cause real harm to middle class  
households,*

WHAT: In the wake of its likely approval, local activists will gather outside a busy Chicagoland shopping district to hold Congressman Peter Roskam accountable for his GOP Tax Scam with a holiday-themed action evoking Dickens' "A Christmas Carol. We will be joined by the Ghost of Christmas Future to show Roskam and Illinoisans what's in store if this tax bill passes. In the spirit of holiday giving", event organizers are asking participants to bring donations for a local homeless shelter/food pantry.,

WHEN: TUESDAY, December 19th, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

WHERE: In front of Starbucks & Target at [791 E Dundee Rd, Palatine, IL 60074-2819](https://www.google.com/maps/place/791+E+Dundee+Rd,+Palatine,+IL+60074-2819),

WHO: The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th and supporting organizations: 6th District of Illinois - Holding Rep Peter Roskam Accountable, Brown Bag Progressives, Citizen Action /Illinois, Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans, Indivisible DuPage, Indivisible Evanston, Indivisible Illinois, IndivisibleNWIL, Planned Parenthood Illinois Action, Resist the 6th, Sixth District Democrats,

Visuals: homemade signs, rewritten holiday carols,

WHY: The GOP leadership has reached an agreement on their tax overhaul bill. Congressman Roskam, in his role on the House Ways and Means Committee, is among the chief architects of the bill and has publicly discredited all opposition to the plan. In a recent appearance before the Senate conference committee", the Congressman said the bill's opponents are "[stuck in a cul-de-sac of envy](#)." Constituents of the 6th district have good reason to be concerned about his tax plan that are based on sound [analysis](#).

For example:

- The bill would repeal the permanently lower the top tax rate for corporations while making tax cuts temporary for the middle class., .

- The bill would repeal the individual mandate in the Affordable Care Act, leaving an estimated 47,000 Illinoisans without health insurance. "
- This bill would add an estimated \$1.46 trillion to the deficit over 10 years according to the Joint Committee on Taxation
- Lawmakers have already said that the tax cuts [will require devastating cuts to Medicare](#) and other health care programs next year, · Lost state and local tax deductions, "may lower property values across Illinois and depress education funding at a time when our state budget can least afford it.
- Note: Speakers from the 6th Congressional District will be available for comment when the tax bill passes. Please contact us for more information.