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GOP tax plan is a scam

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Editor, Casa Grande Dispatch:

I urge every taxpayer to take an unbiased look at the short- and long-term consequences of the GOP tax plan currently under consideration in Congress. I urge you to take off your politically colored lenses and see this plan with objectivity and honest scrutiny.

Virtually every nonpartisan study concludes that this plan will not only blow up the nation's deficit by an additional \$1.5 trillion, but it holds no guarantees of economic gain for America's middle class. Most estimates show that by 2027, the average family might save \$360 per year while the top earners will gain over \$300,000. The idea that as the wealthiest gain even more wealth translates into high-paying jobs has been proven to be myth and lies. A USA Today article cites the plan's losers as: the sick, disaster victims, college students and America's future generations.

What is most likely to happen is that when the deficit begins to dramatically escalate, the GOP will aggressively attack Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. They will put the blame on our seniors, our sick and our neediest. They will cut programs that benefit middle class families to cover their fiscal irresponsibility.

Arizona's current tax policy is already skewed heavily toward corporations and the wealthy — resulting in the slowest-growing economy among all of the Western states. Regressive sales taxes are rising to among the nation's highest, while corporate tax loopholes outgain the state's budget. Arizona's middle class cannot afford yet another tax plan that puts them further behind the economic eight-ball.

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