

## TAX REFORM: WHAT D.C.'S ACTIONS COULD MEAN FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES

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# **TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

- Current state of play in Congress
- Where does the overall Tax Reform plan stand?
- The Specifics:
  - Individual Rates
  - Corporate Rates
  - Mortgage Interest
  - Municipal Bonds
  - State and Local Tax









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## THE PRINCIPLES FROM THE GANG OF SIX



Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin

National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn



House Speaker Paul Ryan

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell



House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady

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Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch





# WHO IS WRITING THE BILL?

- House Ways and Means Committee and House Leadership
- Input sought from rank and file members who are not on committee



• Senate Finance Committee





# THE NEW FILING SYSTEM

### SIMPLE, FAIR "POSTCARD" TAX FILING

1	Wage and compensation income	1	
2	Subtract contributions to specified savings plans	2	
3	Subtract standard deduction OR	3	
4	Subtract mortgage interest benefit	4	
5	Subtract charitable contribution benefit	5	
6	Taxable income	6	
7	Preliminary tax (from tax table)	7	
8	Add tax on investment income	8	
9	Subtract child credit	9	
10	Subtract earned income credit	10	
11	Subtract higher education credit	11	
12	Total tax	12	
13	Subtract taxes withheld	13	
14	Refund due / taxes owed	14	

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## **THE PROPOSED TAX BRACKETS**

## INDIVIDUAL C

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- 25%
- 35%
- 39.6%

## CORPORATE

- Small and Family-Owned: 25%
- Corporate: 20%





## **MORTGAGE INTEREST DEDUCTION**

- Simplifying the tax code to the "file by postcard" system
- The plan from Congress retains the deductions for home mortgaged interest\*



## **MUNICIPAL BOND EXEMPTION**

- The Third Rail
- If Congress gets rid of this they have to have the conversation about how to fund infrastructure





## STATE AND LOCAL TAX

- Chairman Brady and a number of other Republicans initially wanted to do away with the State and Local Tax Deduction
  - This will not pass
- There are a number of Republican Members in traditionally Blue States who have expressed opposition to the proposal
- Compromise is being developed between Chairman Brady, House and Senate Leadership, and the members who have expressed opposition







## TIMELINE

- Legislative Text Released on Thursday, November 2
- Amendments to text made prior to House Way and Means Committee Mark Up
- House Ways and Means Committee Mark Up begins on Monday, November 13
- The House is likely to pass tax reform by the end of the month
- Senate legislative text should be available as early as next week
- Leaving the first few weeks of December for the Conference Committee to meet and negotiate, and then the House and Senate to vote on the passage of the Tax Reform Conference Report
- President signs it by year end







## **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**











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