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CCD Fiscal Policy Task Force Statement on Passage of HR 1 by House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Tax Bill

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Washington DC, November 9, 2017 - The Fiscal Policy Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is disappointed that the House Ways and Means Committee voted along partisan lines to advance HR1, a deeply flawed bill that will gut federal revenue and pave the way for huge cuts in Medicaid, Medicare and other programs people with disabilities rely on to live independently in the community. That the bill does so in order to give tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthiest Americans and corporations and does little to help the economy is simply unconscionable. As we said in our [statement regarding the introduction of HR 1](#), the House bill fails to consider the impact the bill will have on people with disabilities and repeals tax provisions vitally important to people with disabilities, such as the medical expense deduction, the disabled access tax credit, and the work opportunity tax credit.

The Task Force is pleased to see that the Senate has decided not to repeal the medical expense deduction that assists approximately 9 million Americans with high medical expenses to meet their needs. However, since only a summary of the Senate bill has been released, CCD is concerned that the Senate bill will contain other provisions that will hurt people with disabilities, pave the way for huge cuts in the programs and services and support people with disabilities rely on, and violate [CCD's principles for tax reform](#).

“The tax cut bill passed by the House Ways and Means Committee today is just as bad as when it was introduced. It disproportionately benefits wealthy individuals and corporations at the expense of the ability of the government to fund the services and supports people with disabilities rely on to live independently in the community,” stated Kim Musheno, CCD Chair. “CCD urges the full House to reject H.R. 1 and work on bipartisan solutions that will address our nation’s priorities without harming people with disabilities.”

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is the nation’s largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the education, self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. For more information visit www.c-c-d.org.