



Advocacy**ALERT** FOR n4a MEMBERS & ALLIES

Deficit-Boosting Tax Cuts Put Aging Programs At Risk Reach Out to Congress with Your Concerns NOW

November 17, 2017

Yesterday, the House of Representatives passed, largely along party lines, a tax reform measure and a Senate Committee finalized that chamber's version of tax cut legislation. Both bills would drive up the federal deficit by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years.

As detailed in [our November 15 statement](#), n4a has grave concerns about the tax reform measures given their effect on the federal deficit at a time when our nation is aging rapidly.

The FY 2018 budget resolution, which passed by both chambers this fall and is the mechanism by which tax cuts are moving so quickly, specifically calls for more than \$2.5 trillion in cuts to Medicaid, Medicare and other aging programs like Older Americans Act—in the name of deficit reduction! Republican leaders in Congress and the White House have indicated that legislation to make those cuts is a primary goal for 2018.

n4a believes we should be finding balanced, responsible solutions to our nation's long-term deficit issues that take into consideration the critical importance of Medicaid, Medicare and other programs that support older adults and caregivers. The tax measures currently speeding through Congress do not meet that standard.

Take Action Now!

Contact your Representatives and Senators. Reach out during the Thanksgiving recess with calls, emails, faxed and/or hand-delivered letters to their district offices—with a tweet at the Member for good measure. *There's no time to take a week off—the Senate may take up its bill the week after Thanksgiving, so we must keep up our advocacy even as we give thanks.*

Use our **talking points** to craft your message! And stay tuned: n4a will release a detailed *Legislative Update* for members on Monday.

Engage Your Grassroots Networks and Stakeholders. Use **n4a's template grassroots alert** to help frame your message, and add any other information that you think will help your appeal resonate locally. Remember to fill in details about how aging programs benefit seniors and caregivers in your community.

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