

# Opportunity Wisconsin: Visiting district office, constituents call on Congressman Van Orden to reject GOP tax plan

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LA CROSSE, Wis. – As Congress reconvenes today, Congressman Derrick Van Orden’s constituents have delivered a message asking him to reject an extreme Republican tax plan.

Visiting Rep. Van Orden’s office, members of Opportunity Wisconsin’s grassroots coalition delivered a [new political cartoon running in newspapers](#) across the 3rd Congressional District. The framed version of the cartoon is a reminder to Van Orden that his constituents expect him to fight for working families as he returns to Washington D.C. this week.

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Congress is expected to vote in the coming weeks on [a new Republican proposal](#) that expands and extends many portions of the Trump-backed tax bill in 2017, which disproportionately benefited the wealthy and big corporations.

Nonpartisan [budget experts estimate](#) the package will cost nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars over the next decade as a result of massive handouts to the most well-off individuals and big corporations. The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy [estimates](#) that the richest 1 percent of Americans would receive an average windfall of \$16,560 each year – that’s nearly [half the median income](#) of an average Wisconsinite. Meanwhile, the poorest 20 percent of Americans would receive an average savings of only \$40 a year, barely enough for a tank of gas.

## **Opportunity Wisconsin La Crosse Regional Lead Wyatt Elliott:**

“Working families in the 3rd Congressional District can’t get left behind. That’s why rejecting this disastrous proposal should be an easy decision for Congressman Van Orden. It doesn’t make sense that hard-working Wisconsin families will see only \$40 in relief, while we explode the deficit to give massive handouts to big corporations and the wealthiest Americans. Rep. Van Orden should be able to see that and reject this proposal.”