

National Republican Congressional Committee: Wisconsin bartenders praise no tax on tips, Rebecca Cooke calls it “sick”

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President Trump and Congressman Derrick Van Orden delivered massive tax cuts for Wisconsinites which included [no tax on tips](#) for service industry workers.

While hardworking Wisconsinites are [praising the the no tax on policy policy](#), commie Rebecca Cooke has continually bashed the legislation that made this massive win possible.

Commie Cooke went as far to call the legislation, “sick.”

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3 Wisconsin bartenders share how tipped wages are critical to sustaining their careers

“Recycled, two-time loser Rebecca Cooke continues to prove how out of touch she is with western Wisconsin. While Cooke says no to no tax on tips, Wisconsinites will say no to her once again.” – NRCC Spokesman Zach Bannon

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Part of the Trump Administration's One Big Beautiful Bill Act that passed last summer created a new federal income tax deduction for tipped wages up to \$25,000 — a provision often referred to as "no tax on tips."

A bipartisan [bill](#) proposing the same deduction on state income taxes has passed both the Wisconsin Assembly and the Senate. Gov. Tony Evers has said he's "willing to take a look" at signing it into law.

In Wisconsin, the minimum wage for tipped employees is \$2.33 cents per hour. Some establishments pay their workers a higher hourly wage, but tips still represent a significant portion of their income.

At [Commodore Club](#) in Appleton, bartender Ethan Radecki estimates that tips make up well over half of his income.

That creates some fluctuations in his paycheck between slow months and busier times of year that he has to budget for, he told "Wisconsin Today."

"Sometimes, months that you're relying on that money, it just doesn't come in," Radecki said. "There are some unpredictable things that definitely make it weird to balance."

He said he filed his taxes this week and noticed a huge difference in his federal return.

The same is true this tax season for John Coia, head bartender and banquet captain at [The Rooftop at Hotel Goodwin](#) in Beloit.

"I actually over doubled my tax (refund) from last year compared to this year, just federally," Coia told "Wisconsin Today." "I knew it was going to be bigger, but the amount that was bigger was actually really refreshing and good to see."