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## **Key Vote YES on the Conference Report for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, H.R. 1**

On behalf of our activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and senators and ask them to vote YES on the conference report for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, H.R. 1. This final agreement on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provides much-needed relief to taxpayers across the country and to American businesses alike.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowers individual rates for the vast majority of taxpayers. In addition, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act nearly doubles the standard deduction, meaning Americans keep more of their hard-earned money, and doubles the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This bill also provides relief by doubling the exemption amount from the unfair death tax.

Pass-through business owners, who file their taxes on their individual tax return, will be able to take a 20 percent deduction. This lowers the tax burden currently faced by pass-through businesses, which, according to the Tax Foundation, employ 70 million people, and promotes fairness.

America's business community will also see added growth as a result of the policy changes in this bill. The corporate tax rate will be lowered substantially from 35 percent to 21 percent, making American businesses more globally competitive and allowing them the resources they need to innovate and create jobs. It also eliminates confusion and complexity so job creators can focus on building their company and hiring working Americans.

This bill also repeals the harmful ObamaCare individual mandate, a coercive tax on Americans. It's estimated that 80 percent of households subject to this tax earn less than \$50,000 per year. This is an unnecessary hardship being placed on working Americans. The federal government should not punish individuals who cannot afford ObamaCare's costly health insurance plans or decide it is not the best course for them.

For these reasons, I urge you to call your representative and senators and ask them to vote YES on the conference report for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, H.R. 1. FreedomWorks will count the

vote on our 2017 Congressional Scorecard. The scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

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