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Congress Cuts Taxes for the Rich while Slashing Funding for Health Care, Education, Environment, and Veterans

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, today denounced a Republican budget cutting vital services working families rely on so that the Majority can afford its massive tax give-away to the richest Americans.

The budget is being voted on by the House today.

Rep. Slaughter issued the following statement:

"The average American family will save only \$10 a year from these tax cuts - enough to pay for three gallons of gas, if they are lucky. Meanwhile, millionaires are benefiting to the tune of tens of thousands of dollars a year.

"The Republican leadership thinks they can pull a fast one on Americans, but the only thing they are doing is insulting their constituents. The American people know that last week's tax bill was for the benefit of the super-rich. And today, they will watch as Republicans try to pass a budget making massive cuts to health care, education, and veterans' services, among other vital programs.

"Americans see the connection between our colossal deficits and these tax cuts. They know that if Republicans really wanted to save money while helping working families, they wouldn't give the rich the key to the treasury while cutting critical services for the rest of us.

"It's time for the Republican Party to put its money where its mouth is. If they truly want to help working Americans, Republicans should forget about tax cuts for millionaires and focus instead on keeping essential domestic services intact.

"That's what Democrats will do. Our budget maintains all vital programs while achieving fiscal balance in just six years.

"As today's legislation makes clear, Republicans have proven they are incapable of handling our nation's money responsibly. And the American people know it."

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