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Subject: Church Alliance | Tax Reform Update, Conference Advocacy Efforts

Dear Church Alliance and CLWG Members:

We are writing with an update on the state of play on tax reform and another request for your assistance with advocacy outreach.

This week, the House and Senate each passed motions to go to conference, formally beginning the process of reconciling the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. While the formal conference committee process is only just beginning, behind the scenes negotiations have been taking place since the Senate passed its version of the bill late last week in an effort to expedite passage of the final version of the bill. The conference is expected to be short, and the House and Senate could vote on the conference report (which will serve as the final passage votes on the unified version of the legislation) as early as next week.

As tax reform proceeds to conference, we are advocating for a potential amendment to either maintain the current law exclusions for employer-provided moving expense, adoption assistance, and tuition reimbursements, or to limit the impact on clergy by excluding those benefits from SECA taxes. We have been working with key Leadership and tax-writing committee offices, including several other offices that have committed to raising this issue with Leadership. We are also reaching out to the members that have been named to the conference committee to raise awareness.

Thank you again for all of your help with soliciting grassroots outreach from clergy or church leaders in your denominations during our efforts to generate support for our issues during the Senate's consideration of the legislation. We would like to once again ask for your assistance as quickly as possible:

- We need help with grassroots outreach to the Republican House and Senate tax reform conference committee members. Please find attached several draft emails that can be used for outreach. Please find the list of members below. We are looking for clergy or church leaders in these districts/states to send a short email to these offices. Both the senior staffer and issue area staffer can be on the same email. The [attached draft emails](#) are merely drafts; we ask that the clergy or church leaders personalize and customize the drafts to their own context and make any other modifications they would like. For the most part, any responses received will simply thank the individual for passing along the information. In the event that the staffers have questions or request additional information, we are happy to help draft a response that can be used.

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Please let us know if you or any of your colleagues/plan participants are able to reach out. If you have any questions, please contact me or Andy Hendren. Thank you.

All the best,
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