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Educators to protest GOP tax bill outside Rep. Paulsen's office

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 27, 2017 – Educators will protest the tax bill Republicans have passed out of the U.S. House at a rally Wednesday afternoon outside the Eden Prairie offices of U.S. Rep. Erik Paulsen.

Calling the bill a massive tax giveaway to wealthy individuals and corporations at the expense of educators and other working people, Education Minnesota President Denise Specht said, “There’s no question of who the winners and losers are in this bill. The real issue is how long working people will tolerate the politicians who voted for it.”

Educators’ objections to the bill include:

- Removal of a tax deduction for teachers who buy school supplies for their classrooms.
- Elimination of the student loan interest deduction.
- Cutting parts of the state and local tax deduction, or SALT.
- Eliminating the tax on inherited fortunes.
- Raising the cost of home ownership through reduced mortgage-interest deductions.

The U.S. Senate is working on its version of the bill. If it passes the Senate, both bills will be reconciled in conference committee before a final vote.

Educators will rally Wednesday to let Rep. Paulsen know they’re unhappy with this tax bill and willing to hold elected officials accountable if it becomes law.

What: Rally against GOP tax bill

When: 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29

Where: Rep. Erik Paulsen's office (across from Eden Prairie Center)
250 Prairie Center Dr., Eden Prairie

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