

**2017 Tax Reform**  
**Proposed Individual Income Tax Changes - Messina & Associates "Crayola" version**  
**As of November 13, 2017 - Proposed Effective Date January 1, 2018 (unless noted otherwise)**

House Ways and Means Committee	Senate Finance Committee
<u>Individual Income Tax Rates (MFJ/MFS=married filing joint/filing separate; SS=Surviving Spouse; HoH=Head of Household; S=Single)</u>	
12%* (phased out for AGI over \$1M)	10%
25% (begins at \$90K MFJ/SS; \$67.5K HoH;\$45K MFS/S)	12% (begins at \$19,050 MFJ/SS; \$13,600 HoH; \$9,525 MFS/S)
35% (begins at \$260K MFJ/SS; \$200K HoH/S; \$130K MFS)	22.5% (begins at \$77,400 MFJ/SS; \$51,800 HoH; \$38,700 MFS/S)
39.6% (begin at \$1M MFJ/SS; \$500K HoH/MFS/S)	25% (begins at \$120K MFJ; \$60K HoH/ MFS/S)
* original bill has been revised - active business income pass through taxed at 11% (2018-2019); 10% (2020-2021); 9% thereafter on 1st \$75K of income, but phased out at \$150K of taxpayer income.	32.5% (begins at \$290K MFJ/SS; \$170K HoH/S; \$145K MFS)
	35% (begins at \$390K MFJ/SS; \$200K HoH/S; \$195K MFS)
	38.5% (begins at \$1M MFJ/SS; \$500K HoH/S/MFS)
Alternative Minimum Tax would be repealed.	Alternative Minimum Tax would be repealed.
Net Investment Income Tax of 3.8% retained.	Net Investment Income Tax of 3.8% retained.
Capital Gains-20% max tax rate.	Capital Gains-20% max tax rate.
Standard Deductions: \$24,400 (MFJ/SS) \$18,300 (Unmarried with 1 child) \$12,200 (MFS/S)	Standard Deductions: \$24,000 (MFJ/SS) \$18,000 (Unmarried with 1 child) \$12,000 (MFs/S)
Personal Exemptions of \$4,150 per person is repealed.	Personal Exemptions of \$4,150 per person is repealed.
Business income pass through from passive activity plus 30% of active business income taxed at 25% max. (personal services income not eligible for the above)	17.4% of business income taxed at personal level would be exempt from tax; phased out at certain income thresholds. (personal services income not eligible for the above)
Increased child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$1,600	Increased child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$1,650

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Tax credits repealed:

Credit for individuals over 65 or who have retired on disability  
Credit for plug-in electric drive motor vehicles

Education related tax changes:

American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) max is \$2,500  
1st \$2,000 of higher education expenses @ 50%  
Next \$2,000 of higher education expenses @25%  
AOTC eligible for 5 years of post-secondary education  
5th year credit is at 50% of max, with up to \$500 refundable.

Section 529 distributions for elementary and high school  
qualified expenses allowed, up to \$10,000 per year.

Discharge of student loan interest would be non-taxable.

Student loan interest paid would be non-deductible.

Itemized deduction changes:

Mortgage interest deduction allowed for up to \$500K in loans.  
Mortgage interest deduction allowed only for 1 residence.  
Real Estate tax deduction capped at \$10K.  
Charitable deductions 50% limit increased to 60%.  
Medical Expenses would not be allowed.  
State and local income taxes would not be allowed.  
Casualty losses would not be allowed.  
Alimony payments would not be allowed.  
Moving expenses would not be allowed, except for military.  
Tax preparation fees would not be allowed.

Mortgage interest deduction would be retained except for HELOC.

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Casualty losses would not be allowed (Pres declared disaster exc)

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Employee business expenses would not be allowed.

\$500K/\$250K gain on sale of principal residence excluded if used as residence 5 of the previous 8 years, and can only be used once every 5 years. Exclusion phased out at higher income levels.

Estate, Gift and Generation Skipping Transfer (GST) tax changes:  
Base exclusion amount increased to \$11.2M.  
Estate & GST repealed after 2023, while still allowing step-up basis.  
Gift tax annual exclusion would increase to \$15,000  
Gift tax top rate would be 35% in 2024.

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Corporate tax rate would be 20% (flat rate).

Personal service corporations tax rate would be 25%.

100% expensing cost of qualified property acquired after Sept 27, 2017 and before Jan 1, 2023.

Property has to be taxpayers 1st use.

Property used in a real property trade/business would not qualify.

Section 179 small business expense limits (used equipment) increase from \$500K per year to \$5M.

Corporate dividend received deduction is reduced from 80% to 65% and from 70% to 50%.

Expanded use of cash method of accounting for business with gross receipts up to \$25M.

UNICAP rules would not apply for businesses with less than \$25M in gross receipts.

% of completion accounting would not be required for businesses with less than \$25M in gross receipts.

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Section 179 small business expense limits (used equipment) increase from \$500K per year to \$1M. Qualified real property eligible.

Depreciable life on real estate reduced to 25 years.

Increase in annual depreciation limits for passenger automobiles.

Corporate dividend received deduction is reduced from 80% to 65% and from 70% to 50%.

Expanded use of cash method of accounting for business with gross receipts up to \$15M.

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Business interest expense would be limited to 30% of businesses taxable income\*. Excess interest could be carried forward 5 years.

\* = HW&M Chairman proposes that floor plan interest be excluded from the 30% cap.

Net Operating Losses carried back would be eliminated; carry forwards allowed to the extent of 90% of taxable income.

Like kind exchanges would be allowed only for real estate.

Contributions to a businesses capital would be taxable to the extent the amount/FMV of the contribution exceeds the businesses market value of the stock or interest received.

50% deduction for meals and entertainment would only be allowed for food and beverages.

No deduction allowed for any activity or facility considered to be entertainment; membership dues for clubs organized for business, pleasure, entertainment or social purposes.

No deduction would be allowed for any amenity provided to an employee that are primarily personal in nature unless taxed to the employee.

Deduction for local lobbying expenses would be repealed  
Deduction for domestic production activities would be repealed.

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Employer social security tip credit would be allowed only for tips reported above the current minimum wage, rather than \$5.15/hr.  
All restaurants must report tips of no less than 10% of gross receipts.

Business credits repealed:

Credit for clinical testing for certain drugs.

Employer provided child care credit

Rehabilitation credit

Work opportunity credit

New markets tax credit

Credit for expenditures to provide access to disabled individuals.

Many changes for energy credits also proposed.