

# FACT CHECK: Hawley's Out-of-State Billionaire Donors Dump Millions More into Missouri with Misleading Ad on Tax Reform

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>“When Claire McCaskill voted against tax cuts, she voted against Missourians.”</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>	<b>Video 0:30</b> <a href="#">[link]</a>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>3/13/18</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite the ad’s claims, Claire worked hard to reach out across the aisle for a bipartisan compromise on tax reform that would help small businesses create jobs and provide real tax relief for the middle class. She met with President, Jared and Ivanka Trump, and offered amendments during the markup process on the bill but despite big talk from Republicans was rebuffed.</li> <li>• Instead of forging a bipartisan compromise that would provide meaningful and lasting tax relief to the middle class and help small businesses create jobs, the Republican Congress passed a partisan law that was a giveaway to massive corporations and billionaires that could lead to higher taxes for middle-class Americans in a decade while increasing health care costs for millions.</li> <li>• The ad takes Claire’s comments on the tax plan out of context. Her full comment was that, “Working people in Missouri deserve better than to get scraps, while corporations and wealthy business owners make out like bandits.”</li> <li>• Claire has a long record of working with her Republican colleagues on tax reform and job creation, despite the misleading claims contained in this ad.</li> </ul>	
<b>AD CLAIMS</b>	<b>THE FACTS</b>
<p>Ad:</p> <p>Unidentified Woman:</p> <p>“I was at my computer at work and I got an email that stated because of the tax cuts, they were going to be able to give employees \$2,000 bonuses.</p> <p>It’s clearly helping middle-class and everyday working Americans.”</p>	<p><b><u>THE GOP TAX PLAN WAS A BAD DEAL FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS BECAUSE IT WAS DESIGNED FOR THE WEALTHIEST AMERICANS</u></b></p> <p><b>HEADLINE: “Companies Are More Likely To Reward Shareholders Than Invest In Growth, And The Tax Cut For The Rich Will Not Trickle Down, Ratings Agency Forecasts.”</b></p> <p>“The U.S. tax bill signed into law in December will have a limited effect on the U.S. economy, as companies are unlikely to spend their tax savings on growth initiatives while the tax cut for the wealthy will not trickle down. That’s according to Moody’s Investors Service in a FAQ on the credit impact of the tax bill published Thursday, which warns of a number of negative consequences for federal debt, local governments, utilities and homeowners.” [MarketWatch, <a href="#">1/31/18</a>]</p> <p><b>Moody’s Warned Of “A Number Of Negative Consequences” From The GOP Tax Plan.</b> “The U.S. tax bill signed into law in December will have a limited effect on the U.S. economy, as companies are unlikely to spend their tax savings on growth initiatives while the tax cut for the wealthy will not trickle down. That’s according to Moody’s Investors Service in a FAQ on the</p>

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**NPR: The GOP Tax Plan “Would By Far Benefit The Richest Americans The Most.”** “The Republican tax bill, which Congress sent to President Trump on Wednesday, would give most Americans a tax cut next year, according to a new analysis. However, it would by far benefit the richest Americans the most. Meanwhile, many lower- and middle-class Americans would have higher taxes a decade from now ... unless a future Congress extends the cuts.” [NPR, [12/19/17](#)]

**Moody’s Found More Than Three-Quarters Of The \$1.1 Trillion In Tax Cuts Will Go To People Who Earn More Than \$200,000 A Year.** “More than three-quarters of the \$1.1 trillion in individual tax cuts will go to people who earn more than \$200,000 a year in taxable income, who constitute only about 5% of all taxpayers, said Karnovitz. The tax bill will significantly reduce the tax intake of the federal government in the next 10 years in the scope of 1% of GDP on average, Moody’s estimates.” [MarketWatch, [1/31/18](#)]

**Final GOP Tax Plan Lowered The Top Tax Rate For Top Earners, Amounting A “Significant Tax Break For The Wealthy.”** “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

**Final GOP Tax Bill Doubled The Exemption For The Estate Tax To \$11 Million For Individuals, \$22 Million For Married Couples.** “You can pass your heirs up to \$22 million tax-free: In the end, the estate tax (often called the “death tax” by opponents) would remain part of the U.S. tax code, but far fewer families will pay it. Under current law, Americans can pass on up to \$5.5 million tax-free (that threshold is \$11 million for married couples). The House wanted to do away with the estate tax entirely, but some senators felt that was [too much of a giveaway to the mega-rich](#). The final compromise was to double the threshold, so now the first \$11 million that people pass on to their heirs in property, stocks and other assets won't be taxed (and yes, that means \$22 million for married couples).” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **CNN Money: Doubling The Exemption For The State Tax “Essentially Eliminates It.”** “But it essentially eliminates it for all but the smallest number of people by doubling the amount of money exempt from the estate tax -- currently set at \$5.49 million for individuals, and \$10.98 million for married couples. Even at today's levels, only 0.2% of all estates ever end up being subject to the estate tax.” [CNN Money, [12/17/17](#)]

### **THE GOP TAX PLAN WILL INCREASE TAXES FOR MIDDLE CLASS AMERICANS**

**JCT: Senate Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes On Families Earning Less Than \$75,000 By 2027.** “The tax bill Senate Republicans are championing would give large tax cuts to the rich while raising taxes on American families earning \$10,000 to \$75,000 over the next decade, according to a report released Thursday by the Joint Committee on Taxation, Congress’s official nonpartisan analysts.” [Washington Post, [11/16/17](#)]

**Headline: Senate GOP Tax Bill Hurts The Poor More Than Originally Thought.** [Washington Post, [11/26/17](#)]

**CBO Found Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes On Those Earning Less Than \$75K By 2027.** “Republicans are aiming to have the full Senate vote on the tax plan [as early as this week](#), but the new CBO analysis showing large, harmful effects on the poor may complicate those plans. By 2019, Americans earning less than \$30,000 a year would be worse off under the Senate bill, CBO found. By 2021, Americans earning \$40,000 or less would be net losers, and by 2027, most people earning less than \$75,000 a year would be worse off.” [Washington Post, [11/26/17](#)]

**Headline: Senate Plan Could Increase Taxes On Some Middle-Class Workers.** [New York Times, [11/10/17](#)]

**McConnell Admitted Republican Tax Plan Might Result In A Tax Hike For Some Working Americans.** “Mitch McConnell, the Senate majority leader, acknowledged on Friday that the Republican tax plan might result in a tax hike for some working Americans, saying he “misspoke” days earlier when he said that “nobody in the middle class is going to get a tax increase” under the Senate bill “I misspoke on that,” Mr. McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said in an interview on Friday with The New York Times.” [New York Times, [11/10/17](#)]

**New York Times: Senate Bill Would “Raise Taxes On Millions Of Middle-Class Families.”** “The Senate bill unveiled on Thursday would raise taxes on millions of middle-class families, according to a preliminary New York Times analysis.

The plan would also disproportionately benefit high earners and corporations.” [New York Times, [11/10/17](#)]

**NPR: “Many Lower- And Middle-Class Americans Would Have Higher Taxes A Decade From Now Unless A Future Congress Extends The Cuts.”** “The Republican tax bill, which Congress sent to President Trump on Wednesday, would give most Americans a tax cut next year, according to a new analysis. However, it would by far benefit the richest Americans the most. Meanwhile, many lower- and middle-class Americans would have higher taxes a decade from now ... unless a future Congress extends the cuts.” [NPR, [12/19/17](#)]

**Under GOP Plan, Nearly Half Of All Middle-Class Families Would End Up Paying More Taxes.** “Nearly half of all middle-class families would pay more in taxes in 2026 than they would under current rules if the proposed House tax bill became law, and about one-third would pay more in 2018, according to a New York Times analysis, a striking finding for a bill promoted as a middle-class tax cut. [...] By 2026, 45 percent of middle-class families would pay more than what they would under the existing tax system.” [New York Times, [11/6/17](#)]

**New York Times: Under GOP Tax Plan, “Millions Of Middle-Class Families, Particularly Those With Children,” Would See “An Immediate Tax Increase, Averaging About \$2,000.”** “President Trump and congressional Republicans have pitched the plan unveiled last week as a tax cut for most Americans. But millions of middle-class families — particularly those with children — would see an immediate tax increase, averaging about \$2,000. Among the hardest-hit under the plan would be some of the most vulnerable taxpayers: those with huge out-of-pocket medical expenses.” [New York Times, [11/6/17](#)]

**Joint Committee On Taxation Found GOP Bill Would Raise Taxes For Nearly One-Fourth Of People Making Between \$50,000 To \$75,000.** “Republicans have argued that their tax bill would not negatively affect the middle class. But the JCT analysis found that a sizeable chunk, 23.7% of people making \$50,000 to \$75,000, would see an increase to their tax bills in 10 years.” [Business Insider, [11/7/17](#)]

**Headline: One-Third Of Middle Class Families Could End Up Paying More Under The GOP Tax Plan, Experts Say.** [Time, [11/3/17](#)]

### **THE GOP TAX PLAN HURTS MIDDLE CLASS HOMEOWNERS**

**Headline: GOP Tax Reform Will Mean Tax Hike On Middle-Class Homeowners.** [Brown, Fox Business, [11/3/17](#)]

**National Association Of Realtors President: GOP Tax Bill “Misses The Mark” When It Comes To Supporting Middleclass Homeowners.** “When it comes to supporting middleclass homeowners, the tax reform bill released in Congress misses the mark, plain and simple.” [Brown, Fox Business, [11/3/17](#)]

**National Association Of Realtors President: GOP Tax Bill Means “Less Incentive To Buy A Home, Fewer Protections In a Home Sale And Higher Taxes For Middle-Class Homeowners.”** “What we’re left with is an outright assault on homeownership in America: less incentive to buy a home, fewer protections in a home sale, and higher taxes for middle-class homeowners.” [Brown, Fox Business, [11/3/17](#)]

**Headline: Republican Tax Cuts Could Put Homeowners Underwater.** “A Republican proposal to limit the tax deduction for mortgage interest would cost middle-class urban homeowners thousands of dollars every year and could destabilize the housing market.” [Newsweek, [11/2/17](#)]

**Headline: Homeowners Would Lose Key Tax Breaks Under Republican Tax Plan.** [USA Today, [11/3/17](#)]

**Headline: GOP Tax Proposal Contains Major Headaches For Homeowners.** [Washington Post, [11/8/17](#)]

### **THE GOP TAX PLAN HURTS SMALL BUSINESSES**

**CNN Money: “Owners Of Mom-And-Pop Shops Worry The Tax Bill Doesn’t Fix A System They Feel Already Favors Big Business.”** “Owners of mom-and-pop shops worry the tax bill doesn't fix a system they feel already favors big business. The National Federation of Independent Business, which represents 325,000 small businesses in the U.S., wasted little time saying it can't support the tax legislation "in its current form." ‘This bill leaves too many small businesses behind,’ Juanita Duggan, the groups' president and CEO, said in a statement.” [CNN Money, [11/3/17](#)]

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**Small Business Majority CEO: GOP Tax Plan Would “Primarily Help Wealthy Individuals Rather Than Small Businesses.”** “Most small businesses are set up as "pass-throughs," meaning their profits are passed through to the owners, shareholders and partners, who pay tax on them through their personal returns. The GOP tax bill slashes the pass-through tax rate to 25%. However, small business owners fear this won't help the vast majority of them because most already pay taxes at a 25% rate or less.’ This proposal would primarily help wealthy individuals rather than small businesses,’ according to John Arensmeyer, CEO of the Small Business Majority, another advocacy group.” [CNN Money, [11/3/17](#)]

**THE GOP TAX PLAN INCREASES THE COST OF HEALTHCARE FOR MIDDLE CLASS AMERICANS**

**Sen. McCaskill: “If Your Insurance Premium Goes Up Because Of What They Did On Healthcare In The Tax Bill... That Bonus Won’t Go Very Far.”** “Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., in a pre-speech conference call with Missouri reporters, downplayed the importance of announcements of companies paying bonuses or higher wages because of the tax bills. She argued that the elimination of the individual mandate for health coverage that was also in the tax bill could drive up costs of healthcare beyond the increased compensation. "If your insurance premium goes up because of what they did on health care in the tax bill.... that bonus doesn't go very far," McCaskill said.” [STL Post Dispatch, [1/30/18](#)]

**CBO Found Under Senate GOP Tax Plan, 13 Million Less People Would Have Insurance.** “The CBO also estimates that with the removal of Obamacare's individual mandate that is included in the bill, which taxes individuals who opt out of purchasing insurance, ‘nongroup insurance markets would continue to be stable in almost all areas of the country’ over the next 10 years. However, ‘average premiums in the nongroup market would increase by about 10% in most years of the decade ... relative to the CBO's baseline projected. In other words, premiums in both 2019 and 2027 would be about 10% higher than is projected in the baseline.’ In addition, the report estimates ‘(t)he number of people with health insurance would decrease by 4 million in 2019 and 13 million in 2027.’” [CNN, [11/27/17](#)]

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<p>Ad:</p> <p>On-Screen Graphic:</p> <p>“Claire McCaskill Called The Benefits Of The Tax Reform ‘Scraps’” [11/16/17]</p> <p>When I heard Claire McCaskill describe the tax cuts as scraps, I think it’s disrespectful.</p>	<p><b><u>MCCASKILL EXPLAINED SHE WAS DESCRIBING THE DISPROPORTIONATE GAINS THE TAX BILL HAS GIVEN TO CORPORATE BOTTOM LINES</u></b></p> <p><b>McCaskill: “The Pharmaceutical Industry Has Given \$50 Billion To Its Shareholders And Not Lowered The Price Of One Prescription Drug, And When People Hear That I Think They Understand The Point I Was Trying To Make.”</b></p> <p>“Boeing pledged to pass on savings from the tax cuts by setting aside an additional \$100 million for corporate giving, \$100 million for workforce development and \$100 million to create ‘workplace of the future’ facilities for Boeing employees. Ms. McCaskill stood by her assessment that the tax cut benefits for workers were ‘scraps.’ ‘The pharmaceutical industry has given \$50 billion to its shareholders and not lowered the price of one prescription drug, and when people hear that I think they understand the point I was trying to make,’ she said.” [Washington Times, <a href="#">3/13/18</a>]</p> <p><b>In The Full Context Of Her Comments, McCaskill Said, “I Wanted To Support Real Tax Reform. This Isn’t It—This Is A Bad Deal For Missouri’s Families.”</b> “‘I wanted to support real tax reform. This isn’t it — this is a bad deal for Missouri families,’ McCaskill said in a statement after her vote. ‘Working people in Missouri deserve better than to get scraps, while corporations and wealthy business owners make out like bandits.’ [Kansas City Star, <a href="#">11/17/17</a>]</p> <p><b>McCaskill’s “Scraps” Quote Is Taken Out Of Context And She Actually Said She Didn’t Want Working People To Get Scraps “While Corporations And Wealthy Business Owners Make Out Like Bandits.”</b> “‘I wanted to support real tax reform. This isn’t it — this is a bad deal for Missouri families,’ McCaskill said in a statement after her vote. ‘Working people in Missouri deserve better than to get scraps, while corporations and wealthy business owners make out like bandits.’ [Kansas City Star, <a href="#">11/17/17</a>]</p> <p><b><u>AT HER TOWN HALLS, MCCASKILL EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH TRUMP ON TAX SIMPLIFICATION THAT HELPED THE MIDDLE CLASS</u></b></p> <p><b>McCaskill: “This Is An Area On Which I’m Optimistic President Trump And I Will Find Common Ground. I’ve</b></p>

**Talked In A Lot Of My Town Halls About My Support For Simplifying The Tax Code By Cleaning Out Loopholes And Goodies For Special Interests, And Lowering The Corporate Tax Rate.** “Last week, when Trump’s visit to Missouri was announced, McCaskill voiced support for working with the president on tax reform. ‘This is an area on which I’m optimistic President Trump and I will find common ground,’ she said in a prepared statement. ‘I’ve talked in a lot of my town halls about my support for simplifying the tax code by cleaning out loopholes and goodies for special interests, and lowering the corporate tax rate — as long as we’re doing it all through the lens of strengthening Missouri’s working families.’ A spokesman for McCaskill declined comment on the president’s remarks, referring reporters to her statement from last week.” [Kansas City Star, [8/30/17](#)]

**MCCASKILL ATTENDED BIPARTISAN MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP AND TRUMP ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PASSING TAX REFORM**

**October 2017: McCaskill And A Bipartisan Group Of Senators Met With President Trump To Discuss Tax Reform.** “Before the White House meeting, Trump touted the GOP’s tax-reform framework as a tool to unlock economic growth and boost job creation. The president, who has repeatedly said he wants to accomplish the difficult feat of winning Democratic votes, joked about the minority party’s support to Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee. ‘I’m sure we’ll have unanimous support. I have no doubt. Right, Ron?’ Trump said before the meeting, flanked by committee Chairman Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo. McCaskill was one of six Democrats on the Finance Committee attending the meeting with Trump and their Republican counterparts. All except Wyden — McCaskill, Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida and Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan — face re-election next year in a state Trump won in 2016.” [CNBC, [10/18/17](#)]

**Claire Attended Bipartisan Dinner At Home Of Ivanka Trump And Jared Kushner To Discuss Tax Reform.** “The carrots came just this week: an invitation to meet with Trump at the White House on Wednesday to talk about tax reform, and a private dinner on the same subject Monday night with the president’s daughter, Ivanka Trump, and her husband, White House adviser Jared Kushner, at the couple’s posh DC residence... On Tuesday, McCaskill told reporters she saw several key areas of possible compromise on taxes, including Ivanka Trump’s push to expand the child tax credit and GOP promises to simplify the tax code. ‘Last night was a terrific evening,’ McCaskill said of

the dinner at Trump and Kusher's house, which also included a handful of other Senate Democrats and Republicans and two top White House officials. 'We exchanged ideas ... I was very interested in getting more details about the child tax credit that Ivanka has so hard worked on.'" [Springfield News-Leader, [10/17/17](#)]

**November 2017: McCaskill And Other Democratic Senators Met With Top White House Officials To Discuss The Republican Tax Plan.** "A group of Democratic senators is set to huddle with a top White House official to discuss potential changes to the Republican tax plan Tuesday, according to people familiar with the meeting. Marc Short, the White House director of legislative affairs, and Gary Cohn, director of the National Economic Council, are set to meet at the U.S. Capitol with at least eight Democrats, Sens. Joe Manchin III (W.Va.), Heidi Heitkamp (N.D.), Claire McCaskill (Mo.), Joe Donnelly (Ind.), Jon Tester (Mont.), Ron Wyden (Ore.), Thomas R. Carper (Del.) and Sherrod Brown (Ohio), according to multiple aides who spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak frankly about private meetings." [Washington Post, [11/6/17](#)]

**MCCASKILL SUPPORTS LOWERING TAXES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENSURING THE CUT DOESN'T GO TO THE SUPER WEALTHY**

**2014: McCaskill Said She Supported Doing Tax Reform In A Way That Protects The Middle Class And The Working People Of The Country.** "Question (Warrensburg Daily Star Journal): All right. So it's not just a matter of we just have to take this present money that we have and move that to the military. There is the other option, which is ending inversions and plugging loopholes. Senator Claire McCaskill (D) Exactly. And doing cor, doing tax reform in a way that protects the middle class, protects the working people of this country, but, um, you know, maybe trims the sails of some of these, um, corporations that have gotten special goodies in the tax code because of who they know in Washington." [Show Me Progress, [10/10/14](#)]

**McCaskill Said The U.S. Tax System Was Broken And Needed Reform But She Wanted To Change It By Ending Loopholes That Allow Corporations To Evade Taxes.** "Senator Claire McCaskill, D-Missouri, also once saw the virtue of cutting corporate tax rates and eliminating loopholes, but seems to have changed her mind now. In a 2014 interview she noted, 'We've made many attempts and been blocked by the Republicans in closing some of the corporate tax loopholes. I mean, I think we all want to lower corporate tax rates, but we want to quit letting certain people get goodies so they don't have to pay any taxes.' In 2015, she couldn't have been more crystal clear: 'The current U.S. tax system is broken and needs reform.'

Yet she's also predictably walked away from considering the latest proposed tax reform." [Fox News, [10/30/17](#)]

**McCaskill Supports A Tax Cut For Small Businesses But Wants To Ensure The Benefit Doesn't Go To Those Making \$1 Million A Year Or More.** "McCaskill said one of her main concerns is a Republican proposal to cut the tax rate for so-called 'pass through' corporations to 25 percent. Right now, many privately held and limited liability companies pay taxes on their profits at their personal tax rate, which is nearly 40 percent for the wealthiest Americans. Republicans say their proposal to allow those "pass through" companies to pay a lower corporate rate will help small businesses. But McCaskill said it would mostly benefit the super-rich. 'Eighty percent of the benefit of that will go to people who make \$1 million or more,' McCaskill said. 'I have no problem wanting to give a tax cut to a small business,' she said, but there has to be 'guardrails on that.'" [Springfield News-Leader, [10/17/17](#)]

**MCCASKILL CONCLUDED THAT SHE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE BILL BECAUSE IT DID NOT MEET THE PROMISES PRESIDENT TRUMP MADE**

**McCaskill: "I Welcome President Trump To Missouri, And I'm Looking Forward To Working With Him To Make Bipartisan Tax Reform A Reality."** "'I've talked in a lot of my town halls about my support for simplifying the tax code by cleaning out loopholes and goodies for special interests, and lowering the corporate tax rate – as long as we're doing it all through the lens of strengthening Missouri's working families,' McCaskill said in a statement on Friday. 'So I welcome President Trump to Missouri, and I'm looking forward to working with him to make bipartisan tax reform a reality.'" [McClatchy, [8/25/17](#)]

**McCaskill On Trump Tax Promises: "He Told Me He Wouldn't Support Tax Reform That Benefitted The Very Rich At The Expense Of The Little Guy."** "'He told me he wouldn't support tax reform that benefitted the very rich at the expense of the little guy,' Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) said of her discussions last year with Trump." [Washington Post, [2/10/18](#)]

**Sen. McCaskill: "We've Lost Thousands Of Jobs" Even From "Companies That Are Talking About Their Bonuses."** "Trump is widely expected to tout economic accomplishments achieved during his first year in office tonight in his first State of the Union address. McCaskill thinks he'll have a hard time defending current employment conditions, even though some companies handed out thousand-dollar bonuses to workers after corporate taxes were cut. 'I know that we've lost thousands and thousands and thousands of jobs, even from the companies that are talking

about their bonuses. You've got AT&T laying off thousands of people. You've got Macy's laying off thousands of people. You have a number of companies laying off workers.”  
[Missourinet, [1/30/18](#)]

**MCCASKILL SAID SHE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO WORK IN A BIPARTISAN MANNER BUT REPUBLICANS SHUT DEMOCRATS OUT OF THE PROCESS AND REJECTED ANY DEMOCRATIC-OFFERED AMENDMENTS**

**HEADLINE: “Claire McCaskill: I Want To Work With GOP On Tax Reform, But They Don't Want Democrats Involved.”**  
“Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill wants to work with Republicans on tax reform but doesn't feel Democrats are being included in the process enough. McCaskill said on NBC's 'Meet The Press' she hasn't seen any versions of the tax bill and is not enthused that Republicans passed a budget resolution that allows them to pass a tax reform bill on party lines. 'It's really hard for somebody like me to negotiate on this tax bill when we don't know what it is,' she said. 'It's hard for me to take seriously that they want Democrats to participate when they won't show us the bill.' McCaskill, running for re-election in the Trump state of Missouri, said she wants to work with Trump and other Republicans on the issue and refused to draw a red line on things she would not negotiate on.” [Washington Examiner, [10/29/17](#)]

**McClatchy: “Senate Republicans Made It Clear From The Start They Wanted Little To Do With Democrats As They Drafted The Tax Bill Behind Closed Doors.”** “But Senate Republicans made it clear from the start they wanted little to do with Democrats as they drafted the tax bill behind closed doors. And Democratic leaders seemed eager to campaign against a bill written without their help.” [McClatchy, [11/17/17](#)]

**Matt Bennett, Third Way: The Question Is Less About Which Democrats Will Work With GOP And More Whether The GOP Will Give Democrats A Seat At The Table.** “Matt Bennett, co-founder of the centrist Democratic think tank Third Way, said the question is less about which Democrats will work with the GOP and more about whether the GOP will give Democrats a seat at the table. Moderate Democrats including Sens. Mark Warner of Virginia and Claire McCaskill of Missouri will want to play a role, he said.” [USA Today, [9/27/17](#)]

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<p>Ad:</p> <p>On-Screen Graphic:</p> <p>“More Than \$2,000 Tax Cut For The Average Family” [Ways and Means, 12/21/17]</p> <p>Voiceover:</p>	<p><b><u>MCCASKILL HAS A RECORD OF BIPARTISAN WORK ON JOBS AND TAX REFORM</u></b></p> <p><b>June 2017: McCaskill Supported The “Working Families Tax Relief Act” To Provide Relief To Working Families By Strengthening And Improving The Earned Income Tax Credit And Child Tax Credit.</b> U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill is backing the Working Families Tax Relief Act to permanently expand the Earned Income and Child Tax Credits, tax breaks that provide relief to working families. ‘Working families across Missouri who are killing themselves to make ends meet are the</p>

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Claire McCaskill let Missouri families down.

On-Screen Graphic:

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ones who deserve a tax break—not millionaires,' McCaskill said. 'These tax credits help level the playing field for working families who are working to get ahead and set their kids up for success—and that's something I will always fight tooth-and-nail for.' The McCaskill-backed legislation would permanently strengthen and improve the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, to allow more Americans to access these benefits. Provisions in the bill include increasing the size of the Child Tax Credit for families with very young children, and adjusting the Child Tax Credit to account for inflation. Additionally, the bill would expand the Earned Income Tax Credit by allowing childless workers over the age of 21 to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit—a change from the current law which sets the requirement at age 25, and make it easier for families to claim the credit by simplifying tax filing rules." [Press Release, Office of Sen. Claire McCaskill, [6/27/17](#)]

**McCaskill Fought To End Tax Breaks For Companies That Ship Jobs Overseas While Creating Incentives For Companies To Bring Jobs To The U.S.** "U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill is backing a measure to boost job creation by rewarding companies that 'insource' jobs to the U.S., while ending tax breaks for those companies shipping jobs overseas. The Bring Jobs Home Act introduced by Senator Debbie Stabenow, creates a special 20 percent tax credit for the moving expenses of companies who shift operations back to the U.S. from abroad. The bill also prevents companies from deducting from their taxes the costs associated with shipping jobs overseas. Under current law, companies can deduct 100 percent of the cost of shipping equipment overseas, terminating leases, and other expenses associated with offshoring a business—meaning that taxpayers are on the hook for millions of dollars annually." [Press Release, Office of Sen. Claire McCaskill, [3/7/13](#)]

**McCaskill Partnered With Republican Senator Susan Collins To Write The Bipartisan Jobs Creation Act Which Would Extend And Expand Tax Cuts For Small Businesses.** "U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) on Tuesday announced agreement on a commonsense jobs bill—The Bipartisan Jobs Creation Act—legislation aimed at creating jobs by cutting taxes for businesses, investing in the nation's critical transportation infrastructure, and which is paid-for with a surtax on millionaires and an end to tax giveaways to big oil companies. The proposal includes an extension of the Payroll Tax Cut... The Senators' compromise legislation—which they say is a commonsense, viable plan that can earn broad and bipartisan support—would put more Americans back to work by: Extending and expanding tax cuts for small businesses and American workers..." [Office of Senator McCaskill press release, [1/6/11](#)]

- **Bangor Daily News: Collins And McCaskill Joined Forces To Announce A Bipartisan Jobs Bill That Would Cut Taxes For Businesses And Extend The Payroll Tax Cut.** “U.S. Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Claire McCaskill, D-Missouri, joined forces Tuesday to announce a new bipartisan jobs bill they hope will end the political stalemate in Washington, D.C. The Bipartisan Jobs Creation Act would cut taxes for businesses, authorize \$35 billion in investments to the nation’s transportation infrastructure, strengthen federal job training programs and include regulatory reforms to stimulate businesses. It also would include an extension of the payroll tax cut through 2012.”

**Headline: McCaskill Applauds Final Passage Of Small Business Jobs Act.** [Pulaski County Daily, [9/16/10](#)]

- **Senator Claire McCaskill Voted For The 2010 “Small Business Jobs Act” That Gave Small Businesses \$12 Billion In Tax Cuts.** “Small businesses are the engine of our economy, critical to spurring thousands of new jobs for Missourians. That is why today U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill joined her Senate colleagues in passing the Small Business Jobs Act that will give small businesses \$12 billion in tax cuts. This legislation, which passed with a vote of 61-38, will offer crucial support to those businesses deeply affected by the recession by helping small businesses access the capital they need to expand and hire, while continuing to support innovation and entrepreneurship. This legislation is key to providing small businesses with the right economic conditions to help create much-needed new jobs.” [Pulaski County Daily, [9/16/10](#)]
- **Sen. McCaskill Said She Was “Pleased” Congress Passed The 2010 Small Business Jobs Act Because She Believed Small Businesses “Would Play A Critical Role” In U.S. Recovery From The Great Recession.** “Our small businesses will play a critical role in helping our country recover from this devastating recession, so I’m pleased that today Washington was able to come together to pass legislation that is not only paid for, but will also help get our economy back on track,” McCaskill said. ‘By giving small businesses the necessary support they need to recover from this crisis, they will help put unemployed Americans back to work.’” [Pulaski County Daily, [9/16/10](#)]

**“Southeast Missourian: McCaskill “Led The Charge To Pass The VOW To Hire Heroes Act To Boost The Number Of Jobs**

	<p><b>Available To Veterans.”</b> McCaskill, the daughter of a World War II veteran, said as a senator she's voted to expand access to health care, helped alleviate problems at Arlington National Cemetery and led the charge to pass the VOW to Hire Heroes Act to boost the number of jobs available to veterans. She also noted that she helped pass the post-Sept. 11, 2001, GI Bill, which was modeled after the one that helped her father attend college.”  [Southeast Missourian, <a href="#">8/21/12</a>]</p>
<p>Ad Text:  Sponsored By Americans For Prosperity</p>	<p><b><u>AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY IS A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOR THE KOCH BROTHERS' POLICY PRIORITIES</u></b></p> <p><b>Newsmax: Americans For Prosperity “Serves As The Umbrella For A Vast Network Of Groups Affiliated With The Billionaire Industrialists Charles And David Koch.”</b>  “Americans for Prosperity said Saturday that its network would spend more than \$400 million on conservative causes and candidates during the 2018 midterm election cycle — 60 percent more than during the 2016 presidential election period. ‘We're all in,’ AFP President Tim Phillips told The Hill at the group's winter gathering at the Indian Wells resort in California. He noted that the \$400 million is the largest amount AFP has spent in an election cycle. Republicans will be working hard to maintain its majorities in the House and Senate, Phillips said. The cycle is ‘going to be a challenging year’ for the party, he said. AFP serves as the umbrella for a vast network of groups affiliated with the billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch.” [Newsmax, <a href="#">1/27/18</a>]</p> <p><b>Americans For Prosperity Announced It Was Prepared To Spend More Than \$400 Million During The 2018 Election Cycle.</b> “Americans for Prosperity said Saturday that its network would spend more than \$400 million on conservative causes and candidates during the 2018 midterm election cycle — 60 percent more than during the 2016 presidential election period. ‘We're all in,’ AFP President Tim Phillips told The Hill at the group's winter gathering at the Indian Wells resort in California. He noted that the \$400 million is the largest amount AFP has spent in an election cycle. Republicans will be working hard to maintain its majorities in the House and Senate, Phillips said. The cycle is ‘going to be a challenging year’ for the party, he said. AFP serves as the umbrella for a vast network of groups affiliated with the billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch.” [Newsmax, <a href="#">1/27/18</a>]</p> <p><b><u>HAWLEY IS IN THE POCKET OF THE KOCH BROTHERS</u></b></p> <p><b>HAWLEY RECEIVED KOCH MONEY FOR BOTH HIS SENATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL CAMPAIGNS,</b></p>

**AND HAS SUBSEQUENTLY SPOKEN AT TWO KOCH BROTHERS EVENTS**

**Hawley For Senate Received \$5,000 From Koch Industries PAC On December 31, 2017.** [Federal Election Commission, Hawley For Senate 1/31/18 Report, [1/31/18](#)]

**Hawley Received \$20,000 From Koch Industries During The 2016 Cycle.** [Missouri Ethics Commission, Hawley For Missouri 7/15/16 Report, Pg. 7, [7/15/16](#)]

**January 2017: Hawley Spoke At Koch Brothers Event At California Resort.** “Attorney General Josh Hawley, meanwhile, spent the weekend at a resort near Palm Springs, Calif., at an event hosted by Charles and David Koch. Hawley spoke at the event, according to his spokesman, discussing ‘his tough ethics policy, his leadership against federal overreach and his efforts to protect the most vulnerable.’ Wichita-based Koch Industries gave Hawley \$20,000 for his campaign last year.” [Kansas City Star, 2/3/17]

**October 2017: Hawley Attended A Koch Seminar In New York City.** “Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley huddled with influential conservative policymakers and donors at a seminar hosted by the billionaire Koch brothers’ advocacy group at a posh New York City hotel on Friday, less than a week after Hawley officially launched his U.S. Senate bid.” [McClatchy DC, [10/13/17](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Missouri’s Top GOP Senate Recruit Huddles With Koch Network In New York”** [McClatchy DC, [10/13/17](#)]

**Hawley Was Reported To Have Attended The Koch Brothers' Retreat In Palm Springs On January 28, 2017.** "Republican Sens. Mike Lee, Pat Toomey and James Lankford are scheduled to attend the kickoff to Charles and David Koch’s libertarian Seminar Network in Palm Springs, Calif. on Saturday. [...] The other senator in attendance is David Perdue, who was supportive of Trump and was at one point floated for an administration position. Other elected officials at the seminar include Reps. Jason Chaffetz and Marsha Blackburn, Govs. Scott Walker of Wisconsin and Bruce Rauner of Illinois (two Koch favorites), and Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley. All elected officials in attendance are Republicans." [Daily Caller, [1/28/17](#)]

**POLITICO's Playbook Morning Tip Sheet Listed Hawley As An Attendee Of The Koch Brothers' Palm Springs Retreat In January 2017.** "KOCH DONORS HUDDLE -- Republican mega donors swarmed the swanky Renaissance Esmeralda Indian Wells Resort and Spa just outside of Palm Springs, California, for their semi-annual retreat this weekend. And while President Donald

Trump dominated the headlines over executive orders and talk of his first week in office, there wasn't a single mention of Trump in Charles Koch's opening remarks. Koch and his political network did not support Trump's presidential bid. [...] -- ELECTED OFFICIALS ONSITE: Sens. Pat Toomey (Pa.), David Perdue (Ga.), Ben Sasse (Neb.), Mike Lee (Utah) and James Lankford (Okla.). Utah Rep. Jason Chaffetz and Tennessee Rep. Marsha Blackburn, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (who also attended the Alfalfa dinner), Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley." [POLITICO, Playbook, [1/29/17](#)]

**At A Koch Brothers Weekend Event, Hawley Called To "Push The Federal Government Back To Its Secondary Role."** "Among them: newly elected Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley, who said it was time to 'push the federal government back to its secondary role.' Hawley said his state was already filing lawsuits challenging federal authority. 'We are saying to the unaccountable, unelected bureaucracy in Washington that we are going to stand up for the people of Missouri, for our small businesses, our workers and our farmers against you, and if that means going to court every day of the week, that's exactly what we're going to do until the people of Missouri get relief,' he said." [Washington Post, Post Politics, 1/30/17]