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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reject repeal of estate tax

To the editor:

The estate tax is one of the most progressive taxes in our tax code, and its repeal or irresponsible reform would mean \$1 trillion in lost revenues over the next 10 years. These revenues, when added to the current record budget deficit, could mean cuts to programs that benefit the most vulnerable of our population, such as Head Start, Medicaid, or the Food Stamp Program.

I'm extremely disappointed that Congressman Sweeney voted to repeal this tax. I hope the Senate will reject repeal. This repeal is impractical, unnecessary, and too costly, and I call on our senators to reject any rollback of the estate tax.

We need to remember these votes come election time--and not support politicians who sacrifice America's priorities for tax cuts for millionaires

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