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## Wednesday's Letters to the editor

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### Just plain wrong

EDITOR: With one in eight Americans below the poverty line, why would we jeopardize health, nutrition and other basic programs just to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy? The tax plan now moving through Congress threatens the future of basic assistance for millions of hardworking, low-income families, all to deliver huge tax cuts to millionaires and big corporations.

I was glad to see that Rep. Jared Huffman gets it and that he co-wrote "Close to Home: Disaster food programs at risk under GOP budget plan" on Sunday in support of SNAP and the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

This year we've already seen attempts to gut essential programs like Medicaid and SNAP. So after giving away \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks to millionaires, those same critical programs are on on the chopping block. This is bad public policy and just plain wrong.

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