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SIXTH DISTRICT CANDIDATE RYAN HUFFMAN DENOUNCES PETER ROSKAM'S DISASTROUS TAX BILL

PALATINE, Ill. - Democratic candidate Ryan Huffman denounced the GOP's passage of Peter Roskam's tax bill Wednesday, calling it "the biggest transfer of wealth from the middle class to the super-rich in our nation's history."

"It's a heist, plain and simple," said Huffman, who is competing for the Democratic nomination to run against Roskam in Illinois' 6th District. "This plan delivers massive amounts of wealth to the people and corporations who need it least, while offering only scraps for the rest of us."

Huffman has been an outspoken critic of the bill since it was first released earlier this fall. His own analysis shows that the bill, which Roskam helped write, would hit the 6th District harder than almost any other district in the nation, due to the gutting of state, local, and property tax deductions utilized by almost half of all filers in the district.

"Peter Roskam's job is to represent the 6th District's interests in Washington, and instead he sided with the billionaires and giant corporations who fund his campaigns," said Huffman. "We need representatives who want to solve the problems we're facing, not the problems the Koch brothers are facing."

Proponents of the bill argue that cutting the corporate tax rate nearly in half will lead to higher wages for workers, but numerous surveys have shown that corporations are planning to use the windfall exclusively as excess profit for their shareholders.

"They're taking our money, giving it straight to giant corporations, and telling us we should be happy about this because some of that money might magically trickle back down to us," said Huffman. "If you want to get this economy moving, give the middle class actual tax relief, and let the corporations and billionaires worry about whether our money will trickle up to them."

Huffman also highlighted the enormous cost of the bill, which will add roughly \$2 trillion to the deficit, as a huge concern.

"It's a gut punch to those of us fighting to give the middle and lower classes the tools they need to succeed in our economy," said Huffman. "Instead of lining the pockets of billionaires, we could be investing that money in public education, or putting people to work rebuilding our roads and bridges, or guaranteeing healthcare to every American. This gross misuse of money is not only economically wasteful, it is morally disgusting."

Huffman is a 31-year-old data analyst, policy expert, and former White House intern under President Obama. He is fighting to bring compassion, integrity, and progressive reform to Washington.

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