

Support for the Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act of 2017

AFL-CIO

“The Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act would eliminate the tax incentive for corporations to shift jobs and profits offshore while at the same time raising revenues we urgently need to invest in a 21st century world class infrastructure and build a high-wage economy,” said Bill Samuel, Director of Government Affairs for the AFL-CIO.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

“Working people remain frustrated that profitable corporate giants pay income tax at lower rates than ordinary citizens or pay absolutely no taxes at all, while congressional leaders continue to balance budgets on the backs of working families. AFSCME supports Sen. Sanders' legislation that will ensure overseas corporations pay their fair share of taxes so we can have greater investments in education, health care, job training, and the vital public services that keep our communities strong,” said Lee Saunders, President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Americans for Tax Fairness

“Senator Sanders’ legislation would finally make multinational corporate tax-dodgers pay what they owe on the \$2.5 trillion in profits they have stashed offshore,” said Frank Clemente, executive director, Americans for Tax Fairness. “Moving forward, this legislation would close the deferral loophole, which lets companies avoid paying U.S. taxes on their offshore profits, and end corporate inversions, so that U.S. corporations can’t change their legal address to a tax haven to dodge paying their fair share of taxes. The Sanders’ bill will raise well over \$1 trillion over 10 years—money that would go a long way towards rebuilding our roads and bridges, expanding educational opportunities, meeting the needs of veterans, strengthening retirement security, and more.”

Public Citizen

“You don’t have to be a political pollster to know that the American public is sick and tired of multinational corporations offshoring jobs and using other gimmicks aimed solely to boost their already hefty profits,” said Susan Harley, deputy director of Public Citizen’s Congress Watch division. “Sen. Sanders’ Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act is the prescription to curing our country of the scourge of tax avoidance and sheltering profits in tax havens. By closing loopholes to make corporations pay their fair share, our society will no longer be forced to swallow the bitter pill of a slashed social safety net and subpar public goods like infrastructure.”

Main Street Alliance

“Our current tax code is rigged against small business owners. It enables large, multi-national corporations to avoid or evade taxes by booking them overseas while shifting their tax responsibilities to small businesses and average taxpayers. This means higher taxes for small business owners, less Federal funds for job-creating infrastructure projects and municipal services, and a greater share of the national debt,” said Michelle Sternthal, Policy Director of the Main Street Alliance. “The Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act would eliminate one of the most egregious loopholes by ending deferral. This

one act would not only infuse the economy with much needed revenue, but also level the playing field for small business owners by ensuring all corporations pay their fair share.”

The Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition

“The Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act offers a pragmatic, enforceable response to the problem of offshore tax avoidance — a problem that costs U.S. tax payers an estimated \$135 billion per year,” said Clark Gascoigne, deputy director of the FACT Coalition. “This bill ends the incentive to game the tax system without creating a litany of new problems and unintended consequences. In contrast, the House tax plan attempts to end the offshore gaming of the tax code but, in practice, it merely changes the nature of the gaming by incentivizing companies to shift the location of sales rather than the location of profits. It is a gift to creative tax planners. Instead of engaging in a fairly radical and untested policy exercise to upend the international corporate tax system, a better approach would be to fix and simplify the current one. The comparatively simple reforms in this legislation would curb the gaming of the tax code and ensure that wholly domestic and small businesses can compete more fairly with multinationals.”

Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy

“The ability of U.S. companies to hide profits in offshore tax havens has been at the heart of the corporate tax avoidance industry for decades. By closing the deferral loophole, the Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act would take away the incentive for U.S. corporations to pretend they’re doing business in Bermuda, and restore a much needed sense of fairness to our corporate tax code.” said Matt Gardner, Senior Fellow at the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

U.S. Public Interest Group

“Loopholes that allow corporations to pretend they are based in tax haven countries cost the U.S. over \$100 billion every year. Worse still, these loopholes force small businesses and ordinary Americans to pick up the tab,” said Andre Delattre, Executive Director with U.S. Public Interest Research Group. “It’s a no-brainer — Congress should close these loopholes to end incentives for tax gimmicks and guarantee that businesses are competing based on the value of their products and services, not based on the cleverness of their tax attorneys.”

Coalition on Human Needs

“The federal tax code is now so riddled with loopholes that despite corporate profits’ huge growth, reaching 8.5 percent of the economy, corporate taxes are only 1.9 percent of GDP. Much of the enormous increase in tax avoidance occurs because corporations hide their profits in overseas tax havens,” said Deborah Weinstein, Executive Director of the Coalition on Human Needs. “We are grateful to Senators Sanders and Schatz and to Representative Schakowsky for introducing the Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act, which would end corporate deferral of taxation on profits parked offshore. The estimated \$1 trillion in revenue that would be gained over a decade from this important legislation would make it possible to increase investments in education, health, and economic growth to benefit all our people. The Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act would return fairness to our tax code, and deserves quick enactment.”