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<p>Out of state groups are lying about Joe Donnelly. Donnelly voted to cut middle class taxes, opposed energy taxes and supports a Balanced Budget Amendment. Fellow Republicans warned us, as a state legislator, politician Mike Braun voted for more than a billion in tax increases; dozens of votes to raise our taxes. And Braun wants to slash Medicare, kick 400,000 Hoosiers off health care and raise our costs. Politician Mike Braun. Higher taxes. Higher health care costs. Just what we don't need.</p>	<p><u>DONNELLY SUPPORTS AND VOTED TO CUT MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS</u></p> <p>2010: Donnelly Voted To Extend The Bush Tax Cuts For Two Years. In December 2010, Donnelly voted for a bill that “would extend the 2001- and 2003-enacted tax cuts for all taxpayers for two years and revive the lapsed estate tax, setting the tax rate at 35 percent on estates worth more than \$5 million for 2011 and 2012. It also would extend unemployment insurance benefits for 13 months and cut the employee portion of the Social Security tax by 2 percentage points.” The vote was on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment and the motion was agreed to by a vote of 277 to 148. [House Vote 647, 12/17/10; Congressional Quarterly, 12/17/10]</p> <p>December 2010: Donnelly Voted To Extend The Bush Tax Cuts For The Middle Class. “The two congressmen representing portions of Elkhart County split on a House vote today on tax cut extensions for the middle class. U. S. Rep. Joe Donnelly, D-2nd, voted for the legislation, while U. S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman, R-3rd, voted against it. ‘I’ve said from the beginning of this debate that we need to make the tax cuts for the middle-class permanent,’ Donnelly said in a statement. ‘That’s why I voted for the bill on the House floor today. I’ve also said that we should extend the cuts for the higher-wage earners for a year or two while our economy continues to recover. In a perfect world, we would be able to make them all permanent, but voters were clear in November that they’re concerned about the deficit and debt.’” [Elkhart Truth, 12/3/10]</p> <p>August 2012: Donnelly Voted To Extend The Bush Tax Cuts. “Nineteen Democrats - including Rep. Joe Donnelly, D-2nd, who is running for a Senate seat - joined 237 Republicans in voting to extend the 2001 and '03 tax cuts Wednesday. One Republican and 170 Democrats opposed the legislation. ‘I believe we can all agree that the economy is not as strong as we would like it to be. With that in mind, I voted to keep all tax rates at their current levels,’ Donnelly said in a statement.” [Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, 8/2/12]</p> <p>2013: Donnelly Voted To Permanently Extend The Bush Tax Cuts For Individuals Earning Below \$400,000 And Joint Filers Earning Below \$450,000. In January 2013, Donnelly voted for a bill that “would permanently extend the 2001 and 2003 tax rates for individual income below \$400,000 and joint-filer income below \$450,000. Rates for income above those thresholds would rise to 39.6 percent from 35 percent. It also would permanently extend the tax rates on dividends and capital gains for individual income below \$400,000 and joint-filer income below \$450,000. Rates for the dividends and capital gains taxes would rise to 20 percent for income above those thresholds.” The vote was on a motion to concur in the Senate amendments. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 257 to 167. [House Vote 659, 1/1/13; Congressional Quarterly, 1/1/13]</p>

DONNELLY VOTED AGAINST OBAMA'S ENERGY TAXES

2009: Donnelly Voted Against The American Clean Energy And Security Act, Which Created A Cap-And-Trade System For Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions. In June 2009, Donnelly voted against a bill that “would create a cap-and-trade system for limiting greenhouse gas emissions and set new requirements for electric utilities. The EPA would be allowed to auction emission allowances to permit the buyer to emit a certain amount of greenhouse gases. Under the bill, three-quarters of emission allowances would be provided to polluters free of charge, based on formulas, when the cap-and-trade program would begin in 2012. Remaining allowances would be sold at auction. By 2030, 75 percent of the allowances would be sold to polluters by EPA. The bill would limit emissions at 17 percent below current levels in 2020, 42 percent in 2030 and 83 percent in 2050. Companies such as electric utilities, refineries and factories could buy and sell pollution allowances and get credit for funding special projects to reduce emissions on farms and in forests. It would require utilities to produce 15 percent of the nation's electricity from renewable sources by 2020, with another 5 percent energy savings from efficiency. States could petition to bring the renewable mandate down to 12 percent, with 8 percent from efficiency. It would set new emissions standards for coal-fired power plants, and new energy efficiency and water use standards for buildings and products. It would establish programs to assist energy consumers with higher utility bills as a result of the system. It also would create programs for electrical transmission lines, smart grid technologies, modernizing electricity infrastructure to respond to changing conditions, reduction of emissions, increased energy efficiency, and carbon capture and sequestration.” The vote was on passage and passed by a vote of 219 to 212. [House Vote, [6/26/09](#); Congressional Quarterly, [6/26/09](#)]

- **Congressional Quarterly: A Vote In Favor Of Cap-And-Trade Was In Support Of The President's Position.** “A ‘yea’ was a vote in support of the president's position.” [Congressional Quarterly, [6/26/09](#)]

June 2009: Donnelly Voted Against A Cap-And-Trade Bill. “Democratic Reps. Andre Carson and Baron Hill were the only members of Indiana's delegation to vote in favor of a bill to force reductions in greenhouse gases blamed for global warming. The House passed the bill 219-212 on Friday. Carson and Hill were among 211 Democrats and eight Republicans who voted for the measure. There were 44 Democrats and 168 Republicans opposed, including Indiana Democrats Joe Donnelly, Brad Ellsworth and Pete Visclosky, and Republicans Dan Burton, Steve Buyer, Mike Pence and Mark Souder. [...] Donnelly, however, said it could jeopardize jobs. ‘The legislation has too many uncertainties in terms of the effect it would have on manufacturers and other businesses and the Hoosiers they employ,’ Donnelly said. ‘In particular, I am very

concerned that the bill would put us at a competitive disadvantage relative to other emerging economic powers like China and India.” [Associated Press, 6/27/09]

2010: A Donnelly Ad Referred To Cap-And-Trade As “Nancy Pelosi’s Energy Tax.” “Indiana Rep. Joe Donnelly is taking an unusual jab at his party’s leadership in a campaign ad that refers to climate change legislation as ‘Nancy Pelosi’s energy tax.’ The two-term Democrat is pulling a page from Republican strategists in trying to distance himself from policies that have some voters wary. In one ad, Donnelly says he voted against Pelosi’s ‘energy tax on Hoosier families.’ Another ad touts his votes to crack down on illegal immigration. Donnelly says he doesn’t work for the ‘Washington crowd’ as a photograph of President Barack Obama, Pelosi and House Minority Leader John Boehner flashes by. Donnelly faces former state Rep. Jackie Walorski in November. Former Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin endorsed Walorski this week.” [Evansville Courier & Press, 8/21/10]

Donnelly Was One Of Four Democrats Who Voted For A Republican Proposal To Ensure No Tax Was Levied On Carbon Emissions. “Republicans also made Democrats take an uncomfortable vote on an amendment to ensure no tax is levied on carbon emissions, a policy proposal Obama and the Democrats have floated before as part of a cap-and-trade system. It was adopted, 58-42, with four Democrats – Donnelly [sic], McCaskill, Manchin and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota -- crossing party lines to vote with Republicans.” [Politico, 4/4/15]

March 2013: Donnelly Voted Against An Amendment To Redirect Carbon Tax Revenue As Reduced Tax Rates Or Deficit Reduction Efforts. “The Senate -- including 13 Democrats -- soundly rejected an amendment by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) that would have steered revenue from a carbon tax back to the American people in the form of deficit reduction or reduced tax rates. A handful of red-state Democrats up for reelection in 2014 voted against the Whitehouse amendment, including Sens. Max Baucus of Montana, Kay Hagan of North Carolina, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Tim Johnson of South Dakota and Mark Pryor of Arkansas. Freshman Democrats put themselves on the record on climate change for the first time, with Heitkamp and Sens. Joe Donnelly of Indiana and Tim Kaine of Virginia all voting no.” [Politico, 3/25/13]

2013: Donnelly Voted Against An Amendment To Establish A Carbon Tax. In March 2013, Donnelly voted against an amendment “that would establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to allow for legislation that would provide for a fee on carbon pollution and use revenues collected to reduce the deficit.” The measure was rejected by a vote of 41 to 58. [Senate Vote 58, [3/22/13](#); Congressional Quarterly, [3/22/13](#)]

2013: Donnelly Voted Effectively Voted For An Amendment To Require 60 Votes For Any Legislation That Created A Tax Or Fee On Carbon Emissions. In

March 2013, Donnelly voted for a “motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the Murray, D-Wash., point of order against the Blunt amendment no. 261 for not being germane. The Blunt amendment would create a 60-vote point of order against any legislation that includes a tax or fee on carbon emissions.” The motion was to waive the Budget Act against the Blunt amendment; the motion was rejected by a vote of 53 to 46. [Senate Vote 59, [3/22/13](#); Congressional Quarterly, [3/22/13](#)]

DONNELLY INTRODUCED AND VOTED A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

2011: Donnelly Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To Propose A Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment. In November 2011, Donnelly voted in favor of a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require a balanced budget starting in fiscal 2018 or the second fiscal year after ratification by three-fourths of the states, whichever is later. Under the proposal three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit. A simple majority could waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 261 to 165. [House Vote 858, [11/18/11](#); Congressional Quarterly, [11/18/11](#)]

2017: Donnelly Introduced A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. [S.J.Res. 39, [3/30/17](#)]

2015: Donnelly Introduced A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. [S.J.Res.18, [7/9/15](#)]

BRAUN VOTED FOR MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN TAX INCREASES WHILE IN THE INDIANA STATEHOUSE

In The 2017 Session, Braun And Indiana Statehouse Lawmakers Imposed Or Increased 45 Different Taxes And Fees. “Altogether, Indiana lawmakers imposed or increased at least 45 different taxes and fees on everything from notary services to teacher background checks, according to a review by The Times of every law passed during the 2017 legislative session.” [Northwest Indiana Times, [6/19/17](#); Indiana Statehouse Roll Call, Accessed 4/16/18]

Braun Sponsored HB1002, Which Raised The Gas Tax By 10 Cents And Shifted The Sales Tax On Fuel From The General Fund To The State Highway Fund. “HB1002 also requires the Indiana Department of Transportation to study tolling and submit a waiver to the Federal Highway Administration to allow tolling on existing interstates. [...] Also included in the final version is a plan to raise the state’s 18-cent-per-gallon gas tax by 10 cents. [...] The measure also shifts the 4.5-cent state sales tax on fuel from the general fund to the State Highway Fund. The shift of about \$350 million annually will take place over five years beginning in 2020.” [Land Line Magazine, [4/25/17](#); HB1002, Signed [4/27/17](#)]

- **House Speaker Brian Bosma: “By 2025, Every Penny Paid At The Pump Will Go Directly To Roads.”** “The measure also shifts the 4.5-cent state sales tax on fuel from the general fund to the State Highway Fund. The shift of about \$350 million annually will take place over five years beginning in 2020. ‘By 2025, every penny paid at the pump will go directly to roads,’ House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said during a press conference.” [Land Line Magazine, [4/25/17](#)]
- **The Bill Would Result In A \$1.2 Billion Tax Increase.** “Indiana lawmakers are poised to pass a much-talked-about roads funding plan that would increase gasoline taxes by 10 cents a gallon, pave the way for tolling and dedicate all money collected at the pump to roads by 2025. The proposal would raise \$1.2 billion annually by 2024 for state and local roads. Of that amount, \$340 million would go to local governments.” [Indianapolis Star, [4/20/17](#)]

BRAUN VOTED AGAINST HIP 2.0 IN THE INDIANA STATEHOUSE...

March 2016: Braun Voted Against Codifying Into Law Indiana’s Medicaid Expansion, HIP 2.0. [SB 165, Indiana House Vote 433, [3/10/16](#)]

April 2017: 397,781 Hoosiers Were Enrolled In HIP 2.0 [Indiana Family and Social Service Administration, Accessed [6/15/17](#)]

...AND SUPPORTED REPEALING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Braun: “We Need To Start Attending To The Problems That Hoosiers Really Care About, Things Like Repealing Obamacare And Replacing It.”

“MODERATOR: Let’s talk about Robert Mueller and the Russian investigation. [...] Do you believe the investigation should end immediately right now? BRAUN: They covered the Mueller investigation. The House had an investigation of that. They folded up their tent and I believe these guys are right. It’s definitely a distraction. We need to start attending to the problems that Hoosiers really care about, things like repealing Obamacare and replacing it. And you’re going to need guys like me that have done things in the real world, that have addressed those problems. When it comes to infrastructure roads are falling apart across the country, as well as in Indiana. So you’re not going to get anything done there unless you’ve got guys like me to help President Trump and by the way I’m the only one that’s on record for Trump all along the way as being inspirational, never Trumper here and a guy that was quoted back in 2016 is calling Trump vulgar and not presidential. The only thing on record for me is that he was an inspiration for me to run for this Senate seat because he an outsider that will fix things.” [WISH, [4/15/18](#)] (VIDEO) [00:35:56]

Braun Called The Affordable Care Act A “Tragedy.”

“KATZ: If you get elected from the great state of Indiana how long will you be in the Senate? BRAUN: I'll be in one term for sure and if I get something done and my time is worth it, and I think it will be when my peers out there see that I'm going to bring ideas to the table that they've not heard about. Like how to really address the tragedy of Obamacare with real world solutions even when you've got an industry that's not helping you fix those problems. When it comes to infrastructure, I'm going to know more about that than most folks hitting the ground there.”

[WIBC, [4/5/18](#)] (AUDIO)

BRAUN SUPPORTED THE MCCONNELL TAX PLAN EVEN THOUGH ANY BENEFITS MIDDLE CLASS HOOSIERS WOULD SEE WOULD BE WIPED OUT BY INCREASES IN THEIR HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS

Braun Called Tax Reform “The Biggest Thing That's Happened As A Business Owner Since The Reagan Days.”

“BRAUN: We've not addressed any of the issues and until President Trump came along you know at least getting the tax legislation through, which to me was the biggest thing that's happened as a business owner since the Reagan days. And thank goodness for another businessman like Ron Johnson who actually stepped up and was looking out for small businesses, sub S (corps) and LLCs. It was going to be only a benefit to big C Corp's and their staffs of attorneys that were going to be the main beneficiaries of the tax bill and middle income earners, which is great. We all wanted that to happen. But small business was going to be left on the curb. That's the kind of thing I would have been right there, side by side with him.” [WIBC, [4/5/18](#)] (AUDIO)

HEALTH INSURERS WERE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE BILLIONS IN BENEFITS FROM THE MCCONNELL TAX BILL...

Health Insurance Companies Were Projected To Receive \$10 Billion In Tax Savings In 2018 Alone Due To The McConnell Tax Plan.

“Health care companies will add tens of billions of dollars to their bottom lines this year thanks to savings from the Republican tax cut package. But only a fraction of that money will benefit patients. [...] 21 companies collectively expect to gain \$10 billion in tax savings in 2018 alone. Most of the money is going toward share buybacks, dividends, acquisitions and paying down debt — with just a sliver for one-time employee bonuses, research and internal investments.” [Axios, [3/5/18](#)]

Axios: Large Health Insurance Companies Would Be “Among The Biggest Winners” Of The McConnell Tax Bill's Lowering Of The Corporate Tax Rate.

“Large health insurance companies would be among the biggest winners under Republicans' tax overhaul bill. Nearly all of their business is based in the U.S. and they consequently pay close to the full 35% corporate tax rate. [...] Cutting the corporate tax rate to 20% would instantly boost insurers' profits.” [Axios, [12/11/18](#)]

...BUT HOOSIERS' INSURANCE PREMIUMS WERE EXPECTED TO SKYROCKET AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT DUE TO THE BILL

According To A Study By Covered California, Indiana Was A "High Marketplace Risk" Of 50 Percent Premium Increases By 2021. [Covered California, [3/8/18](#)]

Washington Post: Covered California Found That The "Largest Single Impact" To Increase Premiums Was The Tax Bill's Elimination Of The ACA's Individual Mandate; They Argued The Repeal Alone Would Increase Premiums By 7 To 15 Percent In 2018.

"According to the [Covered California] analysis, the largest single impact will come from eliminating, starting in 2019, the ACA's penalty for Americans who violate the law's requirement that most people in the United States carry health coverage. That change alone, part of a massive tax bill Congress adopted in December, can be expected to increase premiums by 7 to 15 percent next year, depending on the state, and as much as 10 percent each of the following two years." [Washington Post, [3/8/18](#)]

Washington Post: Covered California Found That The Trump Administration's Decisions To Shorten The ACA's Sign Up Period And To "Severely Curtail Marketing" Contributed To Increasing Premiums. "Also contributing to the escalating rates are the Trump administration's decisions to shorten the sign-up time for consumers to buy ACA health plans and to severely curtail marketing and other activities to encourage people to sign up." [Washington Post, [3/8/18](#)]

Washington Post: Covered California Anticipated A Smaller Impact On Premiums From The Trump Administration's Proposals To Allow Consumers To Buy Health Plans With Fewer Benefits Than Those Allowed Under The ACA. "The report anticipates a smaller effect from the administration's proposals to make it easier for consumers to buy two kinds of health plans with lower prices and skimpier benefits than the ACA allows." [Washington Post, [3/8/18](#)]

EVEN MORE, SPEAKER PAUL RYAN ADMITTED THE TAX BILL WOULD BE PAID FOR BY CUTS TO MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

U.S. News & World Report HEADLINE: "After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security." [U.S. News & World Report, [12/7/17](#)]

- **December 2017: Democrats Warned The Republicans Were "Already Telegraphing" Plans To Cut Social Security And Medicare To Pay For The McConnell Tax Bill.** "REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS are working through the finer details of a tax overhaul expected to emerge in the coming weeks from a bicameral conference – setting the stage for a final series of votes that could advance a bill to President Donald Trump's desk in time for Christmas. But some Democrats

have warned that the GOP is already telegraphing its next legislative priority: spending cuts to programs like Social Security and Medicare that would partially blunt their tax bill's impact on American debt." [U.S. News & World Report, [12/7/17](#)]

- **December 2017: House Speaker Paul Ryan Said That Congress Would Address "Entitlement Reform" In 2018.** "Those fears appear to be well-founded, as a stable of Republicans have come out in recent days advocating for some sort of spending overhaul. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told radio host Ross Kaminsky on Wednesday that he and his colleagues will 'have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit.'" [U.S. News & World Report, [12/7/17](#)]

Newsweek HEADLINE: "Republicans Will Cut Social Security And Medicare After Tax Plan Passes, Says Marco Rubio." [Newsweek, [12/1/17](#)]

December 2017: Senator Marco Rubio Admitted That In Order To Pay For The McConnell Tax Bill, The GOP Planned To Cut Social Security And Medicare. "Florida Senator Marco Rubio admits that the Republican tax cut plan, which benefits corporations and the wealthy, will require cuts to Social Security and Medicare to pay for it. To address the federal deficit, which will grow by at least \$1 trillion if the tax plan passes, Congress will need to cut entitlement programs such as Social Security, Rubio told reporters this week. Advocates for the elderly and the poor have warned that entitlement programs would be on the chopping block, but this is the first time a prominent Republican has backed their claims. 'You have got to generate economic growth because growth generates revenue,' Rubio said at a Politico conference. 'But you also have to bring spending under control. And not discretionary spending. That isn't the driver of our debt. The driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.'" [Newsweek, [12/1/17](#)]

BRAUN CLAIMED THAT "NOTHING WAS SACROSANCT" WHEN CONSIDERING FUNDING CUTS

Braun On Spending Cuts: "Don't Start Looking For Any Place That I'd Like To Hold Sanctimoniously To You Know Keep Funding. I Think You Need To Do It Across The Board." "KATZ: To the idea of difficult decisions, you talk about spending and we need to reduce government spending. I'm a big believer in the reduction of government spending. You get elected. It is day 1, January 3rd, right it'll be January 3rd 2019. There you are in Washington D.C. Where do you start? Where is Senator Mike Braun day one? What's the first thing you're going to cut? BRAUN: First thing I'm going to do is just like in the debate when you asked me twice, we are never going to fix what ails Washington if you think you can do it

by asking everybody else other than your, say key backers and whoever's interested in having you do something selectively, I call it selective conservatism, and until you take the simple approach like we do in the business world and finding tradeoffs within limited resources. [...] So I go and don't start looking for any place that I'd like to hold sanctimoniously to you know keep funding. I think you need to do it across the board, until you get more individuals there that had the fortitude to do it we're not going to fix the problem." [WIBC, [4/5/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Braun When Asked If There Was Anything In Government He Would Not Cut: "If You're Going To Be Truthful And You're Going To Solve The Problem You've Got To Take Whatever Is Being Spent

Currently And You've Got To Flatten It." "KATZ: Is there anything that sacrosanct? Is there anything that doesn't get a cut in your world? BRAUN: In my mind, if you're going to be truthful and you're going to solve the problem you've got to take whatever is being spent currently and you've got to flatten it and start looking at waste and places like I would in my own business if I have a poorly performing warehouse or division we fix it. Otherwise you pay the ultimate price where your competition is going to pass you up or you go out of business. I think for far too long when you've been piling trillions and trillions of dollars of debt into things you cannot keep doing it the way you've been doing it." [WIBC, [4/5/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Braun: "I Think Government Needs To Live Within Its Means. Nothing Is Sacrosanct."

"KATZ: Is there anything that sacrosanct? Is there anything that doesn't get a cut in your world? BRAUN: In my mind, if you're going to be truthful and you're going to solve the problem you've got to take whatever is being spent currently and you've got to flatten it. [...] The fact is other than senators like Tom Coburn, Ron Johnson and others that actually talk about that we don't have enough folks like them there to actually move the needle. Or like one of my opponents when you go back to the road funding. He's there talking about advocating a federal gas tax. And you know and saying that states should do more to take care of their own responsibility. That's Congressman Rokita. He's on record as saying that. That's a hypocrite. When I go there I'm going to say it bluntly and truthfully and I think government needs to live within its means. Nothing is sacrosanct." [WIBC, [4/5/18](#)] (AUDIO)