Nicole Malliotakis supported raising New Yorker’s property taxes. Malliotakis wants you to think that she’s for lower taxes, but she supported a tax plan that will give permanent tax cuts to big corporations and the wealthy but drive up taxes on middle class New Yorkers, increasing property taxes by thousands of dollars a year for many families. The tax plan even threatens drastic cuts to Social Security and Medicare that New York seniors earned through a lifetime of hard work.

**Malliotakis Wrote An Op-Ed Defending Trump Tax Plan, Claiming “The Many New Yorkers Who Opt Out Of Itemizing And Wish To Continue To Do So Should Receive A Healthier Return Under The New Bill.”** “Despite the governor’s rhetoric, the facts are the facts. It is not Washington’s policies that gave New York the top state and local tax burden or second-worst business climate in the nation, and President Donald Trump is not to blame for it being one of the top three states for outward migration. The blame lies with the tax-and-spend policies of ‘progressive’ politicians who feel the answer to every problem is to spend more and hand their hardworking citizens the bill. According to the left-leaning Tax Policy Center, 80 percent of Americans throughout every income group will benefit from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, with the average tax cut being $1,600. Even locally, accountant William DeLuccio told the Staten Island Advance that ‘most people are going to be ahead’ due to lower marginal rates, an increased standard deduction and a new child tax credit. The many New Yorkers who opt out of itemizing and wish to continue to do so should receive a healthier return under the new bill, which doubles the standard deduction from $6,500 for single taxpayers and $13,000 for married couples to $12,000 and $24,000, respectively. For those who take this standard deduction every year, the state and local tax deduction limit is irrelevant. It is those who rely heavily on state and local tax deductions -- mostly the higher-income earners in high-tax states such as ours -- who may see a loss. That’s not the federal government’s fault. That’s the fault of our state and local governments for taxing residents to death.” [Staten Island Advance, 1/9/18]

**As Of July 2020, Malliotakis “Strongly” Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act But Expressed Her Support For Repealing The SALT Deduction CAP.** “Nicole strongly supports President Trump’s Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which is responsible for the unprecedented level of job creation and economic growth achieved during the President’s first term but strongly believes Congress must restore the State and Local Tax (‘SALT’) exemption to ease the tax burden on hardworking New York families.” [Nicole Malliotakis for Congress, accessed 7/16/20]

**Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.”** “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over $470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to $500,000 for individuals and $600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big
businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

The Corporate Tax Cuts In The Tax Bill Were “Permanent.” “The fact that the corporate cut was permanent while the cuts for individuals were temporary was a major attack line by Democrats during last year’s debate over the tax overhaul, which passed with zero Democratic support.” [Politico, 9/28/18]

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That’s not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand’s statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There’s no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, 12/22/17]

The Tax Bill Capped Property Tax And State And Local Tax Deductions At $10,000, Particularly Hurting Homeowners In New York. “Homeowners in high-tax states like New York, New Jersey and California could be big losers, particularly if they have high property taxes. Their ability to deduct their local property taxes and state and local income taxes from their federal tax bills is now capped at $10,000. In some cases, that could be offset by the lower tax rates that all taxpayers will owe on their ordinary income.” [New York Times, 12/16/17]

The Average SALT Deduction Taken In 2016 In NY-11 Was $14,976:

| Congressional Districts in 2018 Ranked by Percentage of Returns in 2016 with SALT Deduction |
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| District                        | Percent of Tax Returns with SALT Deduction in 2016 | SALT Deduction as Percent of AGI in 2016 | Average SALT Deduction Taken in 2016 | Party Holding Seat in 2019 |
| NY-11                           | 39.8%                                          | 8.8%                                         | $14,976                        | Democrat            |

[Tax Policy Center, 10/7/19]

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: New Yorkers Would Pay $4 Billion More In Taxes Under Trump Tax Plan Due To SALT Deduction Cuts. According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, “An ITEP analysis reveals that four states would see their residents pay more in aggregate federal personal income taxes under the House’s Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. While some individual taxpayers in every state would face a tax increase, only California, New York, Maryland, and New Jersey would see such large increases that their
residents’ overall personal income tax payments rise when compared to current law. Californians would face the largest net tax increase, at $12.1 billion in 2027 alone. They are followed by New Yorkers ($4.0 billion in higher income taxes), Marylanders ($430 million), and New Jerseyans ($137 million). Overall, the residents of these four states combined would pay $16.7 billion more in federal personal income taxes by 2027. These increases are due in large part to House leadership’s decision to dramatically curtail the deduction for state and local tax payments.” [ITEP, 11/14/2017]

**Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By $1.9 Trillion.** “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by $1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government $2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about $461 billion.” [The Hill, 4/9/18]

**After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit.** “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, 12/27/17]