Van Orden is backed by insiders who gave big corporations and the richest Americans a tax cut, which they said they would pay for it by cutting Medicare and Social Security, all while raising taxes on the middle class.

**House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy Endorsed Van Orden.** [Van Orden for Congress, accessed 9/7/20]

**Vice President Mike Pence Endorsed Van Orden.** [Van Orden for Congress, accessed 9/7/20]
December 2017: Pence Thanked Trump And Members Of Congress For Their Work On The Tax Bill. “THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for those kind words. But more importantly, thank you for your leadership. Thank you for your boundless faith in the American people, and thank you for keeping your promise to see this Congress deliver the largest tax cut in American history before Christmas of this year. Merry Christmas, America. (Applause.) To members of our Cabinet, to Leader McConnell, to Speaker Ryan, to all these members of Congress: Thank you. Thank you not only for being here today for this special moment, but thank you for your leadership and support throughout this year. [...] In August of this year, the President laid out his vision for a tax cut that would be a middle-class miracle, and that’s exactly what the Congress passed today. (Applause.) This tax cut will put more money in the pockets of the American people; it will make our tax code more simple, more fair, more easy to understand. It will make businesses across America more competitive to create good-paying jobs and raise wages for working Americans.” [WhiteHouse.gov, Remarks, 12/20/17]

Washington Republicans, Including Kevin McCarthy, Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” [HR 1, Vote #699, 12/20/17; CQ, 12/20/17]

The Republican Tax Bill Included “A Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “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. The new tax break for millionaires goes beyond what was in the original House and Senate bills, with Republicans seeking to ensure wealthy earners in states such as New York, Connecticut and California don't end up paying substantially higher taxes as a result of the bill. [...] 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]


US News: “The Most Likely Targets For Cuts And Restructuring In The Coming Months Are Likely To Be Medicare And Social Security Benefits.” “Instead, the most likely targets for cuts and restructuring in the coming months are likely to be Medicare and Social Security benefits. Rubio last week indicated ‘the driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.’ Ryan issued a similar assessment just a few days later, noting that ‘health care entitlements … are the big drivers of our debt.’” [US News, 12/7/17]

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]

Under GOP Tax Bill, Individual Tax Cuts Expired In 2025, While Reductions For Businesses Were Permanent. “But all of the individual tax cuts are scheduled to go away after 2025. Republicans opted to make tax cuts for families temporary and reductions for businesses permanent.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]