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ANAC Opposes Tax Code Overhaul Proposals

Washington DC- The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) opposes any tax code overhaul bill that disproportionately favors high income individuals and corporations, thus leaving a significant revenue gap. This would result in spending cuts to health care and safety net programs, including restructuring of programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. We are deeply concerned that revenue cuts from the tax overhaul will hurt middle income, working and poor communities. Decreased revenue is likely to lead to massive cuts in federal spending over the next decade. Projected targets include: \$25 billion cut to Medicare in FY2018 and similar cuts to Medicare and Medicaid in subsequent years. This will result in a lack of services or reduced access to essential medications and treatments for many Americans, especially the elderly, poor people and people with chronic diseases, specifically HIV and its co-morbidities.

ANAC opposes any tax code bill that would lead to:

- Eliminating the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate
- Reduction or elimination of funding for women's reproductive and primary health care services
- Elimination of the personal medical deduction
- Elimination of charitable deductions
- Elimination of tax law provisions known as Private Activity Bonds that finance non-profit hospitals and health systems
- Cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and non-defense discretionary programs, such as Ryan White funding and other essential safety net programs.

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About ANAC - The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) is the leading non-profit association for nurses and other members of the health care team working in HIV and HIV-related prevention, care, treatment, education, research and policy. Founded in 1987, ANAC's mission is to foster the professional development of nurses and others caring for persons at risk, living with, or affected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and its comorbidities, and promotes the health, welfare, and rights of HIV positive people around the world. ANAC has members across the globe and includes 40 local chapters in the U.S. ANAC publishes the Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (JANAC), a peer-reviewed publication with a global readership, focusing on nurse-led scientific research. Learn more at www.nursesinaidscare.org