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November 15, 2017

Hon. Adam Schiff,
U.S. House of Representatives
2372 Rayburn
House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 1 - Tax Cuts and Jobs Act-- OPPOSE

Dear Congressman Schiff:

I am writing on behalf of the City of West Hollywood to convey the City's opposition to H.R. 1 the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act". As currently drafted, H.R. 1 calls for the elimination of state and local income and sales tax deductions, and caps the property tax deduction at \$10,000. These modifications alone will hurt working families, rather than helping them as the Republican leadership has touted.

H.R. 1 also calls for the repeal of private activity bonds (PABs) -- a very important financial tool used by the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program to build desperately needed affordable housing. This tax credit program was used to finance the construction of nearly 20,000 affordable homes in 2016. Elimination of this program, when California faces a severe housing crisis and almost 2 million units need to be built, makes no sense whatsoever.

Furthermore, H.R. 1 significantly expands the federal deficit by at least \$1.7 trillion over ten years and directs most of the tax breaks for corporations. At the same time, H.R. 1 eliminates deductions taken by middle and low income Americans. For all these reasons, we urge you to vote no on H.R. 1.

Respectfully,

John Heilman,
MAYOR

C: Hon. Dianne Feinstein, D, California
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