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On Thursday, November 16, the House of Representatives passed a tax bill that wages war on higher education and American workers.

We unequivocally condemn the Republican tax plan. Penn State graduate assistants making \$20,855 per year will have their income slashed by approximately 10.57% in order to line the pockets of corporations and billionaires. By making tuition waivers taxable income, all but the wealthiest students will be priced out of graduate school. This is wrong, and it is unacceptable.

Unions, organized educators, and graduate assistants throughout the United States are standing in opposition to the Republican tax plan, and we stand with them. We will organize action in opposition to the bill, and we urge Penn State graduate assistants to call Senator Pat Toomey and demand that he oppose it.

We further demand that Penn State unequivocally and publicly condemn the plan, and that it utilize its full resources to mobilize our entire University community to oppose it.

In solidarity,

Coalition of Graduate Employees

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The Coalition of Graduate Employees is an employee-led union campaign organizing Penn State's 3,724 graduate assistants. It filed for a union election in February 2017.