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"A relentless wave of dry heat, coupled with a recent outbreak of wildfires, is fueling a summertime scourge of the Intermountain West: the near-daily spikes in ozone and other air pollutants, collectively known as smog. Colorado's Denver metropolitan region and Northern Front Range — which extends from about the Wyoming border to Boulder — have been breaching federal ozone standards for years, despite vast improvements in controlling emissions in both transportation and the energy sector. Experts attribute the continued seasonal surges in this colorless gas, which affects respiratory and cardiovascular health, to a combination of factors: climate change, population expansion and the region's unique geography." (*Hill*, 08/03/24)

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"Colorado's Waterways and Microplastics A Survey of Rivers and Streams along Front Range Watersheds in Colorado Our survey of sixteen water bodies found microplastics in all sixteen. Microplastics threatens wildlife, ecosystems and our health. Plastic is everywhere and in everything. It's used as packaging, it's in food service products, and it's in clothing. All told, Americans generate over 36 million tons of plastic waste every year, but less than 6% is recycled. Often when talking about plastic pollution, the images that come to mind are sea turtles and birds ensnared in bags or straws, massive trash gyres in the Pacific Ocean, or whales washed ashore with hundreds of pounds of plastic waste in their stomachs. So it may not be surprising that in one study, as of 2012, 59% of 135 seabird species had ingested plastic, with that number expected to rise to 99% by the year 2050. Plastic use and pollution is pervasive, even here in scenic "Colorful Colorado." In 2020, we estimated that every day, Coloradans went through 4.6 million bags and 1.2 million polystyrene cups. Plastics are often a common form of litter recovered in Colorado waterway cleanups, and the Colorado Department of Transportation spends



millions of taxpayer dollars each year cleaning litter from roadsides. But litter alone doesn't capture the full scope of plastic pollution. Research suggests that we could be missing 99% of the plastic that makes its way into the environment. That's because plastic doesn't degrade in the environment like an apple or a piece of paper; instead it breaks into smaller and smaller pieces of plastic called microplastic. which is plastic less than 5mm in length, or smaller than a sesame seed. A growing area of concern regarding our plastic waste is the environmental and public health threat posed by these microplastics. They are severe laceration and starvation hazards to wildlife and have been found in our air, food, and bodies. Microplastics also attract pollutants that may already exist in the environment at trace levels, accumulating toxins like DDT & PCBs and delivering them to the wildlife that eat them, often bioaccumulating through the food chain. Microplastics can enter our environment through a myriad of pathways. Litter, illegal dumping, and plastic waste are all obvious culprits. Microfibers are another prevalent type of microplastics and are introduced into the environment through clothes washing as well as usual wear and tear. With wastewater treatment plants unable to fully filter these plastic fibers out, they can end up washed into waterways and ultimately in drinking water. The creation of new plastic products uses small pellets called nurdles which are easily lost and frequently enter waterways. Packaging and the factory processes in the creation of products like bottled water can even cause microplastic contamination. A prime location for testing microplastics is therefore in our waterways. Colorado's rivers begin in state and then flow outside making it a headwater state. The river systems originating high in the Rocky Mountains drain into one-third of the landmass of the lower 48 United States. According to Ceres, just one of the seven major river basins of the state, the Colorado Basin, supplies water to nearly 40 million people and sustains a \$5 billion agriculture industry. On the eastern side of the state, the South Platte River Basin supplies industrial and municipal water for about 5 million people, 3.5 million acres of farmland, and supports numerous recreational and wildlife areas. To better understand the scope of the microplastic problem in Colorado, Environment Colorado Research and Policy Center volunteers sampled 16 different water bodies in the Front Range. We found microplastics in 100% of our samples." (Environment America, 05/25/23)

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"Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) commends State Rep Gabe Evans for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to the voters of Colorado to oppose and vote against income tax hikes. Candidates often make campaign promises not to raise taxes, only to abandon taxpayers once elected. The Taxpayer Protection Pledge requires candidates to put their commitment in writing – making it harder to reverse course. Evans' decision to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge exhibits his strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and pro-growth tax policies [...] President Biden and Vice President Harris have vowed to raise taxes: they have both repeatedly pledged to 'eliminate', 'get rid of', 'repeal' and 'reverse' the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which cut taxes for all Americans." (Americans for Tax Reform, 10/24/23)

In June 2024, Gabe Evans again said he supports Trump's "Tax Plan" and would "support renewing the Trump tax cuts that skew heavily toward rich people and large corporations."

"Evans, Joshi Will Vote for Trump and Support His Tax Plan, and Both Question the 2020 Election Results [...] During a debate Saturday, state Rep. Gabe Evans (R-Ft. Lupton) and former state lawmaker Janak Joshi — the two Republican candidates in Colorado's most competitive congressional district — both refused to say, categorically,



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that the 2020 election was not stolen from Trump. They'll both vote for Trump, even in the wake of his conviction, and support renewing the Trump tax cuts that skew heavily toward rich people and large corporations. Both reiterated their support for the mass deportation of immigrants but they both added an exception for Dreamers, whom they'd allow to remain in America. Fox News is one of two go-to news sources for both, they said." (*Colorado Times Recorder*, 06/07/24)

Headline: "How The Tax Plan Will Send Jobs Overseas" Headline: "How the Tax Plan Will Send Jobs Overseas" (*Atlantic*, <u>12/08/17</u>)

The 2017 Republican Tax Bill Made It A "Permanent Preference" To U.S. Multinational Conglomerates To "Foreign Income And Lead Companies To Shift More" Operations, Factories, And Jobs Overseas, "Expanding The Degree Our Tax System Tilts The Playing Field Against American Taxpayers And American Workers." "Despite Donald Trump's 'America first' rhetoric, many suspected that the tax plan he would support would actually increase the incentives for U.S. multinationals to move both profits and operations overseas. I wrote about this inevitability a few weeks ago. before the details of the Trump-GOP tax plan emerged. Now that the bill is advancing, it's clear that things aren't as bad as many feared. They're worse. As discussed in the previous piece, Trump administration economic officials argue that by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent and moving to what is called a territorial system—mainly, companies pay taxes on foreign earnings only to the foreign nation where those profits are booked and never owe anything to the U.S. no matter how low the foreign nation's tax rate is—would lead to more jobs and profits staying in or coming back to the United States. Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits [...] Let's say a U.S. multinational has highly profitable intangibles located in a tax haven that earn \$50 million in income without any tangible investment. If the company has no other foreign profits or operations, then that income would face a mere \$5 million in U.S. taxes from the 10 percent minimum tax under the GOP plan. But if the company decides to build a new \$1 billion factory overseas that earns profits of only 5 percent (\$50 million) from the factory, the company will not pay a penny in U.S. taxes on its income from the factory or the intangibles. Why? Because when you add the income together, the \$50 million from the intangibles plus the \$50 million from the new factory, it equals the "routine" profit of 10 percent on the \$1 billion of new tangible investment, which will allow it to completely avoid paying taxes on any of the above mentioned profits. This shows how deeply the tax plan fails when it comes to incentives to shift profits and operations overseas and to curtail the obsession of major



multinational companies with international tax arbitrage that has nothing to do with innovation, productivity or job creation. Indeed, the ability to blend income from intangibles and routine profits, and from investment in higher tax nations with tax havens with zero taxes, leads to a worst of all worlds scenario: an even greater corporate focus on international tax minimization through a careful mixture of shifting profits and operations overseas. If there was one thing the GOP international tax bill was advertised to accomplish, it was that it would favor locating jobs and profits in the United States. It does just the opposite—expanding the degree our tax system tilts the playing field against American taxpayers and American workers." (*Atlantic*, 12/08/17)

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Workers." "Despite Donald Trump's 'America first' rhetoric, many suspected that the tax plan he would support would actually increase the incentives for U.S. multinationals to move both profits and operations overseas. I wrote about this inevitability a few weeks ago, before the details of the Trump-GOP tax plan emerged. Now that the bill is advancing, it's clear that things aren't as bad as many feared. They're worse. As discussed in the previous piece, Trump administration economic officials argue that by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent and moving to what is called a territorial system—mainly, companies pay taxes on foreign earnings only to the foreign nation where those profits are booked and never owe anything to the U.S. no matter how low the foreign nation's tax rate is—would lead to more jobs and profits staying in or coming back to the United States. Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits [...] Let's say a U.S. multinational has highly profitable intangibles located in a tax haven that earn \$50 million in income without any tangible investment. If the company has no other foreign profits or operations, then that income would face a mere \$5 million in U.S. taxes from the 10 percent minimum tax under the GOP plan. But if the company decides to build a new \$1 billion factory overseas that earns profits of only 5 percent (\$50 million) from the factory, the company will not pay a penny in U.S. taxes on its income from the factory or the intangibles. Why? Because when you add the income together, the \$50 million from the intangibles plus the \$50 million from the new factory, it equals the "routine" profit of 10 percent on the \$1 billion of new tangible investment, which will allow it to completely avoid paying taxes on any of the above mentioned profits. This shows how deeply the tax plan fails when it comes to incentives to shift profits and operations overseas and to curtail the obsession of major multinational companies with international tax arbitrage that has nothing to do with innovation, productivity or job creation. Indeed, the ability to blend income from intangibles and routine profits, and from investment in higher tax nations with tax havens with zero taxes, leads to a worst of all worlds scenario: an even greater corporate focus on international tax minimization through a careful mixture of shifting profits and operations overseas. If there was one thing the GOP international tax bill was advertised to accomplish, it was that it would favor locating jobs and profits in the United States. It does just the opposite—expanding the degree our tax system tilts the playing field against American taxpayers and American workers." (Atlantic, 12/08/17)

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