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Dear Colleagues,

I write to share information on the proposed Republican bill introduced in the US House of Representatives late last week – the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (HR1). The proposed bill aims to rewrite the tax code for the first time in more than three decades.

The proposed bill is already subject to intense analysis and speculation. What we know right now is that in its current form, the proposed bill will significantly impact Emory and the Emory community, from provisions related to endowments and charitable contributions to educational assistance and tuition and scholarship matters.

The Laney Graduate School is working closely with Emory senior leadership and the Emory Office of Government and Community Affairs to understand the implications of the proposed bill in its current form, which we find both troubling and threatening. Today, a [letter from Emory President Claire Sterk](#) to Georgia’s representatives in the US Senate and US House of Representatives was published, and President Sterk continues to be in contact with congressional leaders from Georgia about the potential impact of the proposed bill to Emory specifically, and colleges and universities nationally.

The proposed bill will most certainly change as it begins making its way through the congressional process. We in LGS will continue to work closely with University leaders – and leaders in higher education beyond our campus – to advocate for changes to the proposed bill that will eliminate and mitigate those provisions that are detrimental to our students, faculty, staff, alumni and partners.

We appreciate the thoughtful concern and outreach we have received from members of the LGS community. You have my assurance that we will continue to study and monitor this proposed bill as it moves through Congress, that we will be strong advocates against any provisions that negatively impact our community, and that we will provide updates to you throughout this process.

Thank you for your care and for your outreach.

Sincerely with you,