



Media Advisory

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AFSCME'S TAX DAY BLITZ: Tuesday, April 18

Last-minute tax filers will be greeted by members of [AFSCME Council 5](#) on Tax Day – Tuesday, April 18 – at post offices in Brainerd, Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Cloud. Union volunteers will ask taxpayers a simple question: “Do you want to pay more so the rich can pay less?”

Under GOP proposals, tax breaks for top earners and big corporations would cost Minnesota more than a billion dollars a year. The richest 5 percent of Minnesotans pay 11.3 percent of their income in state and local taxes. Meanwhile, working families pay 12.2 percent. Thanks to Gov. Dayton, the tax disadvantage that middle-income families experience has diminished, but they're still paying 8 percent more per dollar of income in state and local taxes than their wealthy neighbors (Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue, [2017 Tax Incidence Study](#)).

“Working families pay their taxes,” explains Eliot Seide, director of AFSCME Council 5. “We think big corporations and the richest Minnesotans should pay their fair share, too. It’s the fairest way to invest in a better future for everyone. It’s simply wrong to put their wealth ahead of our health and our children’s education.”

AFSCME Council 5 supports Gov. Dayton’s tax plan, which closes corporate tax loopholes and expands tax relief for hardworking families. His Working Family Tax Credit would save the average family an additional \$124 per year. His Child Care Tax Credit would help 75,000 families save an additional \$379 a year.

POST OFFICE / TIME	LOCATION
Brainerd 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.	422 Laurel St., Brainerd, MN 56401 Directions
Duluth 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.	2800 W. Michigan St., Duluth, MN 55806 Directions
Minneapolis (downtown) 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.	100 First St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55401 Directions
St. Cloud 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.	915 Second St. N., St. Cloud, MN 56301 Directions

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