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No Room in the Tax Code for Infant Jesus

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Christmas is only a few days away, but it has been hijacked by the Trump Administration and Republicans in Congress. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 that passed yesterday is smoke and mirrors and just a bunch of coal for working Americans, for the middle class and for those men and women, families and children living in poverty.

Infant Jesus was on the run, homeless, hungry. The Holy Family was living on the margin in those early years. What would Jesus do today? Where is the federal government in its duty to help those with the greatest need?

The gap between rich and poor continues to grow. And this tax bill is a windfall for corporations and the rich. This disparity between the accumulation of extreme wealth and the inescapability of extreme poverty threatens the dignity of human beings and is destructive to our society.

We will have to be vigilant. Congress is going to start searching for ways to pay for its give-away to the rich and we must not let it cut programs that help poor and less affluent.

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