Hello,

My name is [name] and I am a constituent of [congressperson].

I’m calling today to share how the proposed tax bill - the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act - affects me, and to ask you to oppose section 1204 of the bill, which repeals the qualified tuition reduction.

I am currently a [grad student] at University of Missouri. If this bill passes and repeals tuition waivers, my income taxes would increase by [$2000], which is a [220%] increase in my taxes. My remaining stipend would be far below the cost of living in Columbia.

This bill will similarly impact graduate students across the country, hurting an engine of American economic growth and prosperity. American graduate students are some of our most active researchers, inventors, and entrepreneurs, and they already subsist on a low stipend income for years while working toward their degree. Increasing their tax burden is severely harmful to current and future students and their universities, and making it harder to pursue advanced degrees will hurt our economy.

I urge you to oppose the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in its current form to prevent the repeal of the qualified tuition reduction.

Thank you for your time.

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If you want, you can also mention your opposition to the following, which could further increase your taxes or negatively impact University of Missouri students:

1. The repeal of the student loan interest tax deduction.
2. The rollback of the State and Local Tax Deduction.
3. The new tax on university endowments.

*Please note: [brackets] indicate that you may want to change the words for your particular situation.

**Also note: All callers are completely welcome to address these issues in their own words. GPC offers this script only to help folks that are new to calling Congress get oriented.

For more information, visit: http://nagps.org/call-congress-day-tax-cut-jobs-act/
Missouri House of Representatives and Senate Phone Numbers

*** We ask that you call Representative Vicky Hartzler, Senator Roy Blunt, and Senator Claire McCaskill. We also ask that you call 1-2 more from the remaining 7 representatives, especially considering Representative Jason Smith who serves on the Ways and Means Committee. You can call all of them if you would like. Thank you!

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Republican
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Senator Claire McCaskill
Democrat
D.C. Office: (202) 224-6154

Representative Vicky Hartzler
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Representative Jason Smith
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Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer
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Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II
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