

Sharice Davids voted to give an eighty-thousand-dollar tax break to wealthy homeowners in New York, New Jersey, and California, a move that would cost hundreds of billions of dollars, but not help the middle-class voters here in Kansas who need tax relief.

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(H.R. 5376, [Roll Call 385](#), Passed 220-213: R 0-212, D 220-1, Davids Voted Yea, 11/19/21)

Editor's Note: The version of the Build Back Better Act referenced is the one that passed the House of Representatives on November 19, 2021, and has not been passed by the Senate or signed into law.

The House-approved Build Back Better legislation increases the cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductibility, which would cost \$275 billion over five years, result in benefits almost exclusively for millionaires in New York and California, and allow for blue-state governors and mayors to further raise state and local taxes on families and businesses:

- **The House-approved Build Back Better bill would increase the cap on state and local tax deductibility.** “House Democrats on Friday passed their \$1.75 trillion spending package with a temporary increase for the limit on the federal deduction for state and local taxes, known as SALT. The bill would boost the limit to \$80,000 from 2021 through 2030 before dropping it back to \$10,000 in 2031. Without changes, the current \$10,000 cap will expire after 2025.” (Kate Dore, “House Democrats pass spending package with \$80,000 SALT cap through 2030,” [CNBC](#), 11/19/21)
- **The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimated that raising the SALT cap would come at a “hefty price tag” of \$275 billion over five years.** “But raising the SALT cap comes with a hefty price tag: \$275 billion over five years, according to the hawkish Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. That cost, some Democrats argue, is egregious considering that lawmakers already scrapped (free community college) or watered down (paid family leave) a slew of progressive policies in order to make the bill’s cost projection more appealing to centrist Senators Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema.” (Abby Vesoulis, “A Wonky Tax Break for the Well-Off Is a Bigger Problem for Democrats Than You’d Think,” [TIME](#), 12/16/21)
- **“The benefits of SALT cap repeal go almost exclusively to high earners.”** “The benefits of SALT cap repeal go almost exclusively to high earners. Over half the benefit would go to the top 1 percent of earners, who would receive an average tax cut of \$35,660 per household, according to data from the Tax Policy Center. Nearly 96 percent of the benefit would go to the top 20 percent of earners.” (Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, “[SALT Cap Repeal Would Be a Costly Mistake](#),” 9/10/21)
 - **Raising the SALT cap to \$80,000 would benefit the top 1 percent of households.** “The big difference would be at the very top of the income distribution. Nearly one-third of the benefit of the \$80,000 cap would go to the top 1 percent of households (those making nearly \$870,000 or more). But the top 1 percent would get only 0.1% of the benefit if the \$10,000 SALT cap is gradually restored starting at \$400,000.” (Howard Gleckman, “How An \$80,000 SALT Cap Stacks Up Against A Full Deduction For Those Making \$400,000 Or Less,” [Forbes](#), 11/18/21)

- **“Two-thirds of households making over \$1 million per year would receive a tax cut under the Build Back Better Act.”** “However, because Build Back Better would raise the \$10,000 cap on the state and local tax (SALT) deduction, it would cut taxes for the majority of very wealthy families as well. According to TPC, two-thirds of households making over \$1 million per year would receive a tax cut under the Build Back Better Act. More than three-quarters of households earning between \$500,000 and \$1 million would also receive a tax cut, as would two-thirds of those earning between \$200,000 and \$500,000.” (Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, “Two-Thirds of Millionaires Get a Tax Cut Under Build Back Better, Due to SALT Relief,” [Blog](#), 11/12/21)
- **Four states – California, New York, New Jersey, and Illinois – would receive 46% of the of the national tax reduction as a result of raising the SALT cap to \$80,000.** “Taxpayers in California would receive \$12.5 billion of the \$55.9 billion national tax reduction, or 22.3 percent. They would be followed by New York (\$6.9 billion), New Jersey (\$3.7 billion), and Illinois (\$2.7 billion). (Figure 1.) Taxpayers in these four states, combined, would receive 46 percent of the national tax reduction.” (Matt Jensen and Donald Boyd, “How raising the SALT cap would affect taxpayers in different states, part II,” [American Enterprise Institute](#), 11/15/21)

***Editor’s Note:** Kansans [would](#) receive much less in tax cuts compared to California, New York, New Jersey and Illinois.*