



For Immediate Release
November 19, 2021

Contact: DC Press Office
(202) 225-4261

Wittman Votes Against the Democrats' Radical Tax and Spending Spree

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) issued the following statement after voting against the *Democrats' Socialist Tax and Spending Spree*; otherwise known as the *Build Back Better Act*.

“This massive tax and spending bill is anything but ‘Building Back Better.’ It is an attempt by Speaker Pelosi to ram through the most radical far-left piece of legislation ever. I refuse to support the Democrats’ radical agenda that will dramatically exacerbate the mounting inflation crisis, tax working families, bankrupt the economy, drastically expand the federal government, and increase energy prices.

“This legislation turns its back on everyday Americans by providing a myriad of handouts to the wealthy, such as tax credits for expensive electric vehicles, and retroactive state and local tax (SALT) deductions that would provide hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to the nation’s richest people. This bill contains trillions in tax hikes that will punish hard working American families. Nothing in this legislation addresses any of the crises facing Americans, such as the breakdowns in the supply chain that have led to empty store shelves and the out of control illegal immigration chaos at the southern border. Instead, it is a wish list of out-of-touch policies that the American people have already rejected.

“The passage of this bill through the House marks another step Democrats are taking to devastate small businesses. This bill ships American jobs and competitiveness overseas and rewards China by taxing U.S. employers at one

of the highest rates in the world. The crippling taxes put in place by this bill and the reversing of major provisions in the Republican *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* will devastate Main Street businesses and family farms across America.

“The trillions of dollars in new government spending will further fuel inflation, drive consumer prices even higher, and harm American families and businesses. Everyday expenses are already increasing faster than paychecks every month, resulting in shrinking family budgets. Americans want and deserve policies that empower workers and small businesses, not trillions of dollars in reckless tax-and-spending sprees that only empowers Washington at the expense of the rest of America.”

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the 1st District of Virginia. He serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, where he serves as the ranking member of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee.

###

wittman.house.gov