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Tax Reform - Ohio DC is Looking Out For Our Participants

Developing tax reform legislation is a complicated process and it has the potential to affect countless parts of how our government works. One of the potential changes that was considered in early tax reform negotiations was the possibility of eliminating certain savings options that are available to participants of Ohio DC, specifically catch-up, which allows participants to defer higher amounts of their pay, as they approach retirement.

To make sure you didn't lose these important benefits, Ohio DC's Executive Director, Keith Overly, worked with the Ohio Coalition, a group that includes, Ohio DC, OPERS, SERS and NAGDCA. The efforts of the Ohio coalition, NAGDCA and others have been successful in eliminating provisions in the House and Senate bills for tax reform that would have been detrimental to DC plans.

As a result of those efforts, Senator Rob Portman of Ohio and Senator Susan Collins of Maine, successfully co-sponsored amendments to retain existing catch up provisions that would otherwise be eliminated by tax reform. If Senate tax reform had eliminated the catch up provisions, Ohio DC participants would have no longer been able to use the three year catch up to increase their contributions in the years prior to retirement, including the common use of the catch up to defer accrued sick and vacation leave pay outs at retirement.

You can look for updates about what's happening with tax reform in our quarterly *Focus* Newsletter, in the Resources section of our website Ohio457.org. We will continue to work hard to protect your retirement savings options.

Investing involves market risk, including possible loss of principal. Learn more about Ohio DC and how we can help you save for retirement at Ohio457.org.