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HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THE ONE BIG BILL?

One of the greatest benefits of working with HCM Wealth Advisors & CPAs is having access to tax planning that is integrated into all financial decisions from single stock trades to legacy planning. The importance of tax planning is again in the spotlight with the recent tax legislation known as the One Big Beautiful Bill.

There is a lot to unpack within the One Big Beautiful Tax Bill (OBBB) including many claims about it that are not completely accurate, such as:

- No tax on Social Security
- No tax on tips
- No tax on overtime
- No tax on car loan interest

With that said, the new bill provides numerous tax-saving opportunities that, with proper planning, will help many HCM clients pay less.

Important Tax Policies Changes

Extending Lower Tax Rates

Tax rates for almost all individuals were scheduled to rise in 2026. The OBBB makes the current lower tax rates permanent. As a result, taxpayers who were accelerating income to avoid higher future rates may now delay the payment of these taxes. This may open the door to taking advantage of other benefits in the OBBB.

Increased Standard Deduction

Before the OBBB, the standard deduction was scheduled to be cut in half in 2026. The OBBB increases the current standard deduction and makes the higher deduction permanent.

On the negative side, maximum bracket taxpayers will see the benefit of their itemized deductions reduced in

2026, creating a planning opportunity to accelerate itemized deductions, such as charitable gifts, into 2025 to capture the full benefit.

SALT Deduction

The limit for deducting state and local taxes (SALT) has been increased from \$10,000 to \$40,000 beginning in 2025 through 2029. This means that taxpayers with state and local income and real-estate taxes that exceed \$10,000 will need to review their filing strategy to see if itemizing deductions will provide an advantage. Phaseouts begin at \$500K Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) for joint filers and \$250K for singles.

Charitable Giving

The OBBB makes several changes to the tax treatment of charitable contributions. These changes will impact both itemizers and non-itemizers alike and will require planning to achieve optimal benefits.

Beginning in 2026:

- High-bracket taxpayers who itemize deductions will see the tax benefit of their gifts reduced. Affected donors should explore the benefits of accelerating their gifts into 2025 where the full tax advantage may be achieved. High income taxpayers should discuss their charitable goals for the next few years with their tax advisor.
- An "above-the-line" \$1,000 single/\$2,000 married charitable deduction is available for gifts made by taxpayers who claim the standard deduction. The deduction only applies to cash contributions made to qualified public charities, not to donor-advised funds or private foundations often used by HCM clients. Qualified individuals can make a one-time gift from their IRAs of up to \$50,000 to fund certain life-income plans.

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Big Claims that Aren't Quite True

No Tax on Social Security

While there is still a tax on social security, seniors age 65 and older may claim an additional \$6,000 deduction (\$12,000 for couples) from 2025 to 2028. This new deduction is in addition to the current additional standard deduction for seniors available under existing law. Phaseouts apply for those with income above \$75,000 and \$150,000 for joint filers.

No Tax on Tips

Effective for 2025 through 2028, employees and self-employed individuals may deduct an annual maximum of \$25,000 in "qualified" tips received in occupations that are listed by the IRS. The deduction phases out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income over \$150,000 (\$300,000 for joint filers).

No Tax on Overtime

Like tips, the Bill allows a deduction, effective for 2025 through 2028, for "qualified" overtime pay (the "premium" portion above regular pay, like the half time in "time-and-a-half") of \$12,500 for a single taxpayer and \$25,000 for couples. The same phaseouts applied to tips apply here.

No Tax on Car Loan Interest

The bill introduces a maximum \$10,000 deduction for qualified vehicle loan interest, available for loans originated after 2024. The deduction will be available through 2028 for new, personal use vehicles with final assembly in the United States. Phaseouts apply to those with modified adjusted gross income over \$100,000 (\$200,000 for joint filers).

Show Me the [Child-Related] Money

Increased Child Tax Credit

Starting in 2025, the OBBB increases the Child Tax Credit by \$200 for each child under 17. The new maximum per-child credit is \$2,200, up from \$2,000 in 2024. Additionally, the credit will be adjusted for inflation each year starting in 2026. The Child Tax Credit is still partially refundable, up to \$1,700.

Trump Accounts

An American child born after December 31, 2024, and before January 1, 2029, will have a Trump Account established and will receive an initial \$1,000 deposit from the government. Parents (and others) may contribute up to an additional \$5,000 per year until the child reaches 18. Minors born before January 1, 2025, may still receive the annual \$5,000 contributions but will not receive the \$1,000 government bonus. The account generally follows traditional IRA rules allowing for a lifetime of tax deferred compounding. The soonest Trump accounts can be established is July 2026. HCM recommends every child should open an account and leave it untouched for the next 40-60 years so the miracle of tax-deferred compounding applies.

Conclusion

Year-end tax planning is always a good idea to make sure all your details are in order. With the OBBB, it is critically important to review the timing of income and deductions to capture the benefits and avoid the downsides of the new tax laws. Reach out to your advisor today to schedule your tax planning meeting.

Want to learn more about how the upcoming tax legislation may impact your family?



Nov 11, 2025 4:30pm

In Person at our Blue Ash Office
4445 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 170
Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

Or listen to the audio via Teams

Join **HCM CEO Mike Hengehold** as he walks through the changes the Big Beautiful Bill brings. This interactive session will include a presentation and time for questions and answers.

HCM OFFERS NOTARY SERVICES

As part of our commitment to our clients, we continually strive to offer services to help with your comprehensive financial situation. With Maureen Everhart obtaining her Notary Public commission this year, she joins a fun group of ladies here at HCM - Kacidee Gemperle, Jackie Harris, and Lori Sauers - who are all notaries, available to assist you.

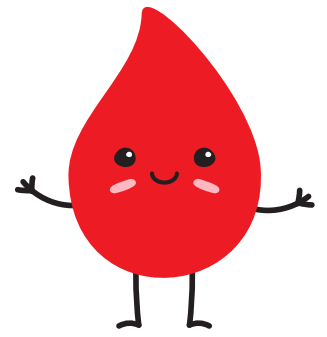
A notary public serves as an impartial witness in performing a variety of official fraud-deterrent acts related to the signing of important documents. Notaries can be called on to certify signatures on documents such as contracts, deeds, transfers, or sales.

If you need something notarized please call our offices to schedule a time to meet with any one of our notaries public.



BLOOD DRIVE AT HCM

October 28
9-11 am

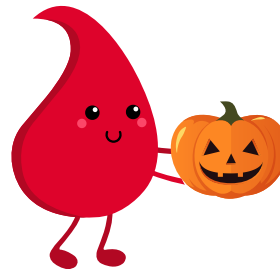


HCM Headquarters Parking Lot
6116 Harrison Avenue | 45247

This Halloween, vampires aren't the only ones out for blood. The Hoxworth Blood Center still has a critical blood shortage in Cincinnati, and HCM is going to be a part of the solution.

Each blood donation can save the lives of up to three people. The process is quick, safe, and easy. Join us in saving lives!

Register at the following link by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera:



**Don't be scared!
Carve out time to
donate blood.**

CHARITABLE GIVING AT HCM

Throughout the past couple of months, we've been sending feedback surveys out to our clients. We know many places send out surveys, so we appreciate each of you who took the time to complete ours. Getting plugged in to what our clients are thinking helps us improve our services and meet expectations. As mentioned in the survey, for each reply, we are making donations to three different charities: Freestore Foodbank, ALS, and Alzheimer's Association.

Just as we encourage our clients to participate in charitable giving, we practice what we preach. In addition to the three mentioned above, HCM donates to other organizations for several other occasions, such as:

- In honor of client birthdays
- When we receive a response from a new client survey
- Each Friday our employees "pay" to dress a little more casual for the workday. The money gets collected throughout the quarter and then gets donated to an employee's charity of choice.
- Sponsoring HCM employees who choose to participate in charitable activities through our healthy living allowance.





A CHILD'S HOPE INT'L

JOIN HCM FOR A MORNING OF SERVICE

HANDS AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKING EVENT

Volunteers will assemble, seal, and box high protein food to be shipped around the world.

Your two hours of volunteering will feed
1 hungry child *for an entire year.*

While participants will stand throughout the shift, most roles do not involve heavy lifting and are non-strenuous.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:30 - 11:30 AM

2430 E. Kemper Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241



You and your guests ages 6+ are welcome to volunteer. Space is limited to the first 100. Please register by Oct. 26, 2025.

Register at

<http://hcmwealthadvisors.com/hahvolunteer>



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DONATE YOUR SHOES

HCM Wealth Advisors & CPAs believes in supporting our community in a variety of ways. We are partnering with Soles4Souls (<https://soles4souls.org/>) to help forward their mission of turning donated footwear into funding for global anti-poverty initiatives.

By repurposing shoes you no longer wear, you divert them from landfills and help promote sustainability. Soles4Souls uses these donations for direct assistance and disaster relief programs and to create opportunities for low-income small businesses. Their impact is global!

Any type of shoe is welcome: kids, adults, athletic, fancy, slippers, etc. When donating your shoes, please connect the pairs together in some way: rubber band, tied shoelaces, etc. Soles4Souls definition of "gently used" is if you can wear them, you can donate them. We can also accept single shoes who have lost their mate! Please avoid donating shoes with holes, rips, or mold.

HCM will have boxes in the upstairs and downstairs entry foyer areas throughout the month of December. Thank you for supporting Soles4Souls by donating your shoes with us.



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