



Memo — 2017 tax planning — Potential tax changes

To: Individual taxpayers
From: Clarus Partners
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Re: Tax Planning - considering potential tax changes

If Congress passes tax legislation in 2017, tax planning will be especially important this year.

2017 may be the last year that state and local taxes can be deducted. Other deductions, including charitable deductions may be less valuable in the future.

We're advising our clients who don't expect to be subject to Alternative Minimum Tax to prepay state and local taxes and real estate taxes for 2018 before December 31, 2017.

Some taxpayers may not itemize deductions if the standard deduction increases. They should consider making charitable contributions for 2018 before December 31, 2017. Clients who have charitable foundations or donor advised funds are especially well placed to accelerate donations.

We don't know if tax legislation will pass, and we don't know what the final provisions will be.

Every client's tax situation is unique, but many taxpayers will benefit from accelerating deductions in 2017.

If you're interested in a detailed personal projection for 2017, please contact our office.