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**From:** Thom Kicinski [kicinski@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 1:52 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE work to put a consumption tax in place and do away with the current tax code. It just makes sense! It will boost the economy. And I'll vote for whoever leans in that direction.

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**Travis Burk**

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**From:** forrest [forrestdesk@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 2:01 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Chairman Greenspan's consumption tax

Forrest K Harstad  
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March 6, 2005

Dear Tax Reform Panel;

Alan Greenspan recommended our country should consider a consumption tax -a national retail sales tax. As long as such a sales tax would replace income tax and eliminate the IRS, he is right on target. The FairTax, as proposed in HR-25 and S-25, is the only national tax plan that meets both parties' and the administration's requirements for a new tax system. It is not a plan to be blended with income tax. It is a plan which fully replaces it.

All income taxes; personal, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, earned-income, self-employment, corporate and even Social Security taxes are eliminated with the FairTax, while Social Security, Medicare and our US Treasury would receive as much as or more revenue than they receive by way of today's income taxes. Calculations conducted by several nationally known economists, including Harvard's Dale Jorgensen, conclude the FairTax package, by eliminating the costs of complying with our present, archaic and intrusive income tax code, would reduce today's retail prices some 22 to 25 percent and grow the American economy over 10 percent. Our country's Founders prohibited "head" or income taxes for a reason; income taxes inhibit economic growth and they require an enforcement arm of our government like the IRS.

Even though the IRS is intrusive and expensive, today's income tax is not paid fully, if at all, by those who have found ways to avoid it -whether by finding or even designing loopholes or by outright breaking of our income tax laws. With the FairTax, everyone would pay their fair share when they purchased new consumable goods. That alone would help fuel our economy tremendously.

With the FairTax, America's working families would take home 100% of their pay -no more withholdings for income tax or payroll tax; no more filing of income tax forms; no more record-keeping; no more paying tax preparers; no more tax audits. April 15<sup>th</sup> would become just another day. With prices of consumables lower, even after America's working families have paid the national retail sales tax at the cash register, they would have more money for their savings accounts and investments at the end of the day.

Then there's the supercharging that would happen to our national exports when our prices are 22 to 25% lower as they leave our shores. We become more competitive in the global market; demand for American goods would of course increase, affecting an increase in American job growth.

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But wouldn't a sales tax be regressive, penalizing the poor? Not the FairTax. Every resident of America with a Social Security number would receive a rebate from our government. Every American. This rebate would return the sales taxes paid for necessities. The amount of necessities would be determined by the Department of Health and Human Services as the amount necessary at the poverty level. The proposed amount of that rebate at today's levels would be; for a family of four, \$479 per month; for a couple, \$357; and for an individual, \$178 -every month. PAYROLL tax is regressive. The FairTax is PROgressive.

For more information, see [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org) or phone 800-324-7829 ext. 137.

Response to request for comments by the Federal Tax Reform Panel on Feb. 16, 2005.

Individual submission

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March 7, 2005

Dear Chairman Mack and Panel members,

The most unfair part of the IRS system is the complexity involved in determining what taxes are due.

The 60,000 pages of IRS code are practically impossible for the average American taxpayer to decipher. The code has been tweaked and changed so many times that it has become an impossible labyrinth. There is no way for the average taxpayer to safely navigate the unending maze of rules and arrive at the correct amount.

It is unfair for the average American to be required to hire someone to figure out their taxes. It is unfair, too, that we may only hope that the ones we hire actually get it right. Even tax preparation professionals may only hope that their calculations are correct.

The tax code is unmanageable. To tweak it further will only add to the problem. Modification of the current code will mean only further complication. There will be just that many more pages of rules and just that many more pages of instructions to explain the new rules. ENOUGH !!!

The Income Tax model is broken. It should be scrapped. It is beyond repair. We need a whole new approach to collecting revenues. We must move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a new plan.

Please consider a National Retail Sales Tax and the Fair Tax Plan. Bills HR 25 and S 25 provide the most direct route to where we need to be.

Thank you,

Larry Whittington

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**From:** John Chambers [john@musack.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 1:37 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Wall Street Journal, March 7th

I imagine you are deluged with this article. I merely add my voice that HR 25 is the tax reform the nation needs.

The Case for the 'FairTax'  
By LAURENCE J. KOTLIKOFF  
March 7, 2005; Page A18, Wall Street Journal

John Chambers  
Sunland, California

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**From:** Kay Frels [kfrels@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 1:20 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

From Don B. & Kay Frels  
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Abolish the present system and go to a flat tax or sales tax.

Thank you,

**Travis Burk**

**From:** Kate McWhirt [kate@computerhousecalls.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 12:59 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform comments

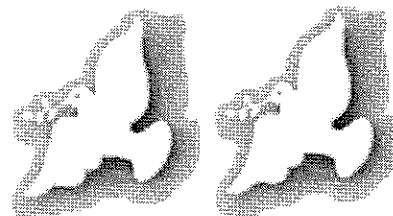
Tax Reform Committee  
United States Government

**COMMENTS ON INCOME TAX REFORM**

Gentlemen,

In my reading, I have found that the Constitution of the United States of America clearly states that there can be no direct taxes on the people of the various states except as it may be apportioned by the population of that state.

I have studied that the Sixteenth Amendment was never legally ratified. Yet, it is under that amendment, that IRS has continued to "enforce" income tax collection. In a 501c3 document from the IRS given to the church where I worked, it clearly states that the church is not to collect taxes unless they have been given a certificate to be a tax collector for the government. That church (nor any other church that I have been able to document) has never been given such a certificate to become a tax collector for the government.



However, as most persons in a position to hire others, they deducted and collected taxes as if they were a tax collector for the United States Government. When I learned that the church was not a tax collector, I quit having income tax taken from my check. It was and is my opinion that God gave me certain holdings and hereditments for my overseeing. Because I made this decision, the IRS has determined that they have control over me and what I believe.

As a result of the civil rights abuse that I have suffered at the hands of the IRS and their minions, I have been terminated from the church. Now, I find that I am still to respond to the inquiry of the IRS, but have lost my source of holdings and hereditments, as given by our God of creation.

I understand that now not only do you intend to retain an unlawful



tax, but you will also add a consumption tax on top of what is unlawful. Does this not equate to double taxation?

I respectfully request that you return to the original Constitution and to the understanding of what our founding fathers intended for this country to be - a country of freedom.

Taxation is only a slow form of slavery – fully intended by the bloated government to keep the people under “control” and without rights, unable to attain any real wealth. It is time to let the bloat out of the government and return to what was intended by our founding fathers – a government of the people, for the people and by the people, not the other way around with the government dishing out small liberties or graces. God never intended the people of this country to be slaves to the government and neither did our founding fathers.

It is time to rid the country of income tax and follow the constitution as it was written and intended. It is time for the judiciary to interpret the laws made by congress and to stop making laws by itself. It is time to be the America that made us a wonderful country and stop the breaking of our Constitution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Concretegm@aol.com  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

Dear Mr President,

In today's Wall Street Journal the "Fair Tax" article by Laurence Kotlikoff pretty much agrees with my opinion and recommendations for the future of taxation. Please read and consider his comments.

Best regards,

Mary Ann Durham

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**From:** Judah\_Doreson@us.crawco.com  
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**Subject:** Federal Tax Reform

Dear Advisory Panel Members,

The benefits of replacing the Income Tax with a National Sales Tax are so apparent, that only concern of special interest groups could impede it. The resultant economic growth for both individuals and the nation as a whole would be dramatic.

I, personally, don't know a single person in favor of keeping the Income Tax and the people I know, overwhelming favor a National Sales Tax over a Flat Tax system based on income

Thank you for taking into consideration the thoughts and wishes of myself and the people I know.

Yours Truly,

Judah Doreson

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**From:** Miller, Carl B [Carl.Miller@bakerhughes.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 11:16 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Concerned Citizen

Part of this tax reform I believe must include the repeal of the earned income tax credit. If the US Government wants to give my tax money to low income people it should be done through some other system that would allow taxpayers to vote on it. Whatever system is used it should not be done through the tax system. The tax code should be for collecting taxes not redistributing wealth

Informed Voter,  
Carl B. Miller

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**From:** Shufelt Joseph F [Joseph.F.Shufelt@irs.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 11:06 AM  
**To:** 'comments@taxreformpanel.gov'  
**Subject:** Why do we tax Unemployment Insurance?

Ladies/Gentlemen,

Unemployment is Insurance! Title 26 of the U.S. Code (IRC) has several sections, which explicitly state that proceeds from insurance is not taxable. Unemployment insurance was not taxable until the TRA of 1986 made it taxable. To add to the burden of this, there is no withholding taken. So, what we have here is insurance being taxed, the "pay as you go principal" (withholding) being ignored and a person without a job trying to figure out how to comply and pay at filing time.

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**From:** Derek Greenwood [dgreen@eonsystems.net]

**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 10:56 AM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

The "The Case for the 'Fair Tax'" By LAURENCE J. KOTLIKOFF is exactly what we should do. I can see how it would boost the economy and fix a broken system. This would be the single greatest thing President Bush could do and in the long run would make him a hero.

Sincerely,

Derek Greenwood

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**From:** Max Gott [gotthmda@bresnan.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 10:27 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fair tax

A National consumption tax (sales tax) would uncover all of the "hidden" dollars from drug lords, tax evaders and those who use tax shelters in a prolific manner. Elimination of the USA's Gestapo ( sorry- IRS) would be a wondrous benefit too. I suppose it's too logical and makes far too much common sense -an item in extremely short supply in Washington D.C.

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**From:** E5davshar4buess@aol.com  
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**Subject:** Remarks

The current income tax must go. It is unconstitutional as ruled by the United States Supreme Court in Pollock Vs Farmers Loan and Trust Company in 1895 and the case has never been overturned. This tax is a fraud to the American People.

Our Federal Government was never intended to become this domineering giant it has now become and the tax laws of this nation are made to establish such a government. I will not mention the corruption that has followed

We have a constitution that specifically spells out how this nation is to tax. The 16th Amendment did not add additional taxing powers of the Federal Government and this too has been acknowledged in United States Supreme Court decisions. The time has come to downsize the Federal Government and by so doing you will contribute to the reinstatement of a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Following the 16 Amendment the Federal Government has implemented some 25 new taxes to fund government projects. The Income Tax is used to fund the Federal Reserve System and is doing little to pay the bills of this nation. The Federal Reserve System was ruled Unconstitutional as well so why is it still in existence? That information was recently submitted to the Chief Justice of the USC for his review. We also know the Amendment is a complete fraud because it was never legally adopted by any state.

It appears to me that the Federal Government needs to clean up its act when it comes to taxing. The best way to do this is to stick to the Constitution.

Abolish the current taxing system and replace it with nothing. Force Congress to live within the guidelines of the Constitution.

You have been illegally taxing the citizens of this nation for over 90 years and it is time, as citizens, we stop it. The economic effects will sky rocket the economy when the income tax is abolished.

David L. Buess



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**From:** Hasell Barton [Hasell44@webtv.net]  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
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**Subject:** Taxes

Seems to me a National Sales Tax with no exemptions would be the fairest tax of all; easy to administer.

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**From:** Tax Criminals [americantaxcriminals@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2005 4:50 PM  
**To:** americantaxcriminals@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Place your complaints" police policing the POLICE" investigations. See if you made the list?!

After several decades of avoidance the Federal Government is today initiating an investigation. But here at American Tax Criminals we have decided to expose these unscrupulous "prison guard" tax workers by name and let the World see what is really happening in the richest nation against the poorest and un-represented. See for yourselves!!

<http://www.geocities.com/americantaxcriminals>

Most likely, a pat on the back will come out of this investigation - our approach puts a bite "out of crime"!

Federal Government Investigating After Decade of Serious Violations;  
comments@taxreformpanel.gov

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**From:** Dave Chance [chancesare1@comcast.net]  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
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**Subject:** Tax Reform

Why are we not hearing any discussion of the "Fair Tax" proposal? I have looked into it extensively and find it to be extremely simple and fair. It is not regressive and will make tax-payers of the millions of individuals working, not paying into the system and receiving benefits. This, of course, includes the millions of illegal aliens, as well as criminals and persons involved in the "underground economy". This is not a new idea, but has been refined over the years to become a totally reasonable, fair, and inexpensive way of financing the government. It would eliminate the Social Security and Medicare problems and debate.

The only reason that I can come up with for this plan not being actively proposed is that it would step on too many toes: IRS employees, Tax Lawyers, Accountants and the tens of thousands of individuals and corporations that benefit from the obscurities, deductions and general confusion of the current system. This is a very good reason, but not an acceptable one. I feel that if the average taxpayer understood the "Fair Tax" Plan, there would be a groundswell of public opinion that would cause the average, brave congressperson to rush to get ahead of the crowd, rather than to timidly remain stuck to the status quo.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** chris sarappo [csarappo@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2005 10:46 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** TAX REFORM!

Please support the Fair Tax. When it goes through, our economy will be stronger than ever! Support the Fair Tax and take credit for it's support!!

[WWW.FAIRTAX.ORG](http://WWW.FAIRTAX.ORG)

[WWW.COSTOFWAR.COM](http://WWW.COSTOFWAR.COM)

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**From:** Rick Schaub [rschaub@tampabay rr com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2005 8:30 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Change the tax code NOW

I am in full support of changing our current complicated, unfair tax code. As a college graduate in business, I am disgusted with the fact I must use a CPA to prepare my tax forms. I can only imagine the amount of money wasted on tax preparation for the entire country.

As a small business owner, I have hourly employees that never save a dime. The current tax system takes a big chunk of their paycheck every week before they ever see the money. This reduces the decisions they have on allocating their money for expenses and savings. The best tax reform plan I have seen in the FAIR TAX. It truly is the **fairest, most simple, and productive tax** plan I have seen. Let the people be rewarded for hard work (and making more money) so it is possible to save more and spend wisely **every dollar they earn.**

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**From:** Lynn [sistek@adelphia net]  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** consumption tax

It is time to reform our tax code. The money saved by eliminating the IRS would be staggering and the people would find new jobs in the private sector, where our tax dollars don't have to pay for their retirement and health insurance. If we had a consumption tax, everyone would pay their fair share. The people who currently don't pay taxes, would now be fairly taxed and pay their fair share! IT IS TIME.

**Travis Burk**

**From:** Marv & Vera Kuhn [vrk@ev1.net]  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Comments to President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

March 4, 2005

Senator Connie Mack  
 Chairman, President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

Chairman Mack:

It was EXTREMELY disappointing to hear tax reform will be considered necessary only if a little more blood and gore could be demonstrated from more public testimonials.

If that is still necessary, I can send my friend, a former IRS agent to the panel for them to drool over his horrific stories. To hear that more atrocities of the IRS is a necessity in the decision to eliminate the IRS disappoints me greatly. If this panel is not ABOVE that, it SHOULD be.

The panel's assignment is of utmost importance. Your decisions need to guide America toward a tax system which provides adequate revenue for the federal government, promotes upward mobility and equal opportunity for all... a nation truly blessed by God. If our system fails, there is NO OTHER country to immigrate to... we are the LAST

I am choosing, however, to cut this short and simply say I am an example of non-productive corporate waste. I have no incentive to work. My personal business is suffering, jobs are being lost, and my balance sheet illustrates all of this because I have abandoned my company, Mustang Delivery Service, Inc, to eliminate the IRS and pursue tax REPLACEMENT with the FairTax.

I am making it my personal responsibility to bring America TRUE freedom...second only to the free will God gave to man...freedom from TAXATION. Only then can Americans be freed from the bondage of slavery... to be productive citizens in their schools, community activities, and their families instead of slaving until June each year working for the federal government.

The \$22 million spent and 14 years of research by the Americans for Fair Taxation produced the solution to the most prevalent complaint...FAIRNESS. The FairTax is in fact... FAIR!

No other system allows taxpayers to choose when and how much he pays based upon HIS ability to pay. The cream of the crop is that it is revenue neutral...the federal government gets the SAME amount or revenue. Now, that's FAIR.

The following fundamental principals meet the goals of the panel:

1. **The FairTax is fair:** There is a rebate for every household which would eliminate the tax

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consequences of spending up to the poverty line. It ensures every household could buy necessities tax free—thus, totally un-taxing the poor. All Americans would receive equal and fair treatment.

2. **The FairTax is simple:** There is no need for recordkeeping, filing, cost of professional financial assistance, nor loss of personal productivity. It is a simple, single rate, uniform sales tax.
3. **The FairTax is Voluntary:** Every citizen becomes a volunteer taxpayer by paying as much as they choose, when they choose, and how they choose by purchase of goods and services needed (or desired).
4. **The FairTax creates transparency within the tax code:** It eliminates an average of twenty-two percent (22%) 'hidden tax' in the price of goods. The least well off taxpayer would gain that much more in purchasing power. Business and industry are no longer burdened with cost of payroll and income withholding, plus compliance cost. The FairTax would eliminate this cost and allow our public market to drive the pricing system down.
5. **The FairTax is border neutral:** Under a national retail sales tax, imported goods and domestically produced goods would receive the same US tax treatment at the checkout counter, and our exports would go abroad unburdened by any tax component in the price system.
6. **The FairTax is industry neutral:** States would no longer lose hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue through internet and catalogue sales.
7. **The FairTax would strengthen Social Security:** This sales tax would be collected from 282 million Americans and 51 million visitors to our shores. Revenues for Social Security and Medicare are projected to double (along with the size of the economy) in approximately fourteen years under a national sales tax.
8. **The FairTax has manageable transitional costs:** The only transitional rule envisioned is to allow retailers to use inventory on hand December 31 (with tax embedded) as credit against collecting taxes on sales in the new year—this exception would be based on the new principle that goods be taxed only once.
9. **The FairTax is revenue neutral:** The 23% tax inclusive rate mirrors our present lowest tax bracket of 15% + 7.65% Social Security/Medicare.

The FairTax is a bipartisan plan by Congressman Linder and Colin Peterson.

In summary, the FairTax allows everyone to receive ALL earnings without deductions, keep their whole paycheck, all 401K, SEP, IRA, capital gains and Social Security. There will be no alternative minimum tax, estate or gift taxes. When making purchases, the cost of goods doesn't increase since the 23% is a replacement cost for embedded corporate taxes which will now be eliminated, making our products border neutral. The impoverished and elderly are untaxed because of the rebate. The dynamic scoring of House Rule XIII Section 3(h) enhances our productive effort resulting in jobs creation and a robust economy. Consider also the \$10 billion savings through eliminating the IRS AND the PEACE OF MIND because of no filing or recordkeeping.

Sincerely,

Marv Kuhn, President  
Mustang Delivery Service, Inc



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**From:** rjblyn@pol.net  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

Tax Reform Panel:

It is inherently undemocratic to have a tax system that is so complicated it takes accountants and lawyers to decipher it. At least the instructions for tax forms and returns should be written so that an eighth or ninth grader could understand them. Therefore I offer this suggestion: Rewrite the instructions so that an eighth or ninth grader could understand them. Use more algorithms. Use the kind of language journalists use for the newspaper. Be more directive in the instructions. Respectfully, Rhonda Blyn

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From: FLB [dreamerfb@cox net]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2005 11:19 AM  
Subject: [Fwd: social security]  
Importance: High

**You know, the more I consider this, the more sense it makes. I haven't done the math, but I'm willing to bet that by doing "THIS", and raising the cap to the equal of the highest paid member, we may not need to do anymore to "FIX" the problem. See what YOU think, and yeah, I think this is worth disseminating to the U.S. populace; so get busy! :-)**

(Sooner or later someone will get this who will know how to get it started.)

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**DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU ARE REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT!**  
(Well, that's not altogether true )

**2008 Election Issue!!**

**GET A BILL STARTED TO PLACE ALL POLITICIANS ON SOC. SEC.**

This must be an issue in "2006 & 2008". Please! Keep it going.

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SOCIAL SECURITY:

(This is worth reading. It is short and to the point.)  
Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions during election years.!! !

Our Senators and Congresswomen do not pay into Social Security and, of course, they do not collect from it.

You see, Social Security benefits were not suitable for persons of their rare elevation in society. They felt they should have a special plan for themselves! So, many years ago they voted in their own benefit plan, which invests in the stock market at good rates. (The one the democrats don't want US to have. Letting US control our own money takes CONTROL of your life away from them. INTOLERABLE!!

In more recent years, no congressperson has felt the need to change it. After all, it is a great plan.

For all practical purposes their plan works like this:

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When they retire, they continue to draw the same pay until they die.

Except it may increase from time to time for cost of living adjustments..

For example, former Senator Byrd and Congressman White and their wives may expect to draw \$7,800,000.00 (that's Seven Million, Eight-Hundred Thousand Dollars), with their wives drawing \$275,000.00 during the last years of their lives.

This is calculated on an average life span for each of those two Dignitaries..

Younger Dignitaries who retire at an early age, will receive much more during the rest of their lives..

Their cost for this excellent plan is \$0.00. NADA. . . ZILCH. . . .

This little perk they voted for themselves is free to them. You and I pick up the tab for this plan. The funds for this fine retirement plan come directly from the General Funds;

**"OUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK"!**

From our own Social Security Plan, which you and I pay (or have paid) into, every payday until we retire (which amount is matched by our employer) -we can expect to get an average of \$1,000 per month after retirement.

(I ACTUALLY draw \$568.00 a month..)

Or, in other words, we would have to collect our average of \$1,000 monthly benefits for 68 years and one (1) month to equal Senator! Bill Bradley's ! benefits!

Social Security could be very good if only one small change were made..

That change would be to:

Jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan from under the Senators and Congressmen. Put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us

then sit back.. . . .

and watch how fast they would fix it.

If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe good changes will evolve

Spread the word. . . . .

**AND THINK ABOUT RAISING THE CAP TO THE UPPER LIMIT OF GOVERNMENT WAGES, AND PUT 'EM ALL ON SOC. SEC. THAT SHOULD FIX THE PROBLEM. OR GET A WHOLE BUNCH CLOSER TO IT.**

**FLB**

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**From:** Sharon Van Velzen [svanvelzen@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2005 11:19 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** National Sales Tax

Dear Senator Mack:

Please reconsider the panel you have set up for lawyers and replace them with business people from all walks of life. The lawyers serving on the panel represent a real conflict of interest.

The lawyers on your panel are employed by powerful law firms. Is their purpose to derail the National Sales Tax engineered by [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org)? Are they striving to save the IRS, and protect their lucrative law suits defending tax payers who have cheated on their returns?

I am also curious as to how the lawyers got connected with the Tax Reform panel in the first place? I repeat, this is a terrible conflict of interest, and would deny America a Fair Taxation without the IRS.

I encourage you to replace the lawyers with business people and receive a true assessment of our Tax problems, as they see it.

Please listen to [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org) inasmuch as they have presented HR25 and S25 to Congress. The National Sales Tax program will solve America's debt and benefit every American, rich, middle, and poor. It will eliminate the costly worthless IRS completely. Tax cheaters will no longer be able to cheat with the NST. The trillions of untaxed cash now circulating, will be taxed.

Please Senator Mack, do what is right for America.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Van Velzen  
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**From:** M.B [gudway@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2005 11:18 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Simplify Income tax from Investments/Trades in stocks  
Base income on the Stock Broker's Year end Statements

Sample:

On 12/31/2004 Acct.Value=\$35,000.00 (No cash deposits/withdrawls)

On 12/31/2003 Acct.Value=\$20,000.00 (No cash deposits/withdrawls)

Gain/(Loss) = \$15,000.00

Tax ..... = \$xx,xxx.xx

## Travis Burk

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**From:** M2t3@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2005 11:09 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform/13369--etc.

Look at the HUGH BENEFITS and PAY that our ELECTED OFFICIALS are paid for about mnths of work!

MEXICIANS=legal and not legal who "work for cash only"this tells me that most all they make is going to MEXICO,they pay no TAX or Social Security yet they reap the benefits? of Both?I've listen to these folks brag how stupid our government is!such ashame that this is allowed to happen to our "ONCED GREAT COUNTRY"

The tax laws of the USA are so unfair,wish people who can change them would look at them and see what I do?Have IRS print you all a copy of who is paying what into the IRS? this should give you all ideals on what should be done?

I worked for 57 years,retired from two jobs-yet I draw very little, then they tax both RETIRED CHECKS,before the tax ,(federal and social security) I qualify for food stamps,or what ever they now call it,but I do without needed medicine & food just so I don't have to go on welfare,how would you all like to eat what I do?peanut butter for two meals then oatmeal,not very good.

Don't think I have a computer,I don't I use one at the Library close to where I exist.

theoldone

**Travis Burk**

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**From:** ROBERT GROVES [healing01@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 7:25 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Easy tax solutions

Dear Staff,

Thank you for accepting the challenge of this project. I feel the only way that taxes can be fair and uncomplicated for US residents is to have a flat 5% income tax for all levels of income both corporate and personal with no deductions, floors, or ceilings of any kind. Also add a 1% federal sales tax with no exemptions other than food and medicine. This will save billions in paper, personnel, and site expenses.

I would recommend that the states follow suit with a 2% flat tax and 1% sales taxes.

If you do the number crunching on both issues, I think you will find this to be quite sufficient for everything we have now and surplus, specially when you consider that the sales tax will pick up massive lost revenue from the underground economy. These are the types of figures that will sell well for voter support. The entire bill could be written on a couple of pages and help it speed rapidly through congress.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Robert L. Groves



**Travis Burk**

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**From:** Karen Waldrup Ryan [kwryan@bigfoot.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 7:08 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Three College Professor's !

There was three college professor's on c-span and they sat in front of the Tax Reform Committee. These congressman ask what would be the best tax system for America ? All three agreed that the Tax Code today has a job growth of two percent. (One family member after taxes \$50,000,health benefits, and retirement) That is what they called a job and that would be about right.

A flat tax would have a job growth of six to eight percent .

A sale tax only would have a job growth of sixteen percent the first year and would only go up because the demand for accountability would be so great. No write offs !!

Can you imagination what the history books would say about the party that saved America WOW !

Mr. Soroas ( Bad spelling) said to Mr Lamb on c-span book notes that he gave \$26,000,000.00 to the Democrat party. He said that he only did what the law allowed, what a statement to make and knowing that he was right ! He said that he gave it through charity groups that felt the same way he did. What he did not say he got to withe it off, so he got most of his money back.

I will pray for our elected officials to do the right thing sales tax only for your children and mine.

Thank You  
Dick Ryan  
Lansing, Mi.

## Travis Burk

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**From:** Marc A Pupo [mapupo@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 7:04 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

simple

TAKE AWAY THE INCOME TAX AND ENACT A SALES TAX

Then enact a balance budget amendment

**Travis Burk**

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**From:** MaryB27841@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 6:40 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Taxes

Widows should be given their own status, instead of having to file as single, which is a much higher tax bracket...especially if she or he is living with a limited income.

**Travis Burk**

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**From:** Acklinj@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:57 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Reform

4. Goals that the Panel should try to achieve as it evaluates the existing tax system and recommends options for reform

We have been trying for over 100 years to develop an income tax code that is fair, equitable, and effective. After 100 years of trying, we should recognize that it is not possible. Terminate the income tax and rely on excise tax (consumption) as specified in the Constitution before the 16th Amendment.

Individual  
Jim Acklin  
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**Travis Burk**

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**From:** RJarman@dayspringbhs.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:48 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Dear Sir;

I wanted to take a moment to give my support for the comments of Steven Entin regarding some kind of value added/consumption tax as a replacement for the current tax system. The current system is so complex even simple returns require professional assistance. It is grossly unfair to the middle class in our society and the wealthy can utilize professionals to hedge against a big tax burden. I use to support the flat tax concept. However I firmly support the consumption tax and encourage any developments to change our current system into such a system.

Sincerely;

Dr. Randall W. Jarman

3/8/2005

## Travis Burk

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**From:** Miraco@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:48 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

It is well past time for abolishment of the unfair tax system currently employed by the US. It unfairly taxes most those that can least afford it, but even the experts and those working for the IRS can't figure out how it works. The average taxpayer has to take more than a day to fill out the form every year!

It is time for the Fair Tax to be implemented. It will tax those who spend most, and one of the little-talked about bonuses is this: I'm sure you've read the same reports I have about how more and more people are not filing tax forms each year, which means more and more people are refusing to cooperate in paying taxes. Now there will be no way to dodge or evade paying taxes.

EVERYONE will pay their fair share, and be able to take home their entire paychecks! We can abolish the wasteful organization known as the IRS.

I support the Fairtax and think you should too.  
Sincerely,  
Mitch Farger  
Glen Burnie, MD

**Travis Burk**

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**From:** Lynch & Associates, Ltd. [lynch@irrigationconsultants.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:29 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fw: Current Tax Code

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Lynch & Associates, Ltd.  
**To:** [comments@taxreformpanel.gov](mailto:comments@taxreformpanel.gov)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Current Tax Code

February 28, 2005

This message is from, and sender may be contacted at:

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Ladies & Gentlemen of the Panel:

- The current "progressive" tax code must be abolished and replaced with a truly FAIR tax - **but NOT a VAT.**
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- Not even the FLAT tax will do, because that would force us to continue to maintain the IRS. The new tax code must be a simple national Sales Tax on all but a few items - food, medical - **but not a VAT.**
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- The time is now at hand to strike the 16th Amendment !

Respectfully submitted,

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**Travis Burk**

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**From:** perry [gtpjw@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:16 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** gloria@fairtax.org; Taylor Ward  
**Subject:** Comments to the President's panel on Fairtax

From Taylor Ward, Morristown, Tennessee (retired, still working and forever-paying taxes). Dear Mr Chairman, As a self-employed taxpayer, I have to hire a CPA to do my taxes each year even though I do not make enough to afford the service. I can only imagine how difficult it is for large businesses. Yes, the tax code is complex; proven so by asking five CPAs to explain certain parts of the code, and getting five completely different answers. This holds true for IRS employees as well, even they have different views on the same codes. Yes, I have witnessed this debate in several seminars over the last thirty years. The code is unfair as evidenced in the loopholes offered to the rich and cunning, while collection is horribly discriminatory and often times unethical, not to mention unjust! Specific taxes that are unfair, range from high corporate taxes, compliance taxes, payroll taxes, social security taxes, import taxes, estate taxes, gift taxes, local and state sales taxes & state income taxes, property taxes, inventory taxes, luxury taxes and personal income taxes. My GOD, that's enough to make anyone dizzy and very suspicious as to why all the taxes and who the heck is properly handling the money. The heavy burden of various corporate taxes alone have put our manufacturers out of the market in world price competition. Individuals like me, have to work four or five months of the year just to pay our share of personal income taxes, and someone elses share of social security and health taxes. The Fair Tax Act of 1999 has been on the table for six years, re-introduced this past year, and finally some of you have the wisdom and fortitude to defy the career politicians and are giving the people a chance to speak. Please hear my humble plea, pass the Fair Tax so that common folks in the middle class can become part of the growing economy, and our industries can start competing with foreign manufacturers. Pass the Fair Tax so that everyone can be treated fairly, based on what they spend, and the government can regulate the tax collection and enforcement of the the "Simple Rules" without a mammoth Gestapo agency that seems to prey on the weak and vulnerable. I am sure you have a copy of the bi-partisan bill recently re-submitted and backed by the Fair Tax Organization. I can not explain it in five pages, but it is explained in far less than 50,000 pages, and will be indeed, FAIR to all of us. Career politicians, Tax Attorneys and CPAs are the biggest opponents to this bill, and it is very obvious why. My best wishes go out to all of you on this panel. May GOD lead your hearts and Fairness lead your minds in this most important task. Respectfully submitted, G. Taylor Ward 713 E. 2nd North St., Morristown, Tn. 37813

## Travis Burk

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**From:** Cary Hilliard [chilliard@johncrow.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:11 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

I am a daily C-span watcher and this morning I saw the segment on Tax Reform. The quest said anyone could send in comments so here are mine

The tax code is far to complicated and it gets worse every year. The average person cannot understand it and I have to have a CPA complete my taxes each year and still could make a mistake.

I would be in favor of a flat rate tax with very few exemptions except for home mortgage and property taxes.

Those at the lower end of the income scale should not pay anything and corporations should not either because people pay taxes and corporate taxes are just passed on to the taxpayers.

The estate tax should be kept but the limits should be raised to keep landowners from having to sell the farm or ranch and the limit could be adjusted for inflation. The limit should be 10 million or more and that would protect the small business owners and farmers.

Most of the tax laws were passed to help one special interest group or another and it is time we got back to basics and fairness. Keep it simple, so the average high school graduate can understand it.

Cary Hilliard

**Travis Burk**

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**From:** Sherrydawn06@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:01 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** IRS

I would like to see the people assigned to the committee to determine if the agency of the IRS should be eliminated to be people who have no conflict of interest. Perhaps you are not aware of it, but people do understand that those law firms that defend IRS cheats would have a great conflict of interest because that is where their revenue is coming. I'm pretty sure that these law firms will see a great need for the IRS!

So would anybody who ever had an interest in the IRS; positive or negative. You would think in the population of this very large nation you could find people to sit on this committee that would not have a special interest in it. You know people who would be given the facts and then be able to make a decision based on those facts?

I have to confess that I would not be one of them because I truly believe that if a federal sales tax was established (and not included on top of the IRS tax) that everybody in this country would pay their fair share of taxes. Anybody that saved their money would not be penalized. Those people who earn money "under the table" would pay their taxes when they spent their money. If you are rich, you would pay more taxes than people who are less rich or even middle class. There could be some method to prevent making the very poor from having to be taxed. I have heard that 10% would be a fair amount for this tax. I think half that would be more correct. When you have everybody paying their taxes, there would not be a need for that large percentage of a tax. And there is another good side of this, we would not have to pay for an agency who has abused their power in the past. There would not be the need for people to pay tax attorneys because they cheated on their tax. They couldn't cheat if they paid the tax every time they bought something. And people wouldn't have to hire people to fill out their tax forms because the laws have gotten so complicated that even the politicians who made the laws don't know what they say.

I think this is a win-win situation. However, anybody who things to add a tax on top of the IRS tax is likely to stir up more than they bargained for. Sherry Heath

## Travis Burk

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**From:** Gideon Jones [gideon@sjdiving.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 1998 4:07 AM  
**To:** Comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fw: Abolish the IRS and Federal reserve

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gideon Jones  
**To:** speakout@foxnews.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 02, 1998 2:58 PM  
**Subject:** Abolish the IRS and Federal reserve

Gentlemen! 12/03/04

As you study the issue of Tax reform Please ask those who know : "How much money per year do we want the Federal Government to have"?? and "How much revenue would result if we had a ONE Percent (1%) National sales tax? My understanding is that it would be over Three Trillion Dollars. How much money is derived from the present unfair, Complicated, income tax system??

Subtract the Awful cost to Government and to the Tax payer to operate this monster. ( The one percent sales tax WINS)

Everybody wins

I favor a One Percent National sales tax with no exceptions, no loop holes. A small high school girl with and old PC can keep count of .01%x gross sales= America Prospers.

Thanks

Gideon Jones 10403 Quiet Hill, La Porte, Texas 77571

## comments

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**From:** William Dicksion [w.dicksion@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 3:47 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to submit my thinking on this subject.

Our federal tax system needs to be amended. It is far too complicated and it is unfair to the majority.

We the people cannot have faith in our government unless we are **all** being taxed fairly.

The only fair tax, is a tax in which every citizen is taxed exactly the same.  
Every citizen must pay exactly the same percent of their income in taxes.  
Earning a small amount of money is no excuse for not paying tax on the income earned  
Earning a lot of money is no excuse for not paying a fair percentage of tax on **all** of the income earned.

There must be **NO** deductions and **NO** excuses

Companies and corporations should not be given special considerations. The excuse that it costs money to make money is no excuse. Everyone has to pay something to earn what they earn.

A study should be made to determine what the cost of government will be for each year.  
Then a determination should be made on what the **TOTAL** income of the country will be for that year.  
With that formula a determination can be made on what percentage of each earned dollar is needed.  
That percentage then would determine the percentage of tax each citizen would need to pay.

If a dollar is received, that dollar should be taxed **No deductions and no excuses!**

With this method of taxation, each citizen would know exactly how much tax they should pay. This would assure each and every citizen that they are being taxed fairly and it would be a simple tax to collect.

Comment; When you formulate a new tax, **please** represent **all** of the citizens, not just the wealthy.

William Wayne Dicksion  
2465 Ala Wai Blvd, Apt 301  
Honolulu Hawaii, 96815

## comments

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**From:** Sherrydawn06@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 3:44 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** National Sales Tax in Lieu of the IRS

Dear Senator Mack:

Your panel was intended to consist of business people, not a bunch of law firms seeking to save the IRS. The lawyers serving on the panel is a blatant CONFLICT of INTEREST.

The lawyers on your panel are employed by powerful law firms. Their purpose is to derail the National Sales Tax engineered by [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org). They are striving to save the IRS, and protect their lucrative law suits defending tax payers who have cheated on their returns.

I am also curious as to how the lawyers got connected with the Tax Reform panel in the first place? I repeat, this is a terrible conflict of interest, and would deny America a Fair Taxation without the IRS.

I encourage you to replace the lawyers with business people and receive a true assessment of our Tax problems, as they see it.

Please listen to [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org) inasmuch as they have presented HR25 and S25 to Congress. The National Sales Tax program will solve America's debt and benefit every American, rich, middle, and poor. It will eliminate the costly worthless IRS completely. Tax cheaters will no longer be able to cheat with the NST. The trillions of untaxed cash now circulating, will be taxed.

Please Senator Mack, do what is right for America . . . not the greedy law firms.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Heath

## comments

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**From:** dave fox [lobofox3@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 3:43 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** I'm giving up on you guys

I'm giving up on you guys.

None of you understand.

As long as you keep asking these elected politicians to "consider something" they will delay and stall forever

Right Now Imagine, what would have happened if the Signers of the Declaration of Independence had not declared their Independence. Instead they kept mailing and asking the King of England to consider.

We would still be a British Colony.

Absolutely Nothing will ever happen with this Fairtax Issue until All You People decide to quit asking and start demanding.

Democracy is the Rule of Law as Established by the People.

The President is proclaiming Democracy in Iraq, Afganistan, and the Middle East He is proclaiming these people have "Unalienable Rights" to determine their own life. "Unalienable Rights to Freely Elect and Un-elect their own citizens to represent the "Peoples Will" in matters of Government.

What about the People of America Proclaiming their own Right of Democracy of abolishing the IRS. To put in place the most "Fair" system ever devised. Fair to everyone, Worker, Non-Worker, US Citizen, Foreign Visitor.

I am no John Hancock,  
but if ALL OF YOU will get off your Hind Horses and get a Million other People to March in DC I'll be the first to walk into the US Senate building, ask to see the Speaker of the House, extend my hand in friendship while asking him to consider endorsing publicly the Fair Tax and abolish the IRS. Followed by everyone else in line

Then you will get the Free National Exposure you so desire. Which will bring the majority of the country to your cause

And you will see Elected Politicians who behave more like Anointed Royalty to take notice and start to get nervous about their own careers.

Then and only then will things get done.

If John Hancock had only asked the King of England for his Independence, what would have been the King of England's response to John Hancock's asking???

David Fox  
Nashville, Tennessee



## comments

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**From:** Dan Brown [danbrown@jobsfirst.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 3:31 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** We already know your recommendations

We already know what your recommendations will be. They have been expressed by the US Chamber of Commerce, the Business roundtable and their mouthpiece organizations, CATO Institute, Heritage Foundation, the Club for Growth, Manhattan Institute, the American Enterprise Institute, etc. The American People know that the Republicans are owned by big corporations that want to offload taxes and regulation from themselves onto the Middle Class. So go ahead and put on your little show but don't think for one minute that you are fooling us. By the way, we really appreciate you showing your true colors so that we can provide absolute proof to America. When you're done, we are going to start national boycotts of your corporate backers and bankrupt the sons-of-bitches one by one. Personally, I can't wait to see the American People hang you bastards.

Have a nice day

Dan Brown  
Bluefield, WV

## comments

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**From:** Tally Eddings [tallyeddings@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 2:49 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** INDIVIDUAL Federal Income Tax Comments .

From: Tally H. Eddings, II  
2905-B Lakeview Drive  
Fern Park, Florida 32730  
Cell Phone: 407-754-4148

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinions on the Federal Income Taxation.

[http://www.supremelaw.org/sls/31answers\\_portable.htm](http://www.supremelaw.org/sls/31answers_portable.htm)

Most people have been led by the IRS and Government Officials to believe that the SIXTEENTH AMENDMENT gave taxing powers to cover ALL "citizens" of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA "from whatever source derived". First of all, the Sixteenth Amendment was NOT properly ratified; secondly, even if it WERE (and it was NOT, see <http://www.supremelaw.org/cc/boxer/index.htm>), the U.S. Supreme Court has said that the Sixteenth Amendment did NOT confer any new Taxing authority. That is to say, individuals still fall under the Constitution and cannot be taxed directly without apportionment. Yet the IRS illegally and purposefully stands on the Sixteenth Amendment as their basis for the FRAUDULENT enforcement of Federal Income Taxation on millions of Americans OUTSIDE THE LAWS AS WRITTEN.

WHY IS THIS?

<http://www.supremelaw.org/press/rels/subpoena.htm>

There has never been any FEDERAL INCOME TAX LIABILITY established except for: Federal Employees; those having income from Alcohol, Tobacco or Firearms; and those having Foreign Earned Income. Most Americans are NOT included in these activities but are taxed as though they were

WHY IS THIS?

IF you really want to solve the problems, CANCEL THE DEBT AND ABOLISH THE FEDERAL RESERVE and adhere to the CONSTITUTION as written in plain English; but, no, you would NEVER follow the primary law of the land, would you? You, too, are AFRAID to cross the FEDERAL RESERVE. Those who have done so in the past met untimely deaths

Sincerely,

Tally H. Eddings, II

## comments

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**From:** Chad Keene [cbk21@excite.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 2:52 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** consumption tax

I love the idea of a consumption tax, as long as the income tax is abolished at the same time. If not we get into the problems England has with a income tax + a 17% value added tax.

But if we could eliminate income taxes a consumption tax would be very beneficial to the growth and stability of our economy.

Thanks,  
Chad Keene

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**comments**

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**From:** eldon corry [eldon@letsfly.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 2:51 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax

Please consider a tax reform plan that conforms to constitutional law, is simple, fair and legal. The current system is ridiculous

Eldon Corry

**comments**

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**From:** Rich Wells [rwellscpa@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 2:28 PM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

**Subject:** Tax Reform

I am happy to see that you are going to revise the tax system to lower the taxes for misunderstood wealthy people like me. We worked hard to get our fortunes, and were also pretty lucky. Having good tax attorneys and accountants helped too.

But I'm not really happy. I deserve **more** money and **fewer** taxes. I want you to eliminate the tax on dividends, interest and capital gains. That way, being retired, I will have no taxes at all. Then I will be really happy.

Let's get real here. I don't care if poor people pay all the taxes, that's all they deserve, because if they had any gumption they would have pulled themselves up by their bootstraps like us wealthy guys did. Some people are just lazy and deserve what little they get. I have no sympathy. It's a "dog eat dog world".

But I guess that the poor don't really pay taxes, other than social security at a 7.65% rate on their measly \$7.00 / hour wages. That's nothing: Only \$1,000 of their \$14,000 annual salary. We can't get much more out of them, as much as I would like to.

So then let's raise the taxes on the middle class. There are lots of them.

But no, I really **hate taxes, generally**

Why not just let the national debt rise so high that all unnecessary Government programs will be abolished? All we really need is military spending. And remove the corporate income tax too, for good measure, so that we can grow our way out of any problems. Have you read Ann Rand?

"Survival of the Fittest" has always been the best policy throughout history. That's obvious.

Keep up the good work. I just LOVE what you're doing!!

"An admirer"

## comments

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**From:** Frank Hill [fhill@lincoln.midcoast.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 1:51 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** National Sales Tax

As a small business owner and earner of W2 wages it brings tears to my eyes to think of the time and compliance costs associated with our current tax system which defies logic. You may not think the political will exists for a National Sales Tax, but there is grass root support for it especially when Congressman John Linder's HR 25 is explained to the people. Thankyou for at least discussing the issue.

Sincerely;

Frank Hill  
17 Chase Rd  
Bristol, Maine 04539

Supporter of HR25

## comments

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**comments**

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**From:** Scott Cramblett [cramblett s@insightma.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 1:40 PM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

**Subject:** Gloria@fairtax.org

To Whom It May Concern,

I was disturbed by comments made by some panel members that there is not political will to replace the current income tax. I believe the current system must be replaced by a more fair, simplified tax. I have spoken to literally dozens of people on this topic and 100% support the idea of the Fair Tax. There may be special interest groups and of course the IRS that are opposed but be assured that there is enormous support by the public for this initiative. I strongly urge all involved to demonstrate true leadership by working to deliver to your constituents a Fair Tax.

Sincerely,  
Scott Cramblett

3/8/2005



**comments**

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**From:** Berkey, Rebecca [RBerkey@co.linn.or.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 1:24 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

Implement NESARA now! It's all spelled out in that document - no need to elaborate.

All honor to unity, justice, and equality in this country, and the world

Rebecca Berkey  
Citizen from Corvallis, Oregon

## comments

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**From:** starbird [starbird@oasisonline.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 1:10 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** U S Competitive Globally

Impose Strict tariffs on unfair foreign import competition such as China.

Impose additional, and strict, taxes on U.S companies who choose to outsource jobs. For instance, Pharmacies to Ireland (and elsewhere), Services to India, Manufacturing/Engineering Technology to China

Do not allow U.S companies to relocate headquarters to foreign soil to avoid U S taxes (if they move, apply tarrifs to any of their products/services coming back).

Pay off our deficit and raise taxes if necessary to do so.

Eliminate loopholes.

**comments**

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**From:** Lynch & Associates, Ltd [lynch@irrigationconsultants.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 1:09 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Current Tax Code

February 28, 2005

This message is from, and sender may be contacted at:

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Ladies & Gentlemen of the Panel:

- The 16th Amendment has created a monster that must be slain.
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- We are all aware of the burden of the length, breadth, and complexity of the existing tax code. To say nothing of its inherent unfairness.
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- Our current system deprives a great portion of our citizens - about half - of their proper participation in the system by making them inelligible to pay taxes based on some misguided sense of "compassion". To my mind, most current non-contributing wage earners would welcome the opportunity to fulfill their obligation to participate in our system of representative government by paying taxes. Ask them.
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  - By making them ineligible, we denigrate their citizenship - make them 2nd class citizens. This is unacceptable and is an insult to their integrity and their citizenship.
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- The 16th Amendment must be struck. It is patently unfair, and a great creator of social tension. The current "progressive" tax code must be abolished and replaced with a truly FAIR tax.
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- Not even the FLAT tax will do, because that would force us to continue to maintain the IRS. The new tax code must be a simple national Sales Tax on all but a few items - food, medical.
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- There must be NO discrimination based on income, number of dependents, or other criteria - ALL MUST PAY THE SAME PERCENTAGE of the purchase price at the point of sale. The IRS must be done away with.
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- The time is now at hand to strike the 16th Amendment !
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- Let's get to it ! By the way, if done as I have indicated here, we need not collect 22%, or 17%, or even 11%.....something **LESS than 10%** should do fine. Run the Numbers. If that's not sufficient, cut spending ! (Oh, my, what an idea.)

Respectfully submitted,

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**comments**

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**From:** sharonmimi0704@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:54 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

As a private citizen, I see the most needed changes in our tax system in three basic areas.

First; Our tax system rewards corporations for out sourcing American jobs. No, Zero, taxes are paid by American taxpayers whose jobs are now offshore. Nor are the offshore bussinesses paying their share of the taxes that we've lost.

Our present tax system does nothing for the working people of the United States, but, it does allow for major tax evasion by the companies that are moving their jobs off shore. Less taxes, means less revenue. It is simple mathematics.

Secondly; It is simple and easy to say that the wealthiest of Americans pay a larger percentage of the taxes collected by the Government. But, the reality of the problem is, comparison of their income, and the impact on their needs versus the needs of the middleclass to lower income people. Not to say that they should be penalized for success, but neither should the other side be blocked out of their needs either. Look at todays poverty level increasing as a simple example of what I just said.

Third; I have been unable to find out from which state that the Chairman, Connie Mack, and Vice-chairman, John Breaux, are from. Are they really U>S. Senators. Which bi-partisan party are they affilated with?

also, who are the other members of this bi-partisan panel, and with which party are they recognized with.

Final comment; Today on C-Span television, Jeff Kupfer, tried to explain the purpose of this panel's goals. In my opinion, his comments were biased toward concerns for businesses' tax incentives, rather than individual concerns. He is most definantly a player for the President, rather than the People. His comments and suggestive rolls of the panel that were geared toward bussiness, indicated to me that this whole process is just more rethortic from the White House. You should all take a course in the K.I.S.S. method of doing things. Keep It Simple Stupid.

No personal attack intended. Just plain COMMON SENSE

If you would, I would truely like to hear from you about my concerns for our country for a change.

Joe McDowell

Tennessee

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## comments

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**From:** Charles Vickery [vickerycharles@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:45 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

From:

Charles Vickery  
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e-mail: vickerycharles@hotmail.com

Income tax reform should include:

1. The removal of income taxes. The taxing of income is one of the main hindrances in creating wealth in America.
2. The absolute simplification of the entire taxing process. The best proposals I have seen include a national retail sales tax and a flat tax. The former would be simple and easy to implement. The latter would have the dubious distinction of being similar to what we already have and be subject to much tinkering in the future.
3. The removal of corporate income taxes, estate taxes and investment taxes, including capital gains taxes.
4. Any of these options should be simple enough to remove most, if not all, of the IRS. If a national retail sales tax is implemented the Constitution should be amended to abolish income taxes.
5. This committee should focus on what is best for the American economy. In almost every scenario I have heard, foreign corporations would move more jobs to the United States under a national retail sales tax than under any other proposal.

## comments

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**From:** PB [bigpb@wt.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:36 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** estate taxes

I think that a cap of 5 to 10 million dollars of tax free money would be sufficient to pass on to family members. The Bushes and Cheneys could still set up charitable trusts to give their funds to what they consider worthy causes. The estate tax should continue. The gap between the rich and poor get larger. The corporate leaders are continuing to receive larger compensation packages each year. The reason that the tax code is so complicated is that there are so many exceptions for the rules which the lobbies representing the wealthy and corporations have been able to incorporate through contribution to their Congressional representative.

Paul Britton  
Houston, Texas

**comments**

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**From:** Sue & Randy Anderson [suerandy@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:30 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Sue & Randy Anderson  
**Subject:** Estate/GiftTax

Dear Sir: The annual tax free gift limit of \$10,000/yr./person has, to my knowledge, never been adjusted for inflation. \$10,000 was a lot of money at one time but now with inflation and the rapid increase in the value of real estate this figure should be adjusted significantly upward. I suggest an annual tax free gift limit of \$100,000/yr./person. I believe a more realistic gift limit would help people with small to medium estates to be able to preserve their estates.

Sincerely, Randall M Anderson, Sr. 203.329.9811, [suerandy@optonline.net](mailto:suerandy@optonline.net)



**comments**

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**From:** Stearns, Lee [Lee Stearns@edocorp.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:28 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Unfair taxes

To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on the unfair tax system that has been set up by this country as a whole. I know that you are primarily interested in the Federal tax code

I would argue that the system needs to be looked at as a whole, total taxes: city, state, county, and federal.

In general I do not have much problem with paying taxes on:

- 1) earned income- although simplification should be strongly pursued- Flat tax by income group would be optimal-although I can not see the government giving up the power to adjust citizen's behavior by adding incentives or disincentives through tax break or cuts
- 2) unearned income- I can live with this tax- if it were simplified to a flat rate
- 3) sales taxes- while it may be regressive- It certainly is a choice to spend the money one earns and taxes on what you spend should continue
- 4) estate taxes- While I have earned my entire life to build an estate I can understand the leveling of the playing field for all people created equal and this tax being applied

However!

- 5) property tax- This is the most unfair tax of all and should be eliminated. To be taxed for simply owning a piece of property, truck, car, house, or other property no matter whether it produces any income is totally unfair by any definition. You can simply tax me out of my ownership of it is not fair!

You can tax me for earning it, you can tax me for spending it, you can tax me when I die from passing some of it on – but you should not tax me just for existing and holding onto the property that you have already taxed me to purchase

Regards,  
Lee D Stearns Jr.

**comments**

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**From:** Robert McCart [mccart@ccp.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:15 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Consumption Based income tax

Dear Sir or Madam,

This change on the tax basis has been put on the table as an option. My concern with this option would be that, like me, those of us who were in the middle and lower income brackets when we were working, and who are now retired and making one third to one half of that amount now, no longer have much income taxes to pay. If the tax code were changed to a consumption tax, wouldn't we be paying as much tax as those people making two or three times as much as we are now. And if so would that be fare?

Robert McCart  
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**comments**

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**From:** Alan A Trombetta [mailto:alan@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:14 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Comments and Insights

**The President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform,**  
(this is short and to the point)

I will address the following:

**Goals that the Panel should try to achieve as it evaluates the existing tax system and recommends options for reform**

You have a GIGANTIC responsibility and opportunity.

**RESPONSIBILITY** to seek truth and wisdom in matters of FAIR taxation.

**OPPORTUNITY** to TELL the TRUTH about the current tax code

**EXAMPLE:**

**Goal 1.**

26 CFR 1 863-1 (c) states that individuals shall determine taxable income using  
26 CFR 1 861.8

**PROBLEM:** the income of Citizens of the United States is NOT found there!!!!

**CONCLUSION:** All Citizens of the United States of America are NOT subject to IRS taxation!

**PROVE ME WRONG IF YOU CAN.**

**Goal 2.**

Ask the IRS to show you **the** LAW (not code, statute of regulation) but LAW that requires Citizens of the United States of America to file an income tax return.

If they will not... challenge them Find THE LAW.

**Goal 3.**

**DO NOT ACCEPT 'FRIVOLOUS' from the IRS.**  
**Truth is never FRIVOLOUS.. demand the truth!!!**

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**CONCLUSION:**

If my statements are false I owe you and your staff a free boat cruise along the scenic Columbia River Gorge near Portland Oregon Unforgettable.

If I am correct then you promise to be Whistle blowers of Truth and expose the IRS.

But.. do you have the courage to do the right thing?

Do you have the courage to seek truth at all cost?

Or, will you merely pass on the status quo and make cosmetic changes to an already unfair and unlawful system?

And PLEASE... remember the definition of COSMETIC... 'to cover up'.

Sincerely,

Alan Trombetta,  
Vancouver, WA

**comments**

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**From:** KATIE [katiedid\_45@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:59 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

True tax reform should benefit ALL concerned.

I'm sure that Mr. Bush is far more interested in relieving the burden from his rich friends and therefore has no choice but to increase the load for the less fortunate. His philosophy is that all men should care for themselves, and if they aren't millionaires by the time they're thirty, then they themselves are to blame for their situation and don't deserve any compassion. How could anyone who thinks like that do anything but free the wealthy from any taxes and cause the downtrodden to bleed what little money they have????

So, any form of tax reform which doesn't relate to consumption will be unbalanced in favor of the rich.

True just tax reform should be value added or direct sales tax. And there should be NO deductions in any shape or form. Only then will the rich pay their fair share.

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**From:** EAM2524@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:57 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Dear Sir or Madam,

Tax Reform should be job number ONE for the current Congress. As a CPA, I see the distortions that our current code causes: the purely tax motivated machinations of business owners who simply want to shelter some of their earnings, the purely tax motivated equipment acquisitions, the lengths to which individuals will go to manipulate their income in an effort to reduce their tax bills, etc. Countless hours and an unquantifiable amount of effort goes into complying with and avoiding our current system. It's an abomination. And the countless hours that I spend studying a body of law that has become so complex that even I can't understand it all, could be better spent in actually helping people to make money, instead of helping them to avoid paying tax. The work that I do is illusory... my contribution to the GDP is... NOTHING.

It is my understanding that Stephen Entin of the Institute for the Research of the Economics of Taxation spoke very highly of a consumption based system of taxation. I wholeheartedly support a consumption based system. It would free people to make as much of their time without concurrently penalizing their success. Under our current system, if people do well, we present them with a tax bill. If they do poorly, we present them with a check. Sounds a lot like the income redistribution envisioned by the founders of Communism. We must cast off this yoke.

We need a system of taxation which rewards effort, savings and investment. A consumption based system of taxation will do just that. And it will free the productive segment of our population from stifling taxation and complexity. I hope the panel will give consumption based systems of taxation serious consideration.

Elizabeth A. Male  
Export, PA

## comments

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**From:** Clyde Shaulis [cshaulisc@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:45 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Previous information sent to Connie Mack

To whom it may concern:

A certified package was sent to Mr. Cornelius Mc Gillicuddy (Connie Mack) on February 15th, 2005 at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (The White House) - Washington D.C. 20500. Certified Letter No. 7003 1680 0002 5961 5980.

Please review the contents, I believe it has information in it's contents that may be useful to The Tax Reform Committee.

Please accept my apology for sending it to the address above, but at the time I had no other address to send it to

Sincerely yours,

Clyde H. Shaulis, Jr.

## comments

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**From:** jcavin@iwvisp.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:46 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Potitical Will

**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Tax reform is most certainly an important issue to the public. Granted, there are more prominent issues in the media, but I think tax reform is one of the most crucial. It will help resolve some of our other problems as well. I think FairTax is the tax reform of choice and will be our best bet. Please seriously consider the FairTax.

Christi Cavin



**comments**

**From:** mrcbw17@juno.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:41 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fixing Social Security is about fixing Government

TO: Tax Reform panel and editorial of sorts, but with suggestions to fix.

**Subject: Fixing Social Security Is About Fixing government**

Gentlemen:

The President's budget has few things that taxpayers can be happy about. While I certainly support the President's efforts to restrain spending growth and eliminate waste, the budget is still growing and nothing appears in this budget to cover costs of continuing war in Iraq and Afghanistan nor the possibility of further conflicts. It is one thing to describe a Budget as austere but vastly different to eliminate that which causes the Budget to never be balanced.

Spending has been out of control in recent years and has caused the federal government to quickly go from having a surplus to massive deficits. We the people have never before imagined a Trillion dollar budget. While the President's tax cuts may have spurred economic growth, the massive expansion of government - adding prescription drug benefits, establishing homeland security, and creating a single intelligence agency all saddled future generations of taxpayers with enormous and unreasonable payments. New spending without a corresponding prioritized reduction in government spending causes massive and unreasonable debt accumulation. All our citizens become poorer when a budgets does not reflect balanced and real changes.

I urge Congress to heed our Presidents call to eliminate poor-performing programs. Some departments need be eliminated and returned to State responsibility eg. education, energy and others.

**First:** Congress should not be satisfied with growing government and piling additional "supplemental" spending packages on top of falsely conceived budgets. **Why continue to fool ourselves?** It is time for real fiscal constraint in Washington I urge Congress not pass any portion of the proposed Presidential budget by completely restructuring his objectives.

**Second:** I urge consideration of a more reasonable fix to **Social Security**. I heard President Bush say he would consider other solutions to our Social Security problem. In past weeks I listened to Mr Greenspan- I agree with both, that our Social Security program is in deep trouble.

**Now I have a better idea than President Bush. I believe we might permanently fix this program by returning it to the original intent.**

**Loosen up!**

**Wouldn't a realistic sinking fund satisfying purposes for its creation demand a different type of Privatization by a massive and radical transfer of management? What we have done for the past seventy years hasn't worked**

This program was passed by Congress in 1935 as a baseline social benevolence, assuring a degree of elderly independence for the poorer among us all. Our Social Security program is really a national treasure since it provides a means for the majority of our senior citizens to retain some personal dignity, responsibility and pride during their twilight years. Realistically most of our populace will never learn to save and curb their spending habits if not forced to set aside through a inviolate fund. Neither can they be trusted to spend rationally if given unfettered control in their senior years. The option for those

so inclined is to use their existing abilities to create a 401K or IRA saving. There will never be a magical free resource that is surely heavenly thinking.

Now the monetary resources to support the Social Security Program for all elderly was a definitive tax levied on all who were able to work. The accumulation of this wealth was to be reserved in an interest bearing dedicated fund.

However much like the people it was conceived to support in the future, this fund was soon perceived by our bureaucrats, past presidents, and congress as a ready source to fund newer and endless social programs. We have allowed congress to created yearly budgetary shortfalls.

This convoluted thinking became self delusion al and promoted massive dishonest practices among our elected leaders. They have failed the people over these many years by tolerating shoddy management and thievery. Worthless (*feel good*) Congressional IOU's replaced the real dollars withdrawn from the fund and with little thought being given to a fair repayment. Extensive even unreasonable debt has accumulated.

Therefore it is proposed:

The responsibility for management of our Social Security program be transferred by fiscal year 2006 to the Federal Reserve Bank and managed by a Social Security Director. Hopefully we might realize a massive privatized Social Security System returning a profit but one that has been removed from political mastications.

Since there is in place an adequate private means given to all United States citizens to acquire personal retirement saving plans (401K's and IRA's) there is no need to force Social Security (that supports elderly and handicapped) into what is being sold as a new personal retirement plan for the general populace. This complicates its purpose and intention. *"The poor we will always have with us."*

A better promulgation by Congress of the purpose of Social Security and understanding of its benefits, once and for all times, would surely help all Americans. All who have participated during our working years might be assured dignity regardless of the foibles of individual decision making processes. Some thoughtful rules:

1. **I** ndividuals and employer's are currently contributing co-payments into this fund. This feature should be phased out as soon as possible. Shortages would be corrected by minor assessment change.
2. **A** ll individuals qualifying for social security by reason of age will not be eligible to collect Social Security if their inclusive annual income exceeds, a suggested \$60,000 dollars/year ceiling. *We should then thank those who contributed benevolently and who will not collect! But, we all who share, should be forever mindful of and thank our citizens who contributed to the wealthier's successes.*
3. **S**ocial Security Board should never invest more than 25% of all Social Security funds in US Government bonds or securities.
4. **T**he Federal Reserve SS Board would submit an Annual Financial Report of Social Security operations to Congress each year.
5. **C**ongress will no longer be responsible for changing or adjusting the rules to guide collections, payments, nor investments within the Social Security program. However Congress will maintain oversight and hold the directors responsible from year to year.
6. **F**ederal taxes would not be levied on future Social Security payments regardless of recipient (s).
7. **P**ersons qualifying for Social Security benefits will be required to purchase both part A and part B of Medicare.
8. **W**here two parties in a household have contributed to the Social Security Trust, the director (s) will determine the scale of payment to be made. Anyone independently qualifying for Social Security will receive no less than one-half the otherwise normal monthly payment of the principle provider in a married relationship.
9. **T**he death of a spouse will not change payments. In the event there are surviving dependent (s) or disabled, SS payment will continue.
10. **S**ocial Security Director(s) will determine withholdings, adjust payments and determine investment of reserve capital. Annual financial reports will reflect reserve needs for future Social Security payments projected twenty years into the future. Every effort will be made to maintain a level payment schedule. Inflation factors will only be considered for adjustment every fourth year.

If Congress and our Presidents do not have our Social Security funds to manipulate, we the

people would soon see true benefits. eg. A reduction in the national debt, a reduction of with holdings, investment returns would dramatically increase reserves, and tangible benefits such as reduced Congressional bickering would soon be recognized.  
Respectfully submitted:

*Charles B. Wood, Tucson AZ 85737*      **Tel: 520-742-7480**

*Ps. I am not a member of AARP. I am 87 years of age.*

## comments

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**From:** Darel Albin [dalbin@merrimackmortgage.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:41 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** your tax plans

Dear Panel

I was watching TV this morning and saw a show on the tax review panel and was totally put back by the reason that they have formed. It was not to reform and fix the tax climate it was only to re-structure the program and possibly word things different. This is a shame and I feel a insult to tax payers in our Country as it stands now we in the state of Maine pay in taxes almost or even more then 50% of or pay to one form of tax or another this seems to me to be a far cry from what our founding fathers had set forward for us when they wrote the Constitution. Many ideas have gone forward to include a flat tax for all people and even a national Sales tax. I am not sure why they would not be the way. The only thing I could think of is that our system won't allow it because of the strong lobby groups that like the type of tax they we have so they can keep there jobs at tax payers expense. This should be looked into and resolved. I know I am only one person but I feel that I speak for many with my thoughts it would be a shame to miss an opportunity like this to do real change and stop the crazy taxation that we had in 1700's

Sincerely  
Darel Albin

**comments**

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**From:** Tally Eddings [tallyeddings@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:32 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** our 31Q&A + analysis of the Public Salary Tax Act

GENTLEMEN;

More FACTS for your consideration

Begin forwarded message:

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**To:** govtwatch4@yahoogroups.com  
**Subject:** [govtwatch4] our 31Q&A + analysis of the Public Salary Tax Act  
**Reply-To:** govtwatch4@yahoogroups.com

Greetings,

After preparing our 31Q&A, we also did a detailed analysis  
of the Public Salary Tax Act here:

<http://www.supremelaw.org/ref/psta/memo.htm>

(focus is on the original definition of "State")

The key issue we now emphasize is the absence of any liability  
statutes for subtitle A, and the existence of liability statutes  
for subtitles B and C:

<http://www.supremelaw.org/press/rels/subpoena.htm>

[http://www.supremelaw.org/cc/eddings/subpoena\\_liability.htm](http://www.supremelaw.org/cc/eddings/subpoena_liability.htm)

The main authorities for this emphasis are listed here:

<http://www.supremelaw.org/sls/2amjur2d.htm>

Here are the liability statutes for subtitle B:

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/26/2002.html>

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/26/2603.html>

Here is the liability statute for subtitle C:

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/26/3403.html>

For purposes of subtitle C, "employee" and "wages" are defined at IRC 3401:

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/26/3401.html>

#### (c) Employee

For purposes of this chapter, the term "employee" includes an officer, employee, or elected official of the United States, a State, or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, or any agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing. The term "employee" also includes an officer of a corporation.

And, IRC 3401(a) defines "wages" to be all remuneration

for services performed by this "employee" (defined above):

(a) Wages For purposes of this chapter, the term "wages" means all remuneration (other than fees paid to a public official) for services performed by an employee.

Voluntary withholding agreements are covered here:

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/26/3402.html> (p)

Please note, in particular, that IRC 3402(n) authorizes a "withholding exemption certificate" if one had no liability for subtitle A taxes last year or this year.

Without any liability statutes for subtitle A, this certificate is easy to justify.

Definition of "person" for purposes of Chapter 75 is here:

<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/26/7343.html>

§ 7343. Definition of term "person"

The term "person" as used in this chapter includes an officer or employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a partnership, who as such officer, employee, or member is under a duty to perform the act in respect of which the violation occurs.

Chapter 75 is Crimes, Other Offenses and Forfeitures

(i.e. the only "persons" who can commit "tax" crimes)

If you are a retired military officer, you should be interested in our recent challenge to the Defense Financial Accounting System to demonstrate their compliance with IRC section 3405 here:

<http://www.supremelaw.org/cc/schnabel/memo01.rossen.htm>

<http://www.supremelaw.org/cc/schnabel/memo01.sutton.htm>

I hope this helps.

Thank you for contacting the Supreme Law Firm.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ Paul Andrew Mitchell, B.A., M.S.

Private Attorney General, Criminal Investigator and

Federal Witness: 18 U.S.C. 1510, 1512-13, 1964(a)

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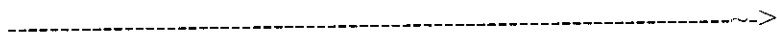
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**From:** Tally Eddings [tallyeddings@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:30 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Individual's comments on the Federal Income Tax.

Do you REALLY want to know the problems we have with the IRS? If you do, then take the time to learn the FACTS in the links listed here.

The REAL PROBLEM is, as I see it, you don't really care or want to know the TRUTH, only what you are spoon fed by the Government (IRS).

Please prove me wrong.

Thank you,

Tally H. Eddings, II  
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**From:** Dan Mitchell [dan@trac.ws]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:24 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax comments

thanks for the opportunity to submit suggestions

first and foremost: abolish the IRS. government is to serve the people, not enslave them and put them in fear.

I support a national sales tax that can be collected along with the states sales tax. One of the biggest benefits is that it will address the underground economy that has resulted from our current repressive system. the end result of our present system is an entire army of people that do not produce anything of personal or social value - all they do is process the tax!

another benefit is that citizens will then know what the real cost of government is and should be then willing to pay attention and even be willing to vote!

probably combining the national sales tax with the social security tax is also a good idea since in reality it all goes to the same place, but then putting the SS tax in a lock box and never allowing it again to go into the general fund

**comments**

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**From:** Charles Cusic [cec2816@cox net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:32 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** POLITICAL WILL

Dear Chairman:

It was disappointing to see that some on your panel are not aware of the "political will" of thousands of people, who are volunteers for Americans for Fair Taxation and supporters of The Fair Tax Act of 2005.

Are you unaware there are some 600,000 volunteers working to educate the American public on this innovative tax bill and its benefits? There are also some 60 organizations who are supporting this bill and these organizations memberships number well into the millions

Americans for Fair Taxation conducted a \$5 million, two year marketing test of the bill, prior to its being introduced in the House of Representatives during the 106th Congress, and of those involved in the market test 85% chose the FairTax over all other forms of taxation being offered at that time. This percentage is standing up to the test during meetings being held by the volunteers throughout the United States

You surely are not ignoring the fact that by the end of the 108th Congress over 54 members of the House of Representatives signed on as co-sponsors to the Fair Tax Act of 2003. Many sources of the media have been conducting polls to find out what the general public wants in the form of tax reform, or replacement, and most of those have been running 80% or higher for the Fair Tax, and my guess is that many of those involved in the voting are not even aware of the Fair Tax Act's benefits.

May I respectfully suggest that you enlist the services of Rep John Linder or Senator Saxby Chambliss to speak on the benefits of the Fair Tax to your panel members

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Joe [xyzyy@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:22 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** value added tax

I believe a value added tax (aka national sales tax) is the best replacement for our current income tax system

A VAT will tax everyone in country, including all the cash-only business owners (legitimate and other-wise)and foreign visitors who enjoy all the fruits of our country without paying for it.

Transactions conducted over the internet, like ebay auctions, could legally be taxed. Any goods delivered to a USA address could be taxed

Downside is a VAT would put all the tax-preparation and tax software companies out of business. These types of business only provide a service because the current tax code is impossible for the common citizen to understand A VAT is simple to understand, and implement.



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**From:** Rod Panter [RodPanter@cfl rr com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 11:19 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Thanks to Mr Steve Entin for your tax reform support

Dear Mr Entin,

As you know, our current income tax system is burdensome and obsolete. With reams and reams of tax publications that are easier to weigh than to count, it takes a professional tax accountant several hours to complete the average tax return for a middle class tax payer with any degree of accuracy. As for me, I use a commonly available tax preparation software, and it still takes me several days to complete my return!!

I am "over" spending several days of my life each year completing my tax return, not to mention the days wasted compiling all of the necessary information throughout the year. And it is my opinion that a good number of my fellow citizens don't bother with it any more, if they ever did! It is also my opinion that many taxpayers (both individual and corporate) may not be paying their fair share of the national tax burden.

Our current tax system is a tremendous burden on our economy because it is an extremely inefficient means of collecting the taxes necessary to run our government. Additionally, it discourages productivity by taxing those who work harder/smarter/longer by taxing their additional income at higher and higher levels. Imagine the things this country could do if we all were encouraged to work harder/smarter/longer, knowing we could enjoy the benefits of our hard work. Gee... maybe we should tax those who work harder/smarter/longer at a lower rate the more they produce. It's kind of like buying products in mass quantities. Would you pay more for items in bulk? And with all of the overhead needed to collect the taxes, the cost to the taxpayer to figure their taxes, the lost productivity of the taxpayers and the losses due to inept/illegal/insufficient reporting, I am confident we could lower the tax burden on America, make our economy more robust and make a lot of very happy Americans by scrapping the current income tax system.

I am in favor of either a value added (i.e. sales) tax or a flat tax, with **no** exemptions and **no** income level adjustments. When I pay my tithe each month God does not ask or expect me to pay more if I make more or less if I make less, but instead he asks me gladly give just 10%. And it's easy for me to calculate (I think he planned it that way). I just take my gross income, multiply by .1 and then I write the check! I want the same fair and simple treatment from my government!

Sincerely  
Rod Panter  
LtCol United States Marine Corp (retired)

**comments**

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**From:** Betty Grogg [bogey@htn.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:58 AM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

**Individuals:** Betty and Floyd Grogg, Lake Placid, FL

It is our belief that a FLAT TAX is the most FAIR and least complicated. We believe it is fair because 20% of \$30,000 is \$6000. while 20% of \$100,000 is \$20,000, which should satisfy those who think higher income people should pay more.

If that won't fly because of home mortgage and charity contributions, those two items could be exceptions.

Also, there should be allowances for number of children.

It would be the simplest tax, rather than a consumption or sales tax. For years we have just dreaded tax time, getting all the facts together, taking it all to an accountant, etc.etc.etc., not to mention the cost.

Give us a one page form: income, dependents, (count the legally married spouse) applicable deductions (charity, mortgage) give us the percentage to pay, sign and mail it!

**PLEASE!**

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**From:** david brink [dbrink65284@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:52 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

Dear Sirs:

I am responding to the request for input from the public, about income tax.  
It seems very simple to me, the logical solution is to have a flat tax.  
Other countries have implemented it and it is working very well, generating more money, creating a more stable economy. This will probably mean some companies will raise holy hell. H&R block for instance. But I don't think the United States guarantees any company any insurance they will stay in business.

The flat tax idea is fairer to all.

Sincerely yours  
David Brink

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**From:** Claudia Rincon [cr@grginvest.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:53 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Steve Entin

I would just like to thank Steve Entin for his comments and insight on tax reform at the panel hearings. He was informed and positive and sees the great need for tax reform and the value of a consumption based tax system to replace our current oppressive system which does not work.

## comments

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**From:** Horacepadgett@wmconnect.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:46 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Att: Jeff Kupper

I watched the C-Span program this morning which you appeared as a guest. You explained that you had been appointed by the President as chairman of this panel on tax reform and to come up with a recommendation as to how the tax code can be made more understandable and fairer, yet not enhance the amount presently forecasted for the next ten years.

I have been filling out personal tax forms for myself and others since 1946 and if I were given the task you now have, I would begin by reforming the deductions part with the following changes:

1. Eliminate itemizing by creating a standard deduction that is fair. The present one is almost there.
2. Increase personal exemptions by at least 20%. This would take part of the savings realized from #1.
3. Eliminate tax exempt investments but put all return from any investments, including annuities, in the same class as qualified dividends are today. Retirement benefits either from pensions, IRA's and 401-K type investments would still be taxed as they are today.
4. Eliminate the taxing of contributions to Social Security or else reduce the present taxation of Social Security benefits.
5. Eliminate the Earned Income Tax Credit - this should be handled in another manner - namely welfare.

Tax Reform in other areas:

1. Eliminate the non-profit organizations that now pay no taxes - namely, all the foundations, ie Ford, Rockefeller, hospitals, churches etc. These organizations have become nothing but tax dodges that are becoming gigantic in their political strength and employ people who make gigantic salaries. That money SHOULD BE TAXED!!

2. "S" Corporations should be looked at carefully - looks mighty like a sweetheart deal.

3. "Incentive pay" for corporate executives should be eliminated and the corporations taxed accordingly. Anything done in this area will help put the shareholders in a better position to stop this raiding of the shareholders investment.

4. Put all the wages of all individuals subject to the social security tax and regulate the percentage by the amount needed each year. Do not ever create another surplus.

From what you said on C-Span, I think this is going to a serious examination without too much political input to sway voters to either major political party.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jose Ranato [lougran@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:42 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Simplifying Taxes

The only real way to make the tax code most simple would be to relieve the citizen of the responsibility of dealing with the taxes at all. All taxes should be automatically paid through a flat tax such as the sales tax with the allowance of rebates to those of us who cannot afford excessive taxation because of income. It seems to me to be the most logical approach to the tax system. At the end of the year, everyone who feels that they are entitled to a rebate(refund) must submit a copy of their income along with all major payments such as mortgages, etc. and the IRS would be able to either approve or deny a refund. This could be done on an annual, semi-annual or even quarterly basis, if need be. Simple??????

Jose Renato  
Lecanto, Florida.

## comments

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**From:** Fred Ritchie [fritplad@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:26 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Jeff Kupfer on C-Span

On Mon. Feb. 28 Jeff was on C-Span discussing the plans for the panel this year. He stated that the personal income tax merely assessed a percentage tax on an individual's total income.

I couldn't disagree more. It has been estimated that perhaps 10% of total personal income (under-the-table payments, gambling winnings, drugs, etc.) is never reported and therefore never taxed.

It explains why the calculated savings rate is always so low.

It also points out that the only way to tax this income is when it is spent, that is with a consumption tax.

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**From:** Bryan [bassboy@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:23 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** fairtax

Dear person,

With respect to the fairtax, if it is believed that our politicians do not have the political will to pass real tax reform, I think our folks in office need to get a backbone. These are the tough calls those folks are paid to make on behalf of we the people. To have raided the social security fund since the 1960's is nothing short of a fraud, and our leaders must now fix their transgression. WE the people are demanding that you consume the necessary calcium to grow a backbone and get this done.

Sincerely,  
Bryan Butts  
disgruntled taxpayer since 1979

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**From:** Scott Martin [smartin@kenmor.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:26 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

*I would like to express my agreement with the views expressed by Steve Entin concerning "Tax on Consumption". This is a long overdue plan and I hope the administration is taking a close look at how this could help all Americans.*

*Sincerely,*

*Scott Martin  
Service Manager  
Dickinson Office  
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**From:** Rich Gary (AC/ETS5.2) [Gary Rich@us.bosch.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:18 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Rich Gary (AC/ETS5.2)  
**Subject:** Establish a new Tax Code

Dear Sir:

Please remove the present tax system and **establish a new fair and more just "Flat Tax" system** with the following rules:

1. \$8,000 to \$10,000 deduction per dependent (a mother, father and two children would be counted as 4 dependents, three children, 5 dependents; etc.)
2. The mother of a family that stays at home (stay-at-home mom) to take care of the family household (which includes care of children) should be given a double dependency deduction of \$16,000 to \$20,000.
3. The total dependency deduction would be subtracted from the family's gross income, the remainder would be taxed at 15 to 20%.
4. The **present Internal Revenue System** of taxation is slowly but surely **destroying** the "middle-class family structure" **through unfair, excess taxation**.

The present system requires both parents working in order to make ends meet, in a normal middle income situation. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Gary L. Rich

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**From:** T Eleanor Davis [TED@TEleanorDavisInc.Com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:16 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** NATIONAL SALES TAX  
**Importance:** High

PEASE RECOMMEND THE NATIONAL SALES TAX.

Help!!!

USA needs to go immediately to a national sales tax so that ALL PEOPLE PAY including criminals, prostitutes, drug dealers, illegal immigrants, green card immigrants that send their money home, Section 8 Housing tenants & food stamp recipients with big screen TVs & expensive wheels on their cars, tax evaders, & tourists (some are here for months)!!! PLEASE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SUPPORT THE NATIONAL SALES TAX.

Thank you,

T. Eleanor Davis & Donald F. Meyer (husband)

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**From:** bbrooks@ORIC-HB.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 9:55 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Taxes

In one word yes..

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**From:** Grace Presbyterian Church [gracpreb@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 10:11 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax change

I believe the federal tax should be a national sales tax, with some relief for the poor or people making a certain low income.

It is wrong for people like Teresa Hines Carey to pay a tax rate of 12%!!! when I make a low income and pay 15%. I do not mind paying since I have a job. At 72 years, it is necessary for me to keep working to make ends meet. My job is also gratifying and rewarding.

This national sales tax would also have to have a hold of many state taxes or the states will go wild going to their old methods.

GOD SPEED AND GOOD LUCK!

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**From:** Ronald LaVangie [simpsondowns@msn.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 9:47 AM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

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**From:** Gene Renno [katorenno@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 9:54 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

The most important comment I could make is: don't try to work within the existing income tax structure - start by abolishing the tax code - start with a clean slate. Efforts have been made in the past to "simplify" the current code and little was accomplished

Second, I favor the national sales tax as proposed under the "FairTax" system proposed by congressman John Linder. Much research has been done to support this approach.

Third, one of the most unfair parts of our current tax code is the treatment of capital gains/losses. When I had capital gains in the 90's, the U. S. Treasury taxed the hell out of them; when I incurred losses beginning in 2000, I could only offset losses against gains and deduct a maximum of \$3000 in losses otherwise. There were no gains for hardly anyone as the market was in a freefall. I have all of this lost income in capital losses that I am deducting at the rate of \$3000 per year. What a crock!

Gene Renno



## comments

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**From:** DARRYL MAURER [dxmrd@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 9:47 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

Dear Mr. Entin, I want to commend you on your comments regarding tax reform and entertaining the idea of changing our present system to a consumption based system. A consumption based system would be a windfall for all Americans including our money hungry Federal Government. Please keep pushing for this. Just a little about myself. This year I made \$59,000. I make my living as a mechanic. I'm fifty one years old. Graduated from High School in 1972. After high school I served four years in the United States Air Force.

Thank You

Darryl L. Maurer

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**From:** TLBRASWELL1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 9:25 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** fair tax reform

In the course to reform our out dated nomadic tax code I appreciate the opportunity to enter my two cents worth I will keep it brief.

I am a Southern republican redneck AMERICAN in my young four ties. I have heard all the readderic about how trickle down doesn't work and how illegal aliens are ruining our economy by over burdening our welfare system. So many arguments and so little time.

I feel a national sales tax with no exceptions allowed would be the fairest way to tax our people. My family owns many different types of business and they probably are the ones who make over 200,000 and pay 80% of the tax in this country. I on the other hand own a small barley making it business and have two small children. I ACTUALLY BENIFIT FROM THE CURRENT SYSTEM. The President implemented the child tax credit increases and I basically get welfare through the tax code. I get back in tax refunds more than I pay into the system. I know many other who benefit from the same, take from he according to his means and give to he according to his needs, attitude.

In any argument that may prevail, there is many other Government Agencies to give welfare to the needy. I think that a national sales tax with laws that limit future congress committees from adding exemptions for special groups would be the most fair tax.

The best example I can think of is my brother who has a small construction company. He is worth about seven million on paper. At the end of each year I hear his complaints on how much money he has to dig up from somewhere to pay income taxes. If we had a national sales tax he would probably pay the same amount, but he could pass the cost to his customers through increases on sales tax of materials. He would probably make more profit in than he has ever made in his life because he would not have to keep up with such detailed accounting records. ( I do see some type of accounting needed in order to keep illegal money from being laundered through legal means).

In any event, I will stay true to my Christian beliefs and render unto Cesar what belongs to Cesar and render unto the lord what is the lords.

Thank you for your time, Gods Speed

Tim Braswell  
USA Citizen

**comments**

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**From:** Scott Hamstead [ScottH@ltamedia.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 9:00 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Reform now

Please use this great opportunity to change the antiquated and unfair tax system, let's bring it into the 21st century. Consumption or flat is better than what we have now, no one can know even those who vote on the code know what is really in the 10 million pages, the accounting lobby continues to use their power to push more code down our throats for their own best interest. The I.R.S. should be abolished and April 15 should be just another day. Thank you.

Scott Hamstead  
ScottH@ltamedia.com

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**From:** Ecstnr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:58 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** FAIRNESS IN THE TAX CODES

IS IT TRUE THAT IMAGRANTS TO OUR COUNTRY CAN WORK TAX FREE FOR FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS AND IF SO, HOW CAN ANYONE CONSIDER THAT FAIR OR EVEN ETHICAL. CAN YOU IMAGINE THE IMPACT IF WE REVERSED THAT CODE AND GAVE OUR YOUTH THAT OPTION WHEN THEY GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OR START THEIR WORKING CAREER. NEXT, THE SOCIAL SECURITY TAX IS JUST ANOTHER TAX TO THOSE OF US TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING AND A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE GETTING CERTAIN DOCTORS AND LAWYERS, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION, TO GET THEM ON DISABILITY, MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND SSI AND THERE IS SO OFTEN NO MORE WRONG WITH THEM THAN THERE IS WITH THE REST OF US WHO GOES TO WORK EVERY DAY. SINCE WE ARE DISCUSSING FAIRNESS, CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THE POOR WORKING STIFF THAT HAS TO WORK UNTIL RETIREMENT, PAYING INTO THIS TAX SYSTEM AND WHEN HE RETIRES HE IS GIVEN A MERE PINTANCE TO LIVE ON AND HAS TO PAY FOR HIS OWN MEDICINE, GLASSES TEETH, ETC. WHILE THE IMAGRANTS, ILLEGALS AND UNSCRUPULAS INDIVIDUALS RIDE THE GRAVY TRAIN.

**comments**

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**From:** Clark Thomas [clark.thomas@dol.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:53 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Personal Comments on the Tax Reform Issue

As a volunteer tax preparer for the AARP TAX-AIDE program, I have noticed over the years that I have been doing this program that there seems to be one very simple thing that could be done to alleviate the burden on the IRS system in terms of sheer volume of returns

My suggestion is based on the published distribution of taxes received over all levels of taxable reported income. Based on the latest data I have seen, it appears that all tax payers in the lower 50% of income brackets pay somewhere in the area of 3.5 to 4.5 percent of all collected revenues. While I don't have any data to indicate just how much of the IRS total budget is required to obtain this small amount, I would suggest that it would certainly be greater than the money that comes in to the system.

In my working career, I was employed as an Operations Research Analyst and this sort of thing was what all cost-effectiveness analyses would focus on as a simple solution to maximize effectiveness while also cutting out as much administrative cost as possible.

In this case, I am certain that there must be a means to enable the lower 50 percentile group of tax filers to be essentially removed from the list of mandatory filers. This would have a tremendous effect in terms of the IRS budget and would also enable the agency to focus their efforts on other significant issues.

Thanks for your consideration,

Clark M Thomas

**comments**

**From:** sylvia m. auten [sauten@ec rr com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:52 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Auten,JamesRobert  
**Subject:** TAX REFORM

HI,

I WAS GLAD TO SEE THE DIALOGUE ON C-SPAN ON THIS SUBJECT.

I KNOW THAT THIS PAST YEAR DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE THAT WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL WORKERS WHO WANTED US TO PAY THEM IN CASH ONLY. THEY REQUEST THAT THERE BE NO PAPER TRAIL, FOR TAX EVASION, ONE SUPPOSES

EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THIS COUNTRY AND DEMANDS THE SERVICES FROM GOVERNMENT, MUST SURELY UNDERSTAND THAT IT TAKES FUNDS TO OPERATE GOVERNMENT THE SAME AS A HOUSEHOLD OR BUSINESS AND THEREFORE IT IS A GOVERNMENT PAID FOR OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE

EVERY ADULT 18 AND OVER DRIVES ON THE HIGHWAYS, LIVES AND BREATHS AND EATS AND SLEEPS IN THIS COUNTRY NEEDS TO FEEL SOME OBLIGATION TO HELP OPERATE IT JUST AS WE DO THE FIRE AND POLICE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

IF WE AS THE CITIZENS ARE TO ALSO EMBRACE OUR DEMOCRACY AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES, THEN WE ALL NEED TO FEEL AN EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP OUR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN TACT HERE AT HOME, AND AS WELL ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO WOULD BENEFIT BY THAT IN OTHER COUNTRIES--BUT NOT SUPPORT THOSE OTHER COUNTRIES AT NOW WHAT HAS BECOME A REAL DEFICIT AND DETREMENT TO OUR OWN HOMELAND.

YES, A FLAT TAX SUCH AS A CHARITABLE 10% WHICH MANY PAY TO CHARITIES OR CHURCHES, WOULD IN FACT WORK FOR OUR CITIZENS AS WELL. WHILE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VOLUNTARY, OUR TAX CODE CANNOT BE AND NEEDS TO BE EQUALIZED FOR ALL CITIZENS, RICH, THANK GOD FOR THEM, POOR, MAY GOD HELP THEM, CORPORATE, MAY GOD INCREASE THEM, SELF-EMPLOYED, MAY GOD HELP THEM TO DO WELL. THE TAX, IN MY OPINION, NEEDS TO BE THE SAME FOR ALL--YES, ALL

CERTAINLY OUR DEBTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD BE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN COUNTRY AND OUR OWN HOUSEHOLD  
 FIRST SO THAT NO ONE ELSE NEEDS TO, - AND THOSE WE CAN ASSIST WITHOUT ENDANGERING OUR OWN FOUNDATION IS ALL WELL AND GOOD. OUR ABILITY TO PAY A FLAT TAX EACH AND EVERY YEAR IS SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE CAN BE EDUCATED TO DO, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE TAUGHT IT AT A YOUNG AGE AND TAKE IT ON AT AGE 18 THE SAME AS THE RIGHT TO TAKE IN ALCOHOL OR NOT, OR TO DRIVE OR NOT, OR TO VOTE OR NOT. FLAT TAX WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR PRINTING OF NEW TAX LAWS PERIODICALLY. IT WOULD NOT MATTER IF YOU ARE SINGLE OR MARRIED. IT WOULD NOT MATTER IF YOU HAD ONE CHILD OR 12. IT WOULD NOT MATTER IF YOU WERE SELF EMPLOYED OR INCORPORATED. IT IS A FLAT TAX THAT WOULD TAKE THE ANIMOSITY OUT OF THE FEELINGS OF THE POOR AGAINST THE RICH OR THE RICH AGAINST THE POOR OR ANYONE ELSE.

((((ALSO, THE MEDIA NEEDS TO STOP CALLING OUR PRESIDENT ---MR. NO MATTER WHO IS PRESIDENT. THE PERSON IS VOTED BY THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS PRESIDENT FOR THE FOUR YEARS THAT THE PERSON IS OUR PRESIDENT))))))))))

THANK YOU,

3/8/2005

SYLVIA M. AUTEN

**comments**

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**From:** Lynden Harris [bharris@ntelos.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:41 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** BIPARTISIAN

ATTN; Jeff Kupfer;

Your interview on C-SPAN on this date stunk. Your attempt to avoid questions or be untruthful to the point you appeared like a kid in a grade school quiz. This panel you refer to as bi-partisan stinks worse. You were asked several times the political make up of the panel. Your response was bipartisan as Connie Mack was a Republican and John Breauex was a democrat. Anyone that knows John Breauex knows that he is a democrat in name only. He was first elected as a democrat and continue to run as a democrat in order to be re-elected yet he is and has always been one of the most conservative senator in congress. Not only did he vote for Bush's tax cuts but campaigned for these cuts. You have a panel of strict conservatives doing the work that Bush wants. All is rotten!! Everything in this administration is rotten. I will accept a response. Lynden T Harris, Staunton, Va [bharris@ntelos.net](mailto:bharris@ntelos.net)



## comments

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**From:** mgonsior@bresnan.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:34 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** reform proposal

Please consider repealing the 16th Amendment, eliminating the IRS, and devolving responsibility for collecting federal revenues to the state governments. I suggest emulating Article VIII of the Articles of Confederation for allocating shares of responsibility among the states, but including all wealth and not just real estate values. Let the states (and perhaps the territories as well) collect their respective shares of the federal revenue by whatever means they deem appropriate for their particular economies and inhabitants.

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## comments

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**From:** bassmonster@adelphia.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:26 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

No political will for removing the archaic tax code. Are you kidding me. You need to stop and smell the coffee. This country is going into the tank because of the current income tax. It's too cumbersome, idiotic, and totally not understood by most of the people who have to file. What a waste of resources we currently have on this. I would love to see it abolished now.

Gerald Scott Jr.  
Bangor, ME

## comments

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**From:** Linda M Shoop [kittycago@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:22 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Property Tax and Income tax deductions

If you remove these 2 deductions how in the world can any person who lives in a state like Ct where we have personal property taxes on our homes and our vehicles plus an income tax at the state level ever save a dime? Also the interest on our mortgages is being discussed as a possible elimination. We use our tax refund to catch up on our bills every year. We will have to sell our home if you eliminate these deductions and become part of the rental society. Stop the madness please  
Linda M Shoop

## comments

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**From:** Linkup5@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 8:11 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Taxes...

A Flat Tax and a Simple Tax code are the Best. If we want to be fair and Honest please also stop Immigration for at least 2 years so Our Country can get an understanding of how and why we need to fix these problems.

Your greatest danger in life is letting the urgent things crowd out the important.  
— Charles E Hummel

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## comments

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**From:** MARIE DAVIS [jesse@krc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 7:50 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

We the people of USA need to have more consideration given to us by our Government for Tax Reform. You our leaders also need to consider term limits, as well as lower wages. In all the years of being in the role of Government I have never heard any of our leaders consider cutting back their wages. You have been hurting the small business person in this country for a long time. Its far too easy for people to sue and put people totally out of business. The cost of license in this country is out of reason. Income tax has never been a fair way of taxing to begin with. Take a long hard look at the Steve Forbes plan.

**comments**

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**From:** M L [justafishin@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 7:37 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Accountability

Please explain to me how the government, particularly specific people, are not held accountable for unconscionably wasting tax payer dollars. Even a child has responsibilities they are held accountable for.

The government must be answerable as everyone else in life.

With regards to Social Security, it is shameful that arrogant Congressman & Senator have elevated themselves above the people they are suppose to SERVE! Why is there a problem with Social Security, because it is used as a slush fund for other government abuse.

Lets drop shameful abuse that all tax payers must absorb in paying for the servants of the peoples created abuse to get around EVER fixing problems with Social Security. Since they are a member, they never have a reason to fix it. Why shouldn't they have to pay, as all other Americans, into the nations retirement system. We as a people should not have to carry this dishonorable disservice to all american tax payers.

Government must be answerable & people should be about to withhold tax dollars when rights to petition are ignored as guaranteed! You are steady destroying our way of life. We are a Republic for crying out load. It bothers me to hear, even the President, refer to our country as a Democracy as with the previous President.

The government threats to scare people through intimidation is a terrible unconstitutional way of destroying all peoples pursuit of happiness.

Enough said because you know, but you just won't do anything about. You discredit everything that the framers/sufferers coined.

From a Constitution perspective.

Michael Lynskey

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**From:** g-hines [g-hines@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 7:32 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform Act

Recently, comments were made by panelists serving on the tax reform panel that indicated they felt there was not enough interest among the American people to replace the Internal Revenue Service. I feel this is a major underestimation of the American citizen. The majority of Americans do not like spending the time and money necessary to file and process the tons of paperwork that are caused by the income tax.

The FairTax Act is just that. A tax that is fair to all, and encourages savings as indicated by Mr. Greenspan. It will allow Americans to keep 100 % of their paychecks. Allow families to save more for homeownership, education, and retirement. Raise the same amount of money for the government. And dramatically reduce the cost of goods and services by 20-30 % which will make American products more competitive overseas.

Gary Hines  
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**comments**

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**From:** frank esau [frankthetvet@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 6:43 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** I R S extortion

Can u imagine that in this country an agent from the irs can prepare a tax return in a citizens name without permission and then send a tax bill and steal money from my social security on the basis of that agents say so All this is happening to me with out a trial or court order . No due process. and all this is occuring in direct violation of my constitutional rights Its time to get rid of such a corrupt organization and start a tax system that is with in the constitutional guide lines and a fair system one that is apporioned between all then ill pay the tax til that occurs i wont pay what i dont owe

A Patriot  
Frank the vet

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**From:** lisaann fox [lisaann\_fox2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 5:43 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

the present tax system on wages violates the constitution of the U S .namely the 3rd 4th and 5th amendments and is a violation of a persons right to work and keep the fruits of ones labor. As is well documented in supreme courts decisions that labor is ones property a god given right to the fruits of ones toil. The I R S is a vicious organization acting with out authorized force and due process to scam the public and extort moneies not owed Its time to abolish this gangster organization and devise a system of tax that conforms to the constitution .If the I R S would follow present law and statutes as written no person in the U S would have to pay any tax to the federal reserve. Unfortunately the I R S twists and turns statutes that apply in one section to apply in all sections of tax codes.If congress wanted the enforcement to act across all the statutes it would have said so Since no such wording or statement exists it is plain that enforcement of taxes applys to alcohol tobacco firearms and excise taxes.Its time to change the IRS and abolish it completely and devise a new tax system with in the guide lines as set forth in the constitution.Til that day occurs I refuse to pay the thugs on there illegal extortion racket. Good luck in your endeavor  
Constitutionally Yours  
Lisaann

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**From:** robin cyr [robin@skow.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 2:58 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Recommendations for tax system

Dear Advisory Panel,  
The following is a letter I've written to my Maine Senator Olympia Snowe. I hope you can understand the plight the income tax has put me in for many years now and will continue to do as long as it is in power.

Dear Senator Snowe,

I'm writing concerning the difficulty of paying and complying with the income tax and primarily the self-employment taxes. I own a small business and currently owe a debt to the IRS that I am having difficulty paying, because I do not generate a substantial income. I make enough to survive and enjoy a few small things, but I find that I cannot afford to live and pay the outrageously high taxes required by the government.

I suppose part of my problem is due to the fact that I declare all of my income to the best of my ability, to which many customers have told me "You won't survive if you declare all of your income" and I'm finding out they are correct. Most business owners I know don't declare all of their income and henceforth are able to survive. The burden of compliance and the tax burden itself is too great for the small business owner to bear in America.

I now owe penalties and interest on the income derived from my labor, which are mounting up very quickly. I've entered into a payment agreement with the IRS but at the rate I am going, I will never pay it off. I asked the IRS for an offer in compromise but the woman I spoke with told me she thinks its a bad idea because I will be forced to pay all taxes on time for the next five years or they will seize what little assets I have. The only advice she gave me was to get another job. If I do work extra hours and make enough money to quickly pay the tax debt requested, I will owe more in taxes on the labor which was used to pay for this current tax debt. Its a vicious slave-like cycle. We as a free people should not have to fear our own public servants, over money that we labored for.

There is a much better way to tax, with no bluff, intimidation, penalties, interest, or seizure required. Its called the FairTax S. 1493 The FairTax is the only just and Constitutionally allowed form of taxation because it is "truely" pay as you go and paid at the register without wasting approx. \$ 250 Billion per year complying with the 46,000 page tax code.

The FairTax will protect and prosper the poorest of the poor amongst us thru the

universal monthly rebate. My friends, family of three, and amongst the poorest in central Maine, will have approx. \$130.00 remaining of their rebate every month. My cousin, single and on disability will have \$80.00 remaining of his rebate to spend as he will. We can also consider the increase in quality jobs and pay for the poor due to the increase in business with some coming from overseas, due to the business friendly nature of the FairTax. In an impromptu study of foreign businesses at a trade show overseas, % 80 said they would relocate to the U.S. if we eliminated our income tax system and moved to a sales tax.

Another consideration is the fact that American made products contain an estimated %20 of hidden embedded income related taxes and compliance costs. We simply cannot compete with subsidized foreign products. A recent article by New York Times reporter Thomas Freidman showed how businesses in Silicon Valley are relocating, not because of cheaper labor since many of their plants are automated but because of huge tax Holidays given by China. India is giving 5 year tax holiday to any business relocating there. The FairTax will cure this inequity and keep businesses here in the U.S.

As chairwoman of the small business committee, I hope that you will give serious thought to the FairTax. If after reviewing the FairTax S.1493, you have any objections, please list them and write me. You may also contact the bill sponsors: Congressman John Linder, Senator Saxby Chambliss and Senator Zell Miller.

Sincerely,

Robin Cyr

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**comments**

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**From:** GravesGI@cs.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:57 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Gentlemen, I would like to ask how the largest banks in the United State are able to avoid paying any income tax. If you doubt me, please check with the IRS for particulars. Thank you and I would appreciate a reply.

3/8/2005

**comments**

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**From:** Carsey Russ [docsli1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:11 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Born to Slavery

Every American Citizen is a legal slave of The Federal Government Withholding is another way of saying stealing money from the common citizen without consent or regard for basic human rights.  
Russ Carsey

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## comments

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**From:** Martha Ludwig [grandmamarka@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2005 12:08 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

I am praising Steve Entin for his comments on tax reform at the panel hearings. There is a definite need for change and I'm glad he placed a value on a consumption based tax system.

Thank You,  
Martha

## comments

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**From:** Paul Fry [paulfry1959@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 11:34 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** fair tax

thank you

**comments**

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**From:** Ecklin [rockweasel@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 10:49 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** unfair taxation

I feel american taxpayers should not have the burdon of supporting any country that does not return the support dollar for dollar

Dale Wayne,Ecklin  
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**From:** Lee Parks [artissma@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 10:37 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Refom

Thank you for your comments on tax reform, I am definately in favor of discussions and action on this issue.

Lee Parks

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**From:** Tonya Chambers [ncgirl0977@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 10:35 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** taxation

I have a novel idea. I think it would be great to collect taxes legally (constitutionally) by taxing imports etc. How about we realize that the income tax was (and still is) a tax on corporate profits only. Whether you like it or not, the federal government only has jurisdiction over gov't created entities, and commerce with foreign entities. How about realizing the fact that you CANNOT tax the American people out of context with the constitution. Get rid of the fraud of the federal reserve system and its monopoly money and there will be no need to rape the American public every year. If a war is just the people will support it. If it is not, they will not. Stop policing the world and tax revenue wouldn't need be nearly as high. This is all I have to say for now. I will write something more constructive later. Thanks Mike M

Mike M.

"All that is necessary  
for evil to triumph,  
is that good men do nothing"  
--Edmund Burke

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**From:** Tom Dechant [tdechant@rkymtnhi.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 10:21 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Help

I'm a 36 year old single father who keeps his daughter 4 days out of every week, but still have to pay child support. I'm not a dead beat dad, I've kept up on each months child support payment, even though other things have been sacrafised for it. There seems to be no relief in site. There are all these programs for single mothers, but nothing for fathers. When I try to get help, I'm always told I make too much. I make 47,000 a year and that is to much for these programs, even though I try to keep my daughter in a decent house and a respectable life. I do know of someone trying to take on the system of taxes and have seen all the arguments he puts up and fights in court. It would be worth it except it takes too much time and the threat of loosing everything to try to win.

There needs to be something done, and quick.

Tom Dechant

## comments

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**From:** David Bruce Sr [dave@yourprofitsite.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 10:16 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Income tax needs to be replaced with the Fair Tax

Hi  
Please count me as another supporter of the Fair Tax , HR 25 as the best solution for the Insane mess we have in the IRS.

The income tax is a drag on our economy. Replacing it with the Fair Tax would be a great help for all except those who have a 'vested interest in the status quo. eg tax lawyers and accountants. All the people at the IRS could go get a real job that contributes to the economy instead of holding it back.

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**From:** Bob Brown [bobbrown@kimbanet.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 10:08 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fair Tax--Why not

The current tax laws of the land are cumbersome and antiquated. Do something for the country--every single American, who wishes to be self-sufficient and adopt the Fair Tax for this country now. Robert L. Brown--Martinsville, VA. 24112

## comments

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**From:** jdanceman@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 9:53 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Taxes illegal&immoral

Prove to me that enough votes was cast to make the present tax system legal since you cannot do this,all talk and plans about the present tax system is a waste of time and a waste of my money and illegal and immora and against everything that allowed America to reach the national image of the only land that has developed the things that benefit mankind today.

I feel you will do what is right and vote for HR 25 also known as the Fair tax and stop wasting my time,

**comments**

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**From:** brad henry [bradhenry1234@comcast net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 9:26 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel gov  
**Subject:** Tax Summary

**To whom it may concern,**

**We do not want any changes to the tax code as written. We want the IRS to obey the law as it is written. The IRS likes to say the Supreme Court has always ruled the tax is Constitutional. That is because the tax does not apply to most American's. The Federal Government has no power to tax the wages of an American citizen earning only domestic income. The fact of the matter is, not one cent of the tax collected by the IRS goes for anything in the Federal Government. It all goes to pay the interest on the phony Federal Reserve Notes. This is another example of the fraud committed against the people of this once great Republic (not a democracy). We, the people, gave congress the power to coin our money, not the privately owned Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve has done exactly what it was designed to do, destroy this Great Nation. A quote by Senator Louis McFadden and Congressman Charles Lindberg Sr:**

**Senator Louis T. McFadden (for 22 years Chairman of the U.S. Banking Currency Commission): "The Federal Reserve (privately owned banks) is one of**

**the most corrupt institutions the world has ever seen."**

**Congressman Charles A. Lindberg, Sr.: "This Act establishes the most gigantic trust on earth. When the President [Wilson] signs this bill, the invisible government of the Monetary Power will be legalized. The worst legislative crime of the ages is perpetrated by this banking and currency bill."**

**This is the way I understand Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations the tax code. I have asked 6 questions on how to determine taxable income which I would like answered. Since you are the tax board you must be experts. If I am incorrect in my interpretation please let me know with exact code sections and implementing regulations as to where I am in error. We, the people, are not liable to pay the extortion of the Federal Reserve and I have just proved it.**

- 1) Should I use the rules found in 26 USC § 861(b) and 26 CFR § 1.861-8 (in addition to any other pertinent sections) to determine my taxable domestic income?
- 2) If I should not use those sections to determine my taxable domestic income, please show where the law says who should or should not use those sections for that.
- 3) If I, as a U.S. citizen, receive all of my income from working within the 50 states, do 26 USC § 861(b) and 26 CFR § 1.861-8 show my income to be



taxable?

- 4) Should I use 26 CFR § 1.861-8T (d) (2) to determine whether my “items” of income (e.g. compensation, interest, rents, dividends, etc.) are excluded for federal income tax purposes?
- 5) What is the purpose of the list of non-exempt types of income found in 26 CFR § 1.861-8T (d) (2) (iii), and why is my domestically earned income not on that list?
- 6) What types of income (if any) are not exempted by any statute, but are nonetheless “excluded by law” (not subject to the income tax) because they are, under the Constitution, not taxable by the federal government?

### **Reasons for questions 1 and 2:**

The regulations at 26 CFR § 1.861-8 begin by stating that Sections 861(b) and 863(a) state in general terms “how to determine taxable income of a taxpayer from sources within the United States” after gross income from the U.S. has been determined. Section 1.861-1(a) (1) confirms that “taxable income from sources within the United States” is to be determined in accordance with the rules of 26 USC § 861(b) and 26 CFR § 1.861-8 (see also 26 CFR §§ 1.862-1 (b), 1.863-1(c). Cross-references under 26 USC § 61, as well as entries in the USC Index under the heading “Income Tax,” also refer to Section 861 regarding income (“gross” and “taxable”) from “sources within U.S.”

### **Reason for question 3:**

Section 217 of the Revenue Act of 1921, predecessor of 26 USC § 861 and following, stated that income from the U.S. was taxable for foreigners, and for U.S. corporations and citizens deriving most of their income from federal possessions, but did not say the same about the domestic income of other Americans. The regulations under the 1939 Code (e.g. §§ 29.119-1, 29.119-2, 29.119-9, 29.119-10 (1945)) showed the same thing. The current regulations at 1.861-8 still show income to be taxable only when derived from certain

“specific sources and activities,” which still relate only to certain types of international trade (see 26 CFR §§ 1.861-8(a)(1), 1.861-8(a)(4), 1.861-8(f)(1)).

#### **Reason for question 4:**

The regulations (26 CFR § 1.861-8(a) (3)) state that a “class of gross income” consists of the “items” of income listed in 26 USC § 61 (e.g. compensation, interest, rents, dividends, etc.). The regulations (26 CFR §§ 1.861-8(b) (1)) then direct the reader to “paragraph (d) (2)” of the section, which provides that such “classes of gross income” may include some income which is excluded for federal income tax purposes.

#### **Reason for question 5:**

After defining “exempt income” to mean income which is excluded for federal income tax purposes (26 CFR § 1.861-8T(d)(2)(ii)), the regulations list several types of income which are not exempt (i.e. which are subject to tax), including the domestic income of foreigners, certain foreign income of Americans, income of certain possessions corporations, and income of international and foreign sales corporations; but the list does not include the domestic income of most Americans (26 CFR § 1.861-8T(d)(2)(iii)).

#### **Reason for question 6:**

Older income tax regulations defining “gross income” and “net income” said that neither income exempted by statute or “fundamental law” were subject to the tax (§ 39.21-1 (1956)), and said that in addition to the types of income specifically exempted by statute, other types of income were excluded because they were, “under the Constitution, not taxable by the Federal Government” (§ 39.22(b)-1 (1956)). (This is also reflected in the current 26 CFR § 1.312-6.)

**Workers around the world have vastly increased their productivity, yet their standard of living has fallen drastically. How many people work two jobs to**

**pay back money created 'out of thin air' using their own personal credit? How many millions in this country die premature deaths because there's no money for food and doctor's bills? How many people in the 'Third World' starve to death because their countries are burdened with enormous debts to international bankers? (In mid-2001, foreign debt owed to Western and European bankers was \$3,000,000,000,000 - three trillion dollars!)**

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**comments**

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**From:** KStark9739@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 9:24 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Why have our legislators done this to citizens of our country, impose such a repressive violation of the people's freedom and violation the Constitution of the United States? Why does a Nation that represents the WORLD'S GREATEST of FREEDOM, steal it's citizens greatest benefit, the fruits our labor?

There is something inherently wrong with our government when the biggest bill that a United States Citizen pays in his/her life, from the cradle to the grave, is forceable impose. That is FEDERAL INCOME TAX

It is simple wrong!

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## comments

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**From:** Ted and Debbie Davis [teddeb@thewiredcity net]  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Political Will to Replace the Income Tax

We were very disappointed to hear that some of the Tax Reform Panel don't think there is political will to replace the Income Tax. Dismay with the IRS and the Income Tax is a political issue that crosses every line: party, age, business size, you name it.

Please do every you can to replace the Income Tax with the FairTax.

Thank you for your service to our country.

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## comments

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**From:** Jack L Eich [jeich55@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 8:06 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** illegal taxation

we fought the british to abolish taxes. Income based taxes are illegal,period. Taxes were never charged on income until the first world war effort. consumption taxes based on purchases or other items maybe,but one should not be punished for trying to make a living. Jack LEich, 18763 felton road, Morrison, IL 61270

Richard Henry Lee ("Letters from the Federal Farmer," 1788): "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them." Yes, the easiest way to enslave citizens is to disarm them.

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## comments

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**From:** Gary Hines [ghines@shcdirect.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:30 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Comments during tax reform panel meeting

To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my reaction to the comments made by some of the members sitting on the tax reform panel that there is no "political will" to replace the income tax. The income tax is an abomination that reduces the competitiveness of American companies, invades the privacy of American citizens, and frightens young and old with the IRS's ability to investigate and punish with no governmental control.

As an alternative, I think the tax reform panel should closely investigate the FairTax Act. It has years of research behind it, and it would serve as a better vehicle for collecting taxes than a multi-million dollar governmental bureaucracy that never collects a dime from underground economies (drugs, illegal immigrants, crime).

Even if the tax reform panel goes against the FairTax Act (though I will continue to support it), I think the most important goal should be to eliminate the overbearing power placed in the IRS's hands.

Thank you for your time and participation in finding a better way to collect taxes.

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## comments

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**From:** Alec Hickox [alec@rubbertrax.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:03 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replace income tax

I would like to express my dismay that our Senators and representatives are too scared to replace the income tax. I am a business owner of a small multi-million dollar business and would like to see the National Sales Tax be given real consideration. The numbers don't lie. It makes good sense when you look at it from a fair and true perspective without liberal or conservative bias.

Best Regards,

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## comments

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**From:** Sam Eskew [seskew@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:57 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Steve Entin's comments on tax reform at the panel hearings were positive on change and the value of a "consumption based" tax system. There can be little doubt that the current tax system needs to be completely changed. A more equitable and simpler consumption, or sales, tax is the best alternative.

Sam Eskew

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## comments

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**From:** DeWitt Beckett [Micco\_Aircraft@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 7:50 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform and the Future

I believe that the "Fair Tax" proposals really need to be researched in depth. From the study that I have done thus far, FairTax would make this country the number one country in the world in attracting capital for growth and expansion. Corporations would be released from the dual taxation of their profits and again at the stockholder level, people would feel free of suppression from authorities when mistakes are made in the cumbersome tax laws we have now, and we, as a country could be free of the IRS and its heavy handed methods of enforcement that don't do anything but discourage people from even attempting to start businesses.

You have a big chore ahead in trying to appease so many. What I ask is that you look to the future of this country and what it could be without the tax code of today.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

F. DeWitt Beckett  
Ponca City, OK

**comments**

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**From:** Robert Galluccio [isaiah4031@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 7:51 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** "THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENTS ON "CONSUMPTION" TAX"

MR. ENTIN,  
PLEASE CONTINUE ON THE ROAD FOR CONSUMPTION-BASED TAX REFORM WE THE PEOPLE ARE  
BEING DROWNED BY OUR OVERLY COMPLICATED TAX CODE  
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOUR WORK  
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3/8/2005

## comments

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**From:** Sam [sambo2000@netzero.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 7:04 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** flat tax

2/27/05

Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe that the tax code needs to be made as simple as possible. The average citizen should be able to do their own taxes.

Having a flat income tax, without deductions or credits, would accomplish this.

The income tax system was created to collect revenue for the government. That's all that it should do. The myriad of deductions and credits that we've added over the years to encourage various types of investments and spending have created a daunting spider web of rules for the average person. We need to return the system to its original function, and let Congress find other methods of "social engineering".

Admittedly, such a large change could not be accomplished overnight - it would need to be phased in over a period of years, but I think the long-term benefits would be worth it.

Sincerely,

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## comments

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**From:** Jemar835@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 7:03 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform Comments

I have two comments which I would like addressed.

- 1 Financial companies do not send out dividend statements until after January 31st. Also, I have just received a notice that a mistake had been made and I will be receiving a new 1099-Div. I have already paid to have my taxes prepared so I will have to do an amendment. I do not feel that the taxpayer should have to pay for their mistakes
- 2 SOCIAL SECURITY - I have tried and tried to do the figuring on my Social Security benefits for my tax return. I try to follow the directions and have never been able to come close to what my tax preparer reports. I believe that changes should be made to help the taxpayer as a lot of us could do our own tax returns. Most of us use the standard deductions so it SHOULD be simple!!!!!!

Thank you for your concern.

## comments

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**From:** DJoh388439@aol.com  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Comments Concerning the Income tax

1. Firstly, I believe the present income tax system is unconstitutional...
2. Secondly, the headaches it causes is unbelievable. Something drastically is wrong when a decent educated individual CANNOT prepare his own income tax returns without seeking professional help.
3. The present income tax system has been used as a POLITICAL FOOTBALL for years and years irregardless of what political party is in office. This, in my opinion, is BLATANTLY WRONG.
4. SCRAP THE PRESENT SYSTEM AND GO WITH A NATIONAL SALES TAX. A national sales tax would bring probably much more money to the congressional cofers to spend as all the undercover earnings that is not reported now, including all the drug money... would be taxed when they spent their money
5. I can go on and on but this is a starter for you all on the commission. DO SOMETHING FOR THE PEOPLE FOR ONCE, FOR GOD'S SAKE!!!!

Thank you,

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## comments

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**From:** Judy Harkins [jharkins@wvi.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2005 6:05 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Rossotti admits taxes based on "belief!"

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider these things in your decisions to change the tax structure in America:

1. The IRS is a **"foreign"** entity NOT registered to do business in this country! WHY?
2. The IRS is a **"foreign trust" hired by the private elite foreign bankers (the Federal Reserve)** with exception of Rockefeller. WHY?
3. Why is this "shadow" government (Federal Reserve) ruling our nation? Why are the congressmen cowering to them? Why are we being lied to from the top down?
4. Why do neither the courts or the congress want to answer the "hard" questions about income taxes or to shoulder the responsibility to answer our grievances but keep passing it back and forth to each other?
5. In all the volumes of the "code" (which means secret) is there not ONE simple single law that makes it absolutely clear WHO is liable to pay income taxes? WHY?
6. I understand former Commissioner Charles Rossotti is one of your panel members. Out from his office October 27, 1998 from Director Cloonan was written in a letter to an American Citizen these words: **"Our system of taxation is dependent on taxpayers belief that the laws they follow apply to everyone...."**

**Belief? Belief? WHAT NO LAW?? Is he admitting to LYING OR TRICKING THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY TO GET THEM TO BELIEVE THEY OWE AN INCOME TAX???**

Another letter from IRS Disclosure Officer Cynthia J. Mills in December 1995 states:

**"The Internal Revenue Code is not positive law, it is special law. It applies to specific persons in the United States who choose to make themselves subject to the requirement of the special laws in the Internal Revenue Code by entering into an employment agreement within the U.S. Government.**

**The law is that income from sources not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S.. Government is NOT subject to any tax under subtitle "A" of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**Out of their own mouth is stated: Subtitle A of the IRC is for "employees" of the U.S. Government! NOT for the general public.**

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DID NOT ALLOW FOR THE CITIZENS IN THE united states TO BE TAXED A DIRECT TAX.**

7. The "people" are lied to constantly about WHERE our federal income taxes go. They are made to believe they are paid to the Federal Government. WRONG - They go directly to the

treasury of the Federal Reserve.

President Ronald Reagan stated that "100% of what is collected is absorbed solely by interest on the Federal Debt and by Federal transfer payments. In other words, all individual income tax revenues are gone before one nickel is spent on the services taxpayers expect from government."

8. Speaking of headaches. Why is it that the IRS Agent's manual is NEVER to fall into the hands of the public? More lies, more deceit, more ignoring the laws and overstepping their boundaries? It's time they were held to honesty and truth concerning their role and authority.

I personally have suffered through a Federal law suit for the past 1 1/2 years brought on by a vindictive IRS agent who lied on an affidavit to the tax division of the U.S. Justice Dept. She was angry because I stood on my constitutional rights to be private in my papers and stood on my rights for counsel and my rights to choose a time and place to meet with her. She flat told me "You will not be allowed to set the perimeters of a meeting." Consequently I didn't show up to the meetings she set (because my counsel couldn't attend) and she wouldn't even respond to my written and faxed invitations for a meeting with my counsel and I that I set up for her trying to comply with her demands. She refused complete a public servants questionnaire I requested she complete, she refused to show she had any authority or jurisdiction to be doing what she was doing even though I requested it over and over again by letter. She sent an improperly signed summons and I returned it asking that it be properly signed - I was ignored. She got an IRS attorney to help her force her will on me. She too refused to answer any of my communications requesting she prove her authority and jurisdiction before I would comply. I finally sent letters of fault and default. No response. Finally in revenge she lied on an affidavit and the US Tax Division of the U.S. Justice Department filed a lawsuit against me all based on her lies.

9. In another instance we filed taxes in 1997, then amended them a year or so later receiving back a return of around \$8,000. A year or two later after that the IRS "redid" our taxes to their satisfaction and wanted an audit. Rather than going through an audit we took our taxes to a CPA to be amended again. The outcome was that we owed back \$1800 of the \$8,000 we received earlier. We filed and sent \$800 still owing \$1,000. The IRS ignored the our amended taxes but kept our \$800 subtracting the \$800 from THIER figures leaving a balance of somewhere around \$6,500. This act was dishonest, their figures ignored all our schedule C deductions and or business expenses for that year. Our CPA tried and tried to make contact with the IRS agent about this - she would not return calls or meet with him. This issue has remained unresolved and still is today, With their interest and penalties they now say we owe around \$14,000. I would have paid the \$1,000 as promised, but because of their dishonesty and treatment of this issue we have refused.

10. Why don't we get to the bottom line and stop sugar coating the problem. I recommend:  
 a. We throw out the Federal Reserve (which is not federal at all and there are no reserves. Even the name represents a lie to the American People. It is they who bankrupted this country between 1913-1933. It is they who get us into wars and make money from both sides - it is they who by trickery brought in the central banking system and the notion to "tax the people" to satisfy their hunger to rape this country and put un under their control. These elite bankers are traitors to this country. Their banking system is raping the people over and over and over ALL BASED ON LIES. Why are foreigners being allowed to run our country? Own our banks, own our property, collect taxes from our people and make a mockery of our government like puppets on a string?



b. Then throw out their foreign money collectors, the IRS, and start over from scratch and do what is really needed to run our government. Our government does NOT need our income taxes it is run solely on "indirect taxes" which ARE allowed for in the Constitution.

YOU have an opportunity to expose these LIES once and for all and turn this thing around to free Americans of this tyranny. America is NOT a FREE country it is ruled by a shadow government seeking to destroy her and enslave her people.

God help us get back to Honesty and Truth and the Consitution in this Nation. I beg you to save this Nation from the Beast that desires to devour her people - it is out of control. Sugar coating or massaging the present system is just more money thrown down the toilet.

Get a vision about the mantle that has been placed in your hands. Without a vision the people perish - time is running out for America. Any dead fish can float downstream - but can you swim up stream against the current?

I pray you'll get to the heart of the matter and purge the system from inside out with your recommendations and bring about a change that matters.

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**From:** Char [charliegirl@cablelynx.com]  
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**Subject:** Re: Amend unconstitutional acts?

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**"An unconstitutional act is not law; it confers no rights; it imposes no duties; affords no protection; it creates no office; it is in legal contemplation, as inoperative as though it had never been passed." - Norton vs. Shelby County 118 US 425 p 442**

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**Whatever happened to CONSTITUTIONAL  
GOVERNMENT,  
BY, OF AND FOR the people???**

**comments**

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**Subject:** Amend unconstitutional acts?  
**Importance:** High

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## comments

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**From:** cheshierfamily@alltel.net  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Comments from an individual taxpayer

Comments for the Tax Panel (February 27, 2005):

My wife and I are semi-retired but spend hours in record keeping and information gathering to fill out our annual tax forms. We also spend hundreds of dollars to pay a tax account to handle our relatively simple financial situation.

As a result, we very strongly support either a National Sales Tax in lieu of the current Income Tax (first choice), or a simple flat tax. This would eliminate all record keeping, encourage saving and discourage undue consumption. The National Sales tax seems so obvious in its benefits (including taxing the underground economy for the first time) that I will be surprised if it is not given serious consideration.

If deductions are part of any reform, the current charity and mortgage deductions should be maintained, and a meaningful deduction should be added for all legitimate medical expenses. The current expenditure limit before deduction is allowed is far too high for most people to reach.

It is very unfair to continue taxing Social Security benefits. This unfair double taxing was added in the 1980's and should be repealed. We pay all of our lives to get a small SS benefit, only to send some of it back to the government in the form of taxes on it as income. This really needs to be corrected.

While it may serve a purpose in making sure the wealthy pay some taxes, the alternative minimum tax is a burden on the middle income taxpayer. It causes legitimate deductions to be eliminated and taxes to be higher than they should be.

Finally, it is despicable that some of the wealthiest individuals and large corporations have so many tax loopholes at their disposal (that are not available to the average person) that they can pay little or even no tax. Please correct this in the simple spirit of fairness.

Thanks for letting a private citizen have input to your important work.

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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax

ON TAX REFORM

Our tax system is unfair and I believe it to be unconstitutional.

While many rich pay little or no tax; the working people who can hardly pay bills are

Taxed heavily in order to send our money to practically every country in the world.

A flat tax could be fair; coupled with a stop to unfair and unconstitutional spending,

Especially overseas

## comments

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**From:** hslspringer [hslspringer@ziplip.com]  
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**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Suggestion from individual

My name is Howard S. Long, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. My suggestion to the panel is to persuade the government, The IRS, and the Justice Department to come out with honest and forthright answers to peoples' questions about our tax system and the way it is being administered. Bob Schulz should never have had to say "no answers, no taxes". Honest answers to all questions might bring to light problems that need serious attention. Correcting them would probably fix the broken system. Thank You

Howard Long

## comments

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**Subject:** Now You Know The Rest Of The Story

# Now You Know The Rest Of The Story

Beaver Cole - Kilgore, Texas

The income tax amendment was pushed through Congress in 1909 by Sen. Nelson Aldrich, father-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and grandfather and namesake of Nelson A. Rockefeller.

At this time during the Taft administration, Philander Knox served as the Secretary of State from 1909 to 1913. Knox was for many years the primary attorney for the richest men in America, including Carnegie, Rockefeller, Morgan and the Vanderbilt's. Just a few days before he left office in 1913, to make way for the Wilson administration, Knox proclaimed the 16th Amendment to be ratified, even though he knew it had not been legally ratified. The 16th Amendment was not ratified as Knox had fraudulently proclaimed.

Ratified or not, the United States Supreme Court has ruled:

"...[the 16th Amendment] conferred no new power of taxation...[and]...prohibited the...power of income taxation possessed by Congress from the beginning from being taken out of the category of indirect taxation to which it inherently belonged..."

– United States Supreme Court in *Stanton v. Baltic Mining* (1916)

Article V of the U.S. Constitution controls the amending process, which requires that three-fourths of the states ratify any amendment proposed by Congress. In 1913, there were 48 States in the American union, so to adopt any amendment required the affirmative act of 36 states.

The federal government claimed Kentucky was the second state to ratify the 16th Amendment, on Feb. 8, 1910. However, the records of the State of Kentucky show that after the Kentucky House proposed a resolution to adopt the amendment and sent it to the Senate, on Feb. 8, 1910 the Kentucky Senate voted upon that resolution, but rejected it by a vote of 9 in favor and 22 opposed. Apparently, the Kentucky Senate never did ratify that amendment. Federal officials, who had possession of documents showing this rejection, nevertheless claimed Kentucky had ratified the amendment.

In Oklahoma, the proposed amendment was passed by the language of the 16th Amendment in such a fashion as to have a precisely opposite meaning. The California legislative assembly never recorded any vote upon any proposal to adopt the 16th Amendment. And whatever California did adopt bore no resemblance to what Congress had proposed. Several states engaged in the unauthorized activity of amending the language of the amendment proposed by Congress, a power that these states did not possess.

Minnesota sent nothing to the Secretary of State in Washington, but this did not stop Philander Knox from claiming that Minnesota ratified the amendment, regardless of the absence of any documentation from the State of Minnesota.

In February 1913, Knox issued a proclamation claiming that 38 states had ratified the amendment –

including Kentucky, California, and Oklahoma. But since Kentucky had rejected the amendment, California had not voted on it, and Oklahoma wanted something entirely different, the amendment was not legally adopted, the number of ratifying States being only 35, which Knox said included Kentucky, California and Oklahoma. Then a total of 11 states failed to vote on the amendment, plus Minnesota sent in nothing. That would only leave 33 states, less the states that took it upon themselves to change the amendment. In the final analysis, if the process of the adoption of the 16th Amendment is subjected to strict legal scrutiny, the amendment was never adopted. Knox told a boldface lie. Thus, Knox had created his clients' the largest cartel in the world. Nevertheless, the people were not buying into the tax scheme, ever so cognizant that a 1894 income-tax was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1895.

During World War I, the secretary of the Treasury explicitly suggested use of "widespread propaganda" to convince the public to forgo their "needless pleasures". The Treasury Department implemented what it called a "campaign of education" regarding the income tax. Its "essential features" included government-supplied news stories and editorials as well as encouragement of special cartoons and films. Perhaps the most intriguing feature was its use of the clergy. The commissioner of Internal Revenue reported that "Thousands of clergymen, at the suggestion of the Bureau, made taxation the subject of at least one sermon." As a result of the "patriotic response" aroused "dissatisfaction and complaint over the burden imposed by taxation were minimized." Government officials commented that "the groundwork was laid for securing in ensuing years of prompt and regular response to revenue demands." To perpetuate its success, the Bureau of Internal Revenue advocated "the most intensive cultivation of intelligent public opinion" (U.S. Treasury Department 1919: 964-65, 974).

The citizens of America still didn't buy into the scheme of income tax allowing politicians to coerce them out of their hard earned money. But the greedy politicians would not give up. To increase public awareness and acceptance of the income tax, the government used volunteer public speakers to persuade the American people that paying taxes was their patriotic duty to support the war effort. One-third of the cost of World War I was paid for by income taxes. Additional funds needed for the war effort were provided through war bonds, liberty loans and other government borrowing.

At the beginning of World War II, in 1939 about 15 % of the people paid income tax. That's all! The government called on Walt Disney to produce a cartoon to support the war effort. Disney agreed and made a cartoon with Donald Duck. The cartoon urged the average American to save, not spend, their money... but to pay income tax to support the war. (Cartoon): You don't wanna forget our fighting men, do you laddy? Donald: "No, Sir!!!" Then you'll have to meet your tax payments... Donald also informed, "that it is 'your privilege, not just your duty, but your privilege to help your government by paying your tax and paying it promptly' ". More than 32 million people saw the film in the first few months of 1942, and a Gallup poll reported that "37 percent felt the film had affected their willingness to pay taxes." Without doubt, such government propaganda manipulated political information in ways that raised the expected marginal cost of income tax resistance. Revenues increased dramatically. In 1941 the government collected \$7.4 billion in taxes. By 1945, the tax total had increased to \$43 billion. At the end of the war the government had 80% of American families paying income tax. The willingness to pay income taxes and to buy more bonds demonstrated the deep involvement of the civilians caring and support to the military. Politicians had at last found the key to the unyielding pocket books of America. As the president and Congress imposed ever higher income taxes, tax payment was wrapped in patriotism and remains so today: the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, wars fought on behalf of the United Nations, Defense systems, supporting foreign governments in the name of freedom, etc.

Sixty years later nothing has changed; Americans are still paying taxes and being dumbed down by propaganda provided by the governments and the controlled media. Docile as we may be, with fluoride in our drinking water, we are entertained with sports, recreation, movies, and just about anything else you can name all for sanctioning taxation. Public education being controlled by governments has also played a key role in developing a subservient citizen towards taxation and government.

The truth is there is no Constitutional law for income tax as it is applied to the masses today



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**Subject:** The CON GAME on TAXES

# The CON GAME On Taxes

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Most Americans think that the purpose of income tax is to finance the necessary operations of the government. It is not! The chief purpose of the income tax is to enrich the "banksters" who own the Federal Reserve. Does it not seem just a bit odd that a 'heavy progressive or graduated income tax' was enacted in 1913, coinciding with the Federal Reserve Act, and debauching of our money by the Fed's 'elastic currency' policies? Both ideas are straight out of the Communist Manifesto, and one is imperative in order to ensure the survival of the other. Few people have ever grasped the significance of this interrelationship.

Did you know that many of the planks of the Communist Manifesto are now represented by law [Color of Law] in the U.S.? How is this possible for Americans to denounce communism and practice it simultaneously? The Communist Manifesto represents a misguided philosophy, which teaches the citizens to give up their RIGHTS for the sake of the "common good," but it always ends in a police state. This is called preventive justice. Control is the key concept. The second plank of the Communist Manifesto is: Heavy progressive income tax. The fifth plank is: Central bank. The sixth plank is: Government control of Communications and Transportation. The seventh plank is: Government control or ownership of factories and agriculture. The eighth is: Government control of labor. The ninth is: Corporate farms, regional planning. And the tenth plank is: Government control of education.

The CON GAME continues and if you believe the money you earn from an employer or your clients is income, then you have been misinformed. Read how the Supreme Court and others define income and unjust laws [Color of Law].

"An unconstitutional act is not law; it confers no rights; it imposes no duties; affords no protection; it creates no office; it is in legal contemplation, as inoperative as though it had never been passed." - Norton vs. Shelby County 118 US 425 p. 442

A privilege is taxable, a RIGHT is not, that's why they had to take off the POLL TAX.

"The real rulers in Washington are invisible and exercise power from behind the scenes"  
 Felix Frankfurter, U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

"In a recent conversation with an official at the Internal Revenue Service, I was amazed when he told me that, 'if the taxpayers of this country ever discover that the IRS operates on 90% bluff, the entire system will collapse.'  
 Senator Henry Bellmon (1969)

"Because of what appears to be a lawful command on the surface, many citizens, because of their respect for what only appears to be law, are cunningly coerced into waving their rights due to ignorance." U.S. Supreme Court in U.S. v. Minker, 350 U.S. 179, 187.

"A people that has forgotten how to be citizens is ripe for tyranny!"  
Alan Keyes - Presidential Candidate 2000

"The phraseology of form 1040 is somewhat obscure. But it matters little what it does mean; the statute alone determines what is income to be taxed. It taxes only income "derived" from many different sources; one does not "derive income" by rendering services and charging for them. IRS cannot enlarge the scope of the statute."  
Edwards v. Keith, 231 F 110, 113

"There is a clear distinction between 'profit' and 'wages', or a compensation for labor. Compensation for labor (wages) cannot be regarded as profit within the meaning of the law. The word 'profit', as ordinarily used, means the gain made upon any business or investment – a different thing altogether from the mere compensation for labor."  
Helvering v. Edison Bros. Stores, 133 F2d 575

"Property acquired by gift is excluded from gross income."  
Commissioner of IRS v. Duberstein, 805 Ct 1190

"The 16th Amendment does not authorize laying of an income tax upon one person for the income derived solely from another." [wages] McCutchin v. Commissioner of IRS, 159 F2d

"Income within the meaning of the Sixteenth Amendment and the Revenue Act, means 'gain'... and in such connection 'Gain' means profit...proceeding from property, severed from capital, however invested or employed, and coming in, received, or drawn by the taxpayer, for his separate use, benefit and disposal... Income is not a wage or compensation for any type of labor." Stapler v. U.S. 21 F Supp 737 AT 739

"Treasury regulations can add nothing to income as defined by Congress "  
Blatt Co. v. U.S. 59 S Ct 186.

"After further consideration, we adhere to that view and accordingly hold that the Sixteenth Amendment does not authorize or support the tax in question (A tax on salary)."  
Evens v. Gore, 253 U.S. 245, U.S. Supreme Court, never overruled.

"No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it." - 16 Am Jur 22d, Sec 177 - late 2d, Sec 256

"All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void " - Marbury vs. Madison, 5 US (2 Cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)

"Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which would abrogate them." - Miranda vs. Arizona, 384 US 436 p 491

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### "ADDRESSING THE JURY - THE AMERICAN PEOPLE"

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Sherry Peel Jackson. I became a Certified Public Accountant in 1987, I was an Internal Revenue Agent in the Atlanta District for 7 years, and I became a Certified Fraud Examiner in 2001. I am here to summarize the tales of ignorance and deception that you have heard over the last two days and I am here to inform you of the state of the nation so that you may choose your next course of action.

You have heard the truth of how the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Justice, Federal Reserve and politicians have perpetuated this smoke and mirrors - dog and pony show on you the American people for over 88 years. You have heard of American families devastated by the invasion of privacy and unbridled fear placed upon them through threats of liens, levy's and even jail time. In my tenure as an IRS agent, I personally saw marriages broken, families torn apart, homes confiscated and businesses destroyed - all while my colleagues and I were out making unjust demands on the American people - **without the proper authority**. Now, you be the judge.

You have seen that Commissioner Charles Rosatti, Dan Bryant, the majority of our congressional delegation and other civil servants have refused to do their jobs. It would have been as simple as answering the questions of these well-educated researchers in a public forum, **such as this one**. But they have reneged, so you be the judge.

You have learned that the Constitution of the United States of America has been trampled on and ignored through allowing the privately owned Federal Reserve to create paper currency and charge you 47 million dollars in interest per hour - money coming from the mouths of your children and the college education funds of your grandchildren, all the while the children and grandchildren of the owners of the Federal Reserve will never have to work a day in their lives, and that is wrong, on so many different levels.

And let me tell you, that as a black woman I am keenly aware of the history of slavery. But do you understand that we are **all** slaves to this system? Do you understand that the media and Hollywood play a part keeping the American people so **fixated** on Alley McBeal, WWF Smackdown, Moeisha and the Practice that we don't take time to read the

Creature from Jekyll Island, study the Internal Revenue Code and learn the Constitution?

Now, let me spend just a minute to address my culture. Do you realize that the so called black leaders make millions of dollars every year playing the "us against them" role - keeping blacks focused on the race card and away from the real issue - the theft of our future through taxation.

These publicity mongers are well aware of the oppression brought on by income taxation, they love to march on Washington about racial profiling and civil rights, not to say that these are not real problems, but these leaders have been **too afraid** to approach the powers that be and have a million man, woman, boy, girl march about economic freedom from income taxation and restoration of constitutional rights.

(And they have the nerve to call Clarence Thomas an Uncle Tom.)

Also, there's been a lot of talk about reparations lately, but know this: If **all** Americans were able to keep the money withheld from their paychecks every year, that money would enable them to home school, start their own business and boost the economy, save for college and retirement, even buy that 40 acres and a mule. So, you be the judge.

You need to understand that with an Internal Revenue Code, Code of Federal Regulations, and other "official documents" spouting off several different definitions of United States, Internal Revenue Service and other important terms, this deception that keeps people ignorant is not a coincidence. The writers of the Code used semantics and legalese to make us **think** that we are required to pay the income tax and file an income tax return. Former IRS commissioner Shirley Peterson even stated that, and I quote, "Eight decades of amendments ...to (the) code have produced a virtually impenetrable maze....The rules are unintelligible to most citizens....The rules are equally mysterious to many government employees who are charged with administering and enforcing the law." End quote.

This fraud was strung together by people like the former president that said "it depends on what your definition of is is" and "it depends on what your definition of sex is". This incident showed us that definitions are very important to politicians and lawyers, and no word is meaningless. For example, it **does** depend on what the definition of "source" is.

The opposition, in an attempt to keep the sheeple in the flock, will scoff at us and encourage unaware Americans to ridicule those of us who have been informed, saying, "these people just don't want to pay their fair share." We have already learned from a speech by former **Federal Reserve Chairman Beardsley Ruml** that this country doesn't need income taxes for revenue. This money collected from our sweat and tears is used to perpetuate redistribution of wealth, among other things. But the powers that be keep beating the people over the head with this "fair share" garbage. Well, what is fair share? Haven't the families of the victims in New York City and the pentagon paid their fair share? Haven't the men and women that lost sons and daughters, husbands in wives in Vietnam, Korea and the other battles paid their fair share? So you see, this tactic to pit those that are uninformed of the income tax fraud against those who have seen the light is baseless and must be eliminated!

The opposition also uses our religious faith to twist the meaning of authority and to create

unjust statutes. People, I know godly authority and our current system does not reflect godly authority. Many of our past and present religious leaders have been jailed for questioning authority. They have been beaten, starved and even killed for their faith and their defiance of injustice. People of America - is what you're living for worth dying for? Are you willing to take a stand? It's your choice.

The creators of this Creature called the income tax, engineered their system to manipulate you into staying in your comfort zones. With a little bit of patriotism and a little bit of fear tactic mixed into a pot of inflation and deflation, they have been able to keep the people confused, intimidated and obedient for over 88 years.

But now the truth about the fraudulent origin and operations of the Federal Reserve System and the Internal Revenue Service have been revealed to the American people. **You** can no longer claim ignorance of the truth. **You** must acknowledge it or reject it. The choice is yours. And the consequences of your decision will rest on the shoulders of **your** children and future generations of Americans.

You can remain an informed slave or you can get off of the plantation. You can remain engrossed in fear, or you can take a stand like Patrick Henry who shouted "give me liberty or give me death." You can stay hypnotized by "As The World Turns" and "The Guiding Light", or you can turn off the tube and **read** the Constitution, then go ask your elected representatives why they refuse to follow it. Remember that those elected representatives have **sworn** to uphold and defend our constitution.

Remember that each of our elected representatives has pledged to serve our country first-not a political party, or certain privileged and special interests groups-but **you**, the American People. They are **our** public servants.

In closing, we have shown you the truth. Now, for the sake of our Country and our children, we ask you to choose justice over injustice, unity over division, courage over fear, truth over ignorance, and liberty over economic slavery.

We ask you to stand with us and let the voice of freedom be heard from every corner of our great country. It is time to end this long-standing injustice and tyranny over the American People.

Thank you.

Sherry Peel Jackson, CPA

*Note: These comments were presented at the Close of the Citizens' Truth-In-Taxation Hearing. Washington D.C., February 27-28, 2002*

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**Subject:** Constitutional Limitations on Taxing Power

# Constitutional Limitations on Taxing Power

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In order to understand why paying income tax and filing tax forms are voluntary actions for individuals, it is essential to understand the limitations on federal taxation embodied in the United States Constitution. The statesmen who wrote the Constitution were fully aware of the dangers to liberty in allowing a central government to impose taxes directly upon individuals or upon property.

The framers of the Constitution included not one, but two limitations in the Constitution that forbid the federal government to impose any direct taxes upon individuals or upon property. All direct taxes are required to be "apportioned," which means that they must be laid upon the state governments in proportion to each state's population. The Constitution does not penalize personal achievement, which is exactly what today's tax scam does.

The limitations forbidding direct taxation of individuals are found first in Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3, which states: "Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers. "and again in Article 1, Section 9, Clause 4, which states: "No Capitation, or other direct Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration here in before directed to be taken." These basic sections of the Constitution have never been repealed or amended. The Constitution still forbids direct taxation of individuals and property

In the past, America prospered and became the greatest and richest country in the world when individuals paid no income tax and government's revenues were raised by constitutionally authorized taxes on certain goods and services and on corporations. But now, money is taken from the productive sector of society by the income tax to support the non-productive sector such as welfare, entitlements and needless bloated bureaucracy as well as foreign aid. Today income tax paid by citizens penalizes achievement, sharply reduces earnings, and investment opportunity. The system thus causes business to decline, leading to unemployment and depression which lowers the standard of living for all Americans.

The income tax has created havoc in America's economy, in addition to the loss of liberty and the harassment of our people by the IRS's oppressive collection tactics.

The collection of the income tax enforced by fear and intimidation, is as UN-American as the origin of the income tax itself. A graduated income tax is the second plank of Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto.

Deceiving citizens into voluntarily subjecting themselves to a tax they do not owe is FRAUD. And when individuals who do voluntarily subject themselves to the income (excise) tax by filing returns, have assessments of tax laid on them directly by the IRS, it is a blatant violation of the constitutional limitation forbidding the direct taxation of individuals. If the IRS then confiscates the individuals' wages or property by levy and seizure to settle the unconstitutionally laid tax claims, the action is pure theft under color of law.

The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. It was written to create a government of limited powers for the primary purpose of securing citizens' rights to life, liberty and property. The Declaration of Independence

states that it is the duty of citizens to oppose and resist abuses of their rights. These violations of citizens' rights can be stopped if enough people become informed of these facts.

The Constitution is a precious document of our heritage of freedom. Its guarantees of liberty are only as effective as the will of the people to enforce them.

Your labor is your property. Knowledge will give you the power to protect and enjoy all the fruits of your labors.

Make no mistake what the founding fathers would do today if they were serving in Congress. Impeachment proceedings would begin this very day and continue night and day. Those not impeached would be hanged for treason.

Wake Up America!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Today's Congress is a disgrace to our country.

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## The Forgotten Law

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In the late 1800's, school books taught that every American should automatically know which federal laws apply to them and which did not, because, every American should know the Constitution. Failure to know which laws apply to them as Citizens of the States, and those that only apply to Territorial citizens, would result in the unfortunate situation of un-Constitutional laws being forced onto them.

The sad truth is that this warning taught to school children a hundred years ago is not taught today and is an every day fact of life today. Citizens are blinded with ignorance and have no leadership to correct the wrong. We don't know, and just assume we're being treated properly. But the truth is we are being governed by un-Constitutional laws.

In the 1990's, Congress attempted to pass legislation making it lawful for all Congressional legislation to specify the Constitutional Intent of each law. Such legislation never passed. The thought of Americans realizing that federal controls on citizens of and within the states being un-Constitutional was too much for Congress to deal with.

In *Foley Brothers v. Filardo*, the Court said: ***"It is a well established principle of law that all federal legislation applies only within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States unless a contrary intent appears."***

The key is, territorial jurisdiction. Congress's / Federal Government jurisdiction is the District of Columbia (not exceeding 10 by 10 miles, U. S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands). These geographic lands belong to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U. S. government and are controlled by such, under no obligation or limitations to the Constitution, as long as the legislation does not "prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular states."

**When the U. S. government passes legislation for its territorial jurisdiction, it is "exclusive" to its jurisdiction, the same as a State's legislation is for regulating within its territorial jurisdiction.**

The federal government has limited powers over the states, and those powers have to be granted by the State and the Constitution. These limited powers are listed in Article 1, Section 8 of the U. S. Constitution. If legislation coming from Congress is to have force and affect of law within the States, the legislation must be specific to the intent. Otherwise, the legislation is made pursuant to making all needful rules and regulations for within its territorial jurisdiction. Congress has long forgotten about this requirement to specify which laws apply to the States and which apply only to federal territory. Like DUH! are you a federal employee? Do you earn federal income? Do you live within a 10 mile radius

of Washington D.C., Guam, American Samoa Islands, Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico or Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands). NO! Well what the hell are you doing filing a FEDERAL INCOME TAX REPORT?  
Wake Up America!

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How many individuals are capable of doing their own taxes?  
The entire system needs to be raked over the coals with a  
fresh start  
Next we remove the politicians that feel free to squander the tax dollars

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\*If you would stick to the Constitution of the United States (you do know what that is do you not?), you wouldn't need to be asking this question!!! Just read it and act according to what our Founding Fathers said how the citizens should be taxed, and it does not include a private corporation from an offshore location acting as if they were a part of the U. S. Government.

If Washington, D. C. and all the so called representatives would even read the Constitution that they swear to uphold, this country would be what it used to be "THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!"

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## comments

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**From:** Luther [tagnine@knology net]  
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Dear Panel Members;

I am distressed by the continual taxation of the working people of this country while illegals and non-productive humans are cared for, carte blanche!

We need a National Sales Tax of 15%, to be paid on every item purchased by consumers. That includes services which generate an income for anyone or any organization.

The Income Tax as extent must be repealed, and the IRS as currently structured, must be abolished!

There should not be any exceptions of any kind. The redistribution of wealth is a cancerous program that rewards the unworthy and steals from the responsible.

The Welfare State created by the socialists in power for the past 50 years is most odious!

It is time for our legislators to return to Constitutional Law and remove the gifting of money to the undeserving and non-infirm.

The Constitution says provide for the Common Defense, and Promote the General Welfare. Look that up in your Funk and Wagnalls - and correct this egregious confiscation of tax money as currently in effect!

If you can't figure out a way to get this done, then turn in your resignation and get the hell outta Dodge!

Luther K. Lunchbucket,  
living sumptuously in a  
pup tent on the Redneck  
Riviera, er... Northwest  
Florida

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I am strongly in favor of getting rid of the IRS and putting in a national sales tax like the FAIR TAX proposal

Bill Bates

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The time is long past for the income tax fraud that has been perpetrated against citizens of the united states of America (not the corporate united states), to be not only exposed but eliminated, immediately. What has been perpetrated these many, many years is treasonable and although the politicians that were responsible for the inception of this fraud have been gone these many years, the people, who hold the positions of authority in this subject matter, must be exposed and dealt with accordingly.

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JUST TELL THE TRUTH

THE AVERAGE WORKER AND EMPLOYER ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WITH HOLD ANY TAX UNDER THE IRS CODES  
TITLE 26 , SEC 3401 WITHHOLDING AT THE SOURCE DEFINES EMPLOYEE AS GOV'T OFFICIAL,  
POLITICIAN, GOV'T EMPLOYEE AT ANY LEVEL, OFFICER OF A CORPORATION

PROFITS AND GAINS ARE THE ONLY THINGS SUBJECT TO A TAX FOR THE AVERAGE WORKING PERSON TO  
BE CONCERNED ABOUT

SOCIAL SECURITY IS ANOTHER WAGE TAX AND NOT SOMETHING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE

THE AVERAGE EMPLOYER IS NOT AN AUTHORIZED WITHHOLDING AGENT

I COULD GO ON-----JUST TELL EVERY ONE THE TRUTH AND TAX THE HELL OUT ON YOU GOV'T PEOPLE

DO NOT IGNORE ME I SPEAK THE TRUTH AND CAN BACK IT UP WITH THE FACTUAL DOCUMENTS

THE VOICE OF AMERICA

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**From:** Mgrant11754@aol.com  
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**Subject:** Tax Reform

Sir: As you are aware a bill has been submitted to the House HR25 for fairtax. This bill as introduced totally simplifies the tax system. You buy you pay tax. This is a bill that treats all people equally. Whether you are a honest tax payer today or a drug dealer on the street; guess what you will pay a tax upon purchases. How much fairer can you get. The cost of running the IRS will be terminated. I am well aware that thousands of jobs will be lost not only in government but the private sector but you know the world will go on and these people will have to do like so many of us who have been laid off and find a new profession.  
LET'S DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR AMERICA!!!

As you know this country flourished before the personal income tax and with the removal of the tax, all of the millions of dollars hidden off shore will return to this great nation of our and once again allow creativity and hard word pay off for the profits of the creative minded.

Michael Grant

**comments**

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**From:** Mlji1743@aol.com  
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Everyone loves to spend other peoples money, which is what the government, through taxation, does. Congress has become so used to funding federal projects, that they forget that personal initiative is what REALLY makes this country strong

I would hope that the taxes on personal savings could be eliminated, as an impetus for encouraging personal thrift. It is unfair to say that thrift is good, then tax interest earned, which is one of the rewards for saving.

One goal that the reform panel should look at very hard, is doing away with the social engineering aspects of the tax code. There is an attempt to encourage certain behaviors with the exemptions, allowances, etc. I would very much like to see a fairer tax structure where there is a certain percentage withheld, and that is that. If this percentage is too high, then we can replace those who imposed it. Now, the actual tax amount is hidden somewhat

I pay \$250 to \$350 per year for an accountant to prepare my taxes. partly because they are overly complex, and partly because the temptation to cheat is so great, knowing the waste that is present now at all levels of government with the unnecessary funding of pork and so on, such as building stadiums for professional sports, studies of things that are obvious, travel by congressmen at taxpayers expense to places that have little to do with the real function of government at the federal level.

An example of how the present tax code distorts decisions would be our having recently paid off our home mortgage, only to find out that taxes went up because the interest deduction was lost. We should have been rewarded somehow instead of penalized, even if it was to be left alone by the tax and spend mindset of congress.

One goal that I hope and pray you will take very seriously is to have a flat tax, or set amount tax, call it what you want, just something that is simple and can be done with a minimum of paperwork by any literate citizen. What you have now is a mish-mash of deductions, some things taxed at different amounts, people hiding income to avoid taxes.

I understand needing national defense, some control over interstate travel, and international travel. I also recognize to a smaller extent the necessity of communications, and railroads, airlines etc. I do NOT understand the National Endowment for the Arts, the Department of Education (this is a state and local function) and many of the federal programs that have to do with such things that are more local in scope, or not needed at all

PLEASE try to give the President a line item veto on spending bills !!!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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[mlji1743@aol.com](mailto:mlji1743@aol.com)

## comments

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**From:** Bop Dog [bopathon@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 9:48 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** i support the fair tax

i support the fair tax over a income based tax because the tax system we have now started as a flat tax it was easy to turn it into the bad system we have now and it will happen again.the fair tax will bost the econamy and create jobs and make america a tax shelter for the rest of the world which will boost the econamy

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**comments**

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**From:** TLSTAR@webtv.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 9:38 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Follow the Constitution

Follow the Constitution for the u.s. of A.,...and the "State  
Constitutions" Louis

## comments

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**From:** George Johnson [gaj3gaj3@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 8:41 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform comment

Dear honorable members:

I support elimination of all deductions. If you allow some, then big businesses which can afford big lobbyists will seek ever more loopholes.

It is time to have a fair tax system, one without loopholes

I realize trying to get homeowners to give up their mortgage and tax breaks will be hard, but if it is sold that AT&T, Westinghouse, and Halloburton will be giving up lots more, it can be sold

George A. Johnson  
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**From:** llk2150@juno.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 8:31 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Income tax illegal !

Dear Tax Panel;

Income tax is illegal and it has been ever since they started taking it from us ! In the beginning, which was in 1903, our Government came to the people and asked them for a completely voluntary tax, saying that they were in trouble and needed the peoples help to get out of it ! The IRS came into being at that time, and they were to be disbanded after they finished getting the voluntary tax taken care of for that year, however, the Government came back the next year, and again asked the American people for more help in the form of tax money ! Our stupid ancestors gave it to them, once again ! They then changed the wording on the tax stuff to read mandatory compliance, instead of voluntary, making the people believe that they then had to continue paying the illegal income tax ! Here is how they have further gotten around the illegal tax issue ! They have had us all fraudulently sign our names on W-2 Forms and W- 4 Forms, thereby connecting us to the Federal Government and The State Government ! Account to the bill of rights and the 16 TH. Amendment, none of us is to be taxed on our incomes ! The 16 TH. Amendment was never ratified, as only nine men voted for it, where as 22 men voted against it ! When you sign any W- 2 Form or W - 4 Form What you are actually doing is saying that you are a Federal employee tied to Washington D. C., or that you live on the U. S. Virgin Islands ! These to places are the only two places that our Government has a right to change any income tax to ! The rest of us have been taken advantage of and our money has been stolen from us for years and years now ! Go back to your history and you will find out this truth, just as I have ! I hope this helps !?!!

Sincerely yours,

Larry L. Kelley

**comments**

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**From:** DCB [TRADER1@highstream.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 5:16 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

Dear Tax Reform Panel,

This is a historic opportunity for you to make a real difference for generations of Americans. The tax system is not just complicated, it is intrusive, unjust, not lawfully administered, repugnant to freedom and what America stands for! The "income" tax should be abolished along with the IRS, and replaced with legal excise, duties, and impost taxes, as had existed and served this nation well for the first 150 years (with virtually no debt as well I might add). The average person now pays over 50% of what he makes in total taxes. This is not freedom. **THIS IS SLAVERY!**

After accomplishing the above task, the next order of business should be to cut the total tax revenues (from excise, duties, and imposts) in half to start and then more as time goes on and cutting spending to coincide with the tax cuts so as not to increase the deficit.

If these things were done you would see a boom in this country like has never happened in history. And the government would actually get a boom in revenue from the economic boom even with the lowered taxes. This is not opinion, it is fact. It has happened in the past and would happen in the future even more so if taxes were cut in half.

Thank you for taking this under advisement.

Sincerely,

David C. Burgett



## comments

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**From:** Stephen W. Brown [mbis1@bellatlantic.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 7:12 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Political Will

Surely you people on the panel must be joking, right. No political will to replace the income tax? The only ones without political will are the ones in Washington. Try putting the question to a vote throughout the whole country, without any tricks, and you will find NO ONE interested in keeping the IRS around as an organization. I challenge anyone on the panel to prove the rules and regs that keep the IRS in power make any real sense morally, politically, monetarily or sensibly.

Stephen W. Brown  
West Chester, PA

## comments

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**From:** Edwclark@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 6:41 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform is a Must !!

Tax Reform Panel:

1. Why am I punished so severely when trying to be a good Tax Paying citizen?
  - A. It takes 20 or 30 hours to compile the information.
  - B. It cost me \$440 to have a Tax Preparer do my 2003 Income Tax!  
I am a 73 years old retired Tax paying citizen.
2. The Income Tax Code is so complicated that even "the Experts" have extreme difficulty working with it. If ten (10) Professional Tax Preparers were given a moderately difficult tax situation to prepare, I feel they would come up with at least five (5) different answers.
3. One way to get Congress (House & Senate) to understand how difficult & complicated it is to compile & prepare ones Tax Forms is require them to go into a room by themselves (no one to give them answers to their questions) and prepare their own tax forms. Keep them in that room until they complete their own tax forms or admit the Internal Revenue System needs to be Replaced.

I say replaced because Congress has been trying to "simplify" it for many years (50 or more). Each time they tried to "simplify" the Tax Code they made it more complicated and difficult.

Maybe a few of you on the Tax Reform Panel should try preparing your own taxes to find learn about the difficulties with the Tax Code. The difficulties are too many to list in one letter.

**comments**

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**From:** murphywayne@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 5:42 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** IRS Reform

i feel the IRS has too much power & abuses it. Also no one understands the tax law so therefore no one even knows if they are obeying it. I feel the income tax MUST be scrapped entirely & replaced with a sales tax( IF there is a guarantee that the income tax will NEVER be reinstated). This would free up countless hours involved in filling out tax forms by individuals & stop all kinds of tax cheats. Also, if you will investigate, you will find that the income tax admendment was NEVER properly ratified. So that in itself makes the income tax illegal, so by your exposing that fraud, you will have justification to scrap the current tax code. thanks, for reading this. wayne

**comments**

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**From:** Nicholas Talaga [Nickxnack@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 5:35 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Comments

Read H.R. 25 the Fair Tax Act. That should tell ya what ya need to know. The income tax is dragging down the U.S. of A. Destroying our economic base. And the family unit.

Nick Talaga

**comments**

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**From:** M Beckel [backpainintampa@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 5:00 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** replace irs with fair tax

Dear Sirs,

We have hundreds of people here who are fed up with the current tax system. I am a CPA. The current tax system is not equitable for ANYONE. We need a fundamental change in the way we collect taxes in this country and the tax proposed by the fair tax people as a federal sales tax is the most equitable and viable alternative ever proposed.

We have broad support here in Florida for a radical change in the tax system, We are willing to elect those who will be willing to stand up and fight for the people of this country for an equitable way of collecting taxes

mark Beckel  
Dade City Florida

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**From:** PETER A CARMINATI [ballybaypubs@midmaine.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 3:49 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** POLITICAL WILL

To: The Tax Reform Panel - Comments@taxreformpanel.gov

CC: Gloria@Fairtax.org

Subject: POLITICAL WILL

Be it known by these presents that I, Peter Carminati, a Citizen of the United States of America, do hereby petition The Tax Reform Panel;

Whereas - The current Internal Revenue Code is far too large and unwieldy to enforce with one voice and is riddled with so many rules that it is rendered incomprehensible. Several billion dollars are spent annually by citizens seeking good advice from accountants and tax lawyers; none of whom can ever agree as to what should be done, leaving the taxpayer to bear the burden of proof. Further, the IRS itself, cannot give a straight answer twice to the same question as none of the Customer Service people are thoroughly educated in the tax law.

Whereas - Political correctness has prevented the truth to be known about the illegal certification of the 16th Amendment in late 1913 and early 1914, to wit: only three states (to my knowledge) actually ratified said amendment. The remaining states and territories were denied additional information they had requested. As a result, the 16th Amendment is and has always been un-Constitutional. Said amendment must be abolished.

Whereas - The Creation of the Internal Revenue Service based upon the 16th Amendment is also un-Constitutional, and must be abolished.

Whereas - The Basic Recommendation of the Tax Reform Panel should, and indeed must be to replace the 16th Amendment and the Internal Revenue Service with the FAIR TAX ACT.

Whereas - The FAIR TAX ACT is a simple flat-rate tax that is imposed upon the purchase of items in the marketplace. This is simple and easy to do, since the current state sales tax collection agencies are in place and require another internal office to collect the FAIR TAX levy and remit same to the United States Treasury.

Whereas - The FAIR TAX flat rate is imposed upon the wealthy people who buy big ticket items and, this time, actually pay the tax without any deductions, loopholes, and or hiding behind various trusts to avoid being taxed.

Whereas - The FAIR TAX flat rate has a built-in POVERTY LEVEL limit whereby the Poor pay no tax at all. This allows the elimination of many welfare programs, saving money and realigning the government to return to the original Constitution and original purposes of same.

IN SUMMARY I HEREBY PETITION THE TAX REFORM PANEL TO URGE AND DEMAND THAT THE HOUSES OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

1. Abolish the 16th Amendment
2. Abolish the Internal Revenue Service
3. Adopt a new amendment to support the Fair Tax Act
4. Enact the Fair Tax Act into law

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Frank R Wall [frankwall@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 3:43 PM  
**To:** 'Presidential Tax Reform Panel members - OPEN LETTER'; FAIRTAX\_DD@yahoogroups.com; NO-IRS@yahoogroups.com; electionwatch2004@yahoogroups.com; atlpat@yahoogroups.com; idfairtax@yahoogroups.com  
**Cc:** 'Frank R. Wall - ECO Star Energy Systems T (ESHNW)'; 'Eric Redman, President - Redman & Co Insurance - Rathdrum, ID (ID/WA/MT)'; 'Phiip L.I Hinson, CPA - GA State Director FairTax'  
**Subject:** RE: [FAIRTAX\_DD] BLOG: Copies of Documents - First Bush Tax Panel [02-16-06]...  
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**Presidential Tax Reform Panel members (and the “Peter Principle”):**

You will find my ‘heart-felt’ comments below... This isn’t “I don’t like it” but rather a candid evaluation based on empirical observations of how our governments (state, federal, local) “operate” (doesn’t operate) the last several decades... Unfortunately, the states and local government mimic the federal in its (speaking of failing/erring humans) business as usual “tax and spend” mindset can never wean itself from destructive and irresponsible actions. –“Read’em and weep!”– Many across the nation *share my views* as I have lived—and worked—in over 20 cities the last 35 years trying to earn a modest, humble, responsible livelihood. – And this “AFTER TAXES!”

**Frank R. Wall** — President & COO  
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**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 12:20 PM  
**To:** FAIRTAX\_DD@yahoogroups.com; NO-IRS@yahoogroups.com; electionwatch2004@yahoogroups.com; atlpat@yahoogroups.com; idfairtax@yahoogroups.com  
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<< Open Letter (BLOG) to the President, his Tax Advisory Panel, the United States Congress and the Executive/Judicial Branch of the/our Federal Government ... Please keep this data on-line through President Bush's second term ... Reason being, I don't really think Bush's Tax Advisory panel will come to anything except "wasting a lot of peoples' time and getting their hopes up for nothing." - Hearings and panels have been going on for over a decade on the current issue of Fundamental Tax Reform (FTR), and respectfully in my opinion, this is so much more delay strategy, "red herring" tactics - so much smoke and mirrors. However "well meant," all that will come out of this "iterative exercise" (time-and-time again) is DC "business as usual" tax, tax, tax... and spend, spend, spend!" - In a word, I will be utterly astonished, even "speechless to the point of tears" ANY substantive legislation such as "H.R.25 FairTax Act" enactment THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS comes out of this. -

The "Beltway Crowd" (meaning ALL of you) will get your fat paychecks, your select pensions, your "golden parachute" DC perks, your aggrandizement and your perpetuated mutual/self-security due to the great sacrifices by PRODUCTIVE American Citizen TAXPAYERS. ... regardless of the outcome. An outcome that I optimistically broadcast will be "bleak at best" and "economically catastrophic at its worst!" -- Why would any of YOU want this "wonderful life" which you and/or your predecessors have espoused to come to an end? - This is the reason we have to "pry" Congress-members out of their seats, their euphoric addiction to power, prestige and privilege. -- Why am I even wasting my time and substance writing this, another "Pavlov's Dog" day? -- By my hand this day, February 26, 2005 >> Copyright © 2005 by Frank Wall - All Rights Reserved (UCC, et al) Cc: < [FairTax\\_DD@yahoo.com](mailto:FairTax_DD@yahoo.com) , et al. >  
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## Comments

The time for REAL tax reform is now. The opportunity to do it is here. By far, the best and fairest tax reform plan is the FairTax (S/HR 25). It will fully fund the government while treating the hard-working taxpayer fairly.

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Posted by: [Cliff Cofer](#) | February 26, 2005 01:21 AM

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Posted by: [FRANK REGINALD WALL](#) | February 26, 2005 03:10 PM

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**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 11:54 AM

**To:** FairTax\_DD@yahoogroups.com; pafairtax@yahoogroups.com;  
PA\_FairTax@yahoogroups.com

**Cc:** FairTaxSupportPA@aol.com; marlene@pafairtax.org

**Subject:** [FAIRTAX\_DD] Copies of Documents used at First Bush Tax Panel Meeting 2-16-06

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href="http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof\_blog/2005/02/documents\_relea.ht  
Blog: Documents Released from Today's First Meeting of the  
President's Tax Reform Panel</A>

[SNIP]

...They [see above link] will help you in your FairTax arguments, and they prove the immediate need for FairTax to get Congress to act independent of the Tax Panel's recommendations.

I suggest you check these out ASAP and print them out if you want them.

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space. If you click the word "presentation" in the list you get the document. If you click the presenter's name you get a bio of the presenter or speaker.

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**From:** Wildman7mm@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 3:00 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fair Tax issue

Dear Senator Mack:

Your panel was intended to consist of business people, not a bunch of law firms seeking to save the IRS. The lawyers serving on the panel is a blatant CONFLICT of INTEREST

The lawyers on your panel are employed by powerful law firms. Their purpose is to derail the National Sales Tax engineered by <http://www.fairtax.org/> They are striving to save the IRS, and protect their lucrative law suits defending tax payers who have cheated on their returns.

I am also curious as to how the lawyers got connected with the Tax Reform panel in the first place? I repeat, this is a terrible conflict of interest, and would deny America a Fair Taxation without the IRS

I encourage you to replace the lawyers with business people and receive a true assessment of our Tax problems, as they see it.

Please listen to <http://www.fairtax.org/> inasmuch as they have presented HR25 and S25 to Congress. The National Sales Tax program will solve America's debt and benefit every American, rich, middle, and poor. It will eliminate the costly worthless IRS completely. Tax cheaters will no longer be able to cheat with the NST. The trillions of untaxed cash now circulating, will be taxed.

Please Senator Mack, do what is right for America ... not the greedy law firms.

Sincerely,  
Signed

***Lawrence A. Masters, Jr.***

## comments

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**From:** Ernie Lane [elane1@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 2:33 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** National sales tax

A consumption-based tax seems the fair way to go. It's automatically progressive: richer people buy more expensive things; I buy Chevrolets, my better-off neighbor has a Lexus. A provision to "rebate" basic cost of living makes this eminently fair.

Ernest Lane  
Trinity, FL

**comments**

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**From:** Charles Trickey [shepetyuk@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 1:02 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** President's Advisory Panel of Federal Tax Reform

Charles Trickey  
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Fort Worth, Texas 76123

The existing system of federal taxation needs to be replaced with the FairTax. (H R.25) My wife and I are professionals,

and we have enough headaches and bureaucracy to deal with in our jobs, without adding in the tremendous complexity

involved in satisfying our tax obligations to the government. Year after year, new and increasingly complex modifications

to the tax code are incorporated making our lives ever increasingly strenuous and complicated. We do not consider

all the new legislation incorporated as "benefits" to us as they involve more and more of our time and energy trying

to figure out how they work and what we need to do, as well as increasing the paperwork involved in keeping up with all of this.

If the IRS is eliminated, and the FairTax instituted, I believe that our economy will receive a "super stimulus" and we will be freed from all the laborious complexities involved with the present system. Everyone would now have to pay their "fairshare" too, increasing the coffers of the federal government.

Please consider this legislation carefully and make the choice to move our country forward in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Charles Trickey

**comments**

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**From:** Steve Etter [setter@woh.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 12:56 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** POLITICAL WILL

I find the comment of some of your panelists that there is "no political will" to replace the income tax a total disconnect with the American people

Income tax reform is a top priority to me and those around me.

You were put in your position to better America, not to sit on your hands and let it stagnate.

Steve Etter  
Bradford, Ohio



## comments

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**From:** GEORGE PROLLOCK [gprol@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 12:26 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fair Tax

A few years ago, my wife and I went to England to return to my WWII base. During the visit I noticed that there was a large tax added to my meal bills. I asked about it and was told that it was their income tax collection method. I checked it out when we returned home and it appears to be something similar to the Fair Tax proposal that I had heard about and it sounded like something that we need in the USA. Although many people have their tax forms prepared by a professional many do not. I strongly recommend that you personally take the social security work sheet and with some made up numbers just follow the instructions. I feel sure that you will recommend some changes when you finish. This is absolutely ridiculous. George Prollock 3934 S.E. 14th St Del City, Ok 73115 405 677 2817

## comments

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**From:** Donald Koop [dk24018@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 11:56 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Mr. Entin's presentation

I would like to thank Mr. Entin for presenting information on the advantages of a tax system based on consumption. The simplicity and fairness of such an approach makes it well worth pursuing. The idea of those who have and spend the most money thereby paying the most tax makes a lot of sense. Further, if they choose not to spend it then the savings help to promote business. It's win-win

Donald Koop, Roanoke, VA

**comments**

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**From:** KentNC@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 11:51 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform, Common Sense, and the "Fair Tax" as proposed to Congressman Linder

Please keep an open mind and make your comments to all proposals available in terms the average citizen can understand. Congressman John Linder's proposal of the national sales tax (FairTax) seems to be a win-win solution to all sectors of the economy. If you do not favor it please list the reasons why and study the FairTax organization's response to your particular objections.

Thanks,

Ed Kent  
Greensboro, NC

## comments

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**From:** Roy Morris [rmodmo@direcway.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 11:14 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** ENTIN

I liked what Steve Entin had to say on tax reform. The current tax laws are outdated and burdensome. I would like to see 'income tax' deep sixed and replaced with something that cannot be loop-holed to death or circumvented by people that do not pay taxes at all. Eliminating the IRS would save taxpayers a lot every year which would go toward some tax relief. A consumption tax would be fair for everyone. Whether you are a naturalized citizen or an illegal alien, everyone will be paying something into the system which hopefully will lower our tax burden. Thanks,  
R. Morris

**comments**

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**From:** Norman Meyer [normandmyr@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 10:59 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Thanks to Steve

Steve Entin

Thank you for the fine way of framing the consumption based (sales) tax. I think this is the way to go.

Norman Meyer  
Newcastle OK

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**From:** dan lubberts [lubby\_2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 10:48 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax

please consider (fairtax.org) in connection with a  
very good consumption tax idea.  
thanks  
d. lubberts

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**From:** derek lane [patio305@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 10:36 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** taxes

#1 irs audits, unnecessary with federal sales tax..

#2 burdens to poor taxpayers and (middle Class) as to taxes

#3 Most buissness owners (small buissness) dont understand  
the laws as writen..

#4 Federal sales tax to save billions just in paper work alone and get the dept back in  
shape. This is going to happen some day why not now tax rate could be 15/17 % to large  
tickit items \$10,000 / than 2/3% over that like yachts and planes that are wrote off as  
deductions for most rich . Non Tax (FOOD,MED,)

by doing this as some other countries do, we would could have health insurance/ and SS  
(Too easy Right)

## comments

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**From:** tjhoke@webtv.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 9:57 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** fair tax attaboy

keep up the good work promoting the fair tax..



**comments**

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**From:** gor1don [gor1don@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 8:09 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** POLITICAL WILL

It is about time we change the corrupt tax system

Concerned American,

Mitch

**comments**

**From:** Gil Kingman [kingman@yadtel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 7:55 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** national sales tax

from: Gil Kingman, M.D.  
 Americans for Fair Taxation  
 223 Oakmont Drive  
 Advance NC, 27006

2/26/05

Panel members,

I'm writing in support of the national sales tax, and hope this will be your recommendation as your preferred method of tax reform. I was surprised and delighted to hear the President mention tax reform as one of his priorities in the heat of a tight re-election campaign. But I guess it's just another example of his courage and his deep convictions.

There is of course a lot of talk about the flat tax, and that reform would leave us much better off than we are now, but I sincerely feel that the national retail sales tax, NRST, would be even better. Though the flat tax would drastically simplify the code, it would not grow the economy nearly as well, for the main reason that it is still an income tax. Thus all products would still have the income tax, including payroll and corporate taxes, built into the products at every step along the way, as they do now. Contrast this with the NSRT, or the fairtax, as outlined by Americans for Fair Taxation at [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org). This would require elimination of the very regressive payroll tax, which is particularly tough on low income people, and the corporate income tax. We all know, and I know, being self employed, that corporate taxes are not really taxes paid by corporations, but simply business expenses. These expenses are added into the business plan just like rent, utilities, equipment, and others. High corporate taxes, and ours are among the highest in the world at 35%, are offset by lowering other expenses, like buying less equipment, paying lower salaries and/or benefits, or hiring fewer employees, etc. The net effect is of course less business growth, fewer available jobs, and in the big picture, stunted economic growth. Employees are doubly effected, first by the corporate tax as outlined here, but also by the payroll tax, half of which, 7.6%, is paid by the employer, and the other half by the employee. This makes it that much more expensive to hire a worker. Without that tax, either more workers could be hired, or each hired worker could be paid more, or that money could be invested in other ways, ie improve facilities, get better equipment, etc. and other strategies for business growth.

The point is that the fairtax removes the taxes on businesses. As shown above, these taxes are just another hidden burden on individual consumers. Why not eliminate those taxes, which so severely limit economic growth, and tax the consumer directly?

Also, please note that all the imbedded income taxes add, on the average, amount to about 22% to the cost of all our goods. With elimination of these by the fairtax, all US products would suddenly become 22% less expensive in foreign markets, ie. other countries would not be charged our national sales tax. Imagine the boom to our economy, and the increased competitiveness of our products around the world! This would undoubtedly be still another way of spurring economic growth, and also dealing with the huge trade deficit which troubles so many.

Getting back to the flat tax, we just wouldn't see this boom to the economy. It's still an income tax, with all the imbedded ramifications. In addition, there will always be lobbyists trying to get tax deductions or exemptions for their special interest. It would be fairly easy to hike the rates, (much more difficult with a very visible NRST, paid on almost every purchase) and add exemptions, deductions over the years. Isn't this exactly what happened after Reagan's tax reform, which made the system much flatter (ie. only 2 tax brackets, with very few deductions)? The NSRT would eliminate the income tax, including the regressive payroll tax, eliminate all deductions and exemptions, thus taking away the advantages currently gained by lobbyists for their special interests. It would be a simple, fair system of collecting revenue which would encourage savings and investment, and grow this economy as it's never grown before. And the economic growth would bring in MORE revenue still.

3/8/2005

by broadening the tax base even further

Hope you'll consider it.

Thank you

Gil Kingman, M.D.

## comments

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**From:** Ed Stein [xc500sp@outdrs.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 10:49 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fait Tax

Hello,

I believe H.R. 25 (Fair Tax Bill) will greatly enhance the US economy, fix Social Security, bring jobs back to th USA and make Americans proud to be an American. One of many reasons why companies move jobs to other countries is because they don't pay taxes in other countries like they pay here. Other reasons include, EPA guidelines, labor costs, ect.

I believe H.R. 25 would make taxation FAIR to all Americans, and not just the wealthy. All people whether an illegal alien or criminal would pay their FAIR share.

I believe H.R. 25 would have a dramatic influence on job creation by lifting a huge burden off of small businesses.

Please take this time in history to make a real difference in America.

Thank You,

Ed Stein

**comments**

**From:** Rick Kannisto [rkannisto@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2005 2:53 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: FAIRTAX ACTION ALERT: Talk to the Presidents tax panel today.

Steve Entin,

I would like to thank you very much for your support of a consumption tax and your being on the Presidents tax panel. I do not trust the flat tax and feel it would be much easier to police a black market than business accounting books. The IRS rules could be abolished and everything above board without manipulation. Thanks again!! Rick Kannisto

*FairTax* <info@fairtaxvolunteer.org> wrote:

From: "FairTax"  
 To: "rkannisto@yahoo.com"  
 Subject: FAIRTAX ACTION ALERT: Talk to the Presidents tax panel today.  
 Date: Thu, 24 Feb 2005 15:05:30 -0600

FairTax supporter,

We need e-mails this week to the email address comments@taxreformpanel.gov praising Steve Entin for his comments on tax reform at the panel hearings. He was positive on change and the value of a "consumption based" tax system (but not necessarily our plan). For those of you who did not see the hearings and need input please contact jonathan@fairtax.org or 1-800-FAIRTAX #143 who will give you more details or information on CSPAN rebroadcasts. We would like at least 100 emails to go in on this subject only (please do not promote the FairTax as a replacement)

For more information on the tax panel and their hearings please see www.taxreformpanel.gov. Please forward your email that you send to them to Gloria@fairtax.org with "ENTIN" in the subject line.

Genie Hayes  
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 genie@fairtax.org  
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**From:** Allyson Holley [chknfrydsteam@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 11:49 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Political Will

Dear Panel Members,  
It was disheartening to hear comments that there is not the "political will" to replace the income tax. The income tax is no longer an efficient way to tax the people. A national sales tax would bring in the funds needed to run the Federal Government while making taxation not only more efficient, but also more fair. No more working under the table, no more billions spent to keep the IRS creeping along, and no more sleepless nights sorting through piles of receipts and tax forms. It's time for a new system; will you please visit [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org) to see a consumption based tax plan that thousands of Americans already support?

Thank you,  
Allyson Holley  
4420 NW 44th St  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

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**From:** Kevin & Wendy Bell [kwmj@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 8:55 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

To whom it may concern,

I was very disappointed to hear the recent comments that there was not sufficient political will to replace the income tax. I, for one, strongly disagree with this. I know of many others who feel the same way, especially during this specific time of the year (tax returns!).

I have read and studied the FairTax plan to replace the current income tax system with a national sales tax. The more I study it, the more sense it makes from a personal standpoint, as well as a national standpoint. I believe if more people would take the time, they would feel the same way.

A lot of people are fed up with the current tax code complexity and situation. I constantly hear the grumbling which gets particularly intense on payday when they look at their paycheck and how much they are being taxed. These feelings have been growing a while in the areas where I work and live, so I believe that the statement that the political will does not exist for replacing the current income tax is both incorrect and short sighted.

I sincerely hope that this option will be reviewed in serious detail. I believe it is important for the economic future of our country that we move in this direction.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Bell



## comments

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**From:** Wes [wesire@ev1.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 8:12 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** fair tax

I am very disappointed in the lack of will to do away with an antiquated tax system that everyone in the United States of America despises. It is a pain in the butt for everyone to have to fool with a complicated return and it is totally unfair and always has been. The Fair Tax proposal is the best idea yet and some people just can't or don't want to see it implemented. Why is this? Why don't some people want a fair system for everyone. I think the reason is very obvious, the now system is giving an advantage to some people and not the majority. Just goes to show what some people are made of.

Americans want fair play, that's all, so why don't you people get on the side of patriotism and the concept of fair play and get the FAIR TAX in place? It wouldn't be difficult at all.

**comments**

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**From:** darlene newhart [dnd.newhart@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 7:17 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Steve Entin

Mr. Entin, Thank you for your discussion of a consumption tax. This is the only way we will "fix" a situation that is in very bad shape.  
Thank you  
Darlene Newhart

## comments

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**From:** Frank G. Holliday [frankg.holliday@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 6:42 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

It has come to my attention that Steve Entin apparently gets it. The income tax system we currently have in the country is not a good or fair system. It needs to be changed and Mr. Entin sees this. He also had good things to say about a consumption based tax system. This is an excellent idea to replace the current tax system. The consumption tax would let anyone decide when they want to pay taxes and it will also tax the underground economy which now doesn't pay taxes, since these people do not report income to be taxed. But, anyone who consumes will pay taxes. And anyone who is visiting this country for whatever reason will not escape paying taxes since they would presumably consume "stuff" while they are here in the US. It is time for a change and Mr. Entin should be congratulated for his insight and vision. Sincerely Frank G. Holliday

## comments

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**From:** Wally Argus [WArgus@bham.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 6:33 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov; Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** political will

Let me try to explain the "political will" of people like me who vote in every election

I will do every thing I can to elect people who want to abolish the present IRS and put in the Fair Tax.

Likewise, I will put just as much effort into removing anyone who prefers the status quo.

The people on K Street don't vote, I do.

Wally Argus

Birmingham, AL

## comments

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**From:** David [cadabarr@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 5:59 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** The Fair Tax Plan

I believe in the Fair Tax Plan strongly. The one thing that I feel makes it all worth fighting for, is the incredible fairness. Everyone plays by the same rules and pays the same thing. It does not if you are senator, the President, a drug dealer or a illegal alien, when you go buy that Snickers bar, you are paying you share. Studies show that about 50% of the people in United States do not pay any income tax. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that if everyone paid, the responsibility of everyone would be cut in half. Please tell me, can it get any fairer than that? Thank you for your time.

David Barrett  
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**comments**

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**From:** Paul M. League [PML@linkline.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 5:53 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Dear Tax Reform Panel,

I am writing in support of the testimony provided by Steve Entin during your panel hearings on Tax Reform. I believe, however, that while his input was a step in the right direction that the committee needs to consider the more thorough solution offered via the Fair Tax & HR 25.

Tax simplification and overall reform is direly needed. I hope a solution like the Fair Tax can be passed without further delay.

Regards,  
Paul

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**comments**

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**From:** Reininga29@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 5:12 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** danino@netsync.net  
**Subject:** Re: Request for ideas from Citizens

From: Perry F. Reininga  
200 Ingrid Place  
Oldsmar, FL. 34677

PH: 727-785-2774  
FAX: 727 786 1191

Benefits of Present Tax Laws:

1. They encourage giving to charities
2. They encourage home ownership due to the tax deduction for interest paid and Real Estate Taxes.

Drawbacks of Present Tax Code:

1. Tax forms are so complicated most taxpayers have to pay a CPA to compute their taxes.  
Solution: Charge a Flat Tax of 17% on net income over \$25,000 and allow deductions for Real Estate Taxes, interest paid on mortgages and charitable giving as well as tuition payments to accredited colleges made by anyone in the family: parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles should be eligible to make college payments.

2. Corporations are penalized by the present Tax Code. Too much money and time is spent by executives trying to comply with the Tax Code.

Solution: Eliminate all Corporate Taxes and add a VAT (Value Added Tax)

Benefit: Money would be available for research and development, job creation, and increased dividends. Citizens would be paying the VAT based on their spending power.

3. Eliminate Capital Gains Taxes They penalize investors. They limit the flow of investment from one corporation to another.

4. Eliminate Estate Tax This tax keeps a small business from being passed from one generation to another. It is a tax that limits the growth of a family business.

Good luck with your project. Cordially, Perry F. Reininga

**comments**

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**From:** BUTCHBAILES@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:55 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** "POLITICAL WILL"

I am dismayed at the comments made by some on your panel that there is not enough "political will" in this Country to change the Income Tax Code as it stands.  
The "Fair Tax" is the best solution to our Unfair Tax Code.

Very Sincerely,

George Bailes  
Orange Park, FL



**comments**

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**From:** trueprophecy@relaypoint.net  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:46 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Steve Entin

I want to say YES to Steve Entin and strongly support his views on tax reform! Well done! Patti Nicklaus

**comments**

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**From:** Larmelton@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:42 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** This is a very Good Reason to switch

NEW YORK (CNN/Money) - Some of the nation's biggest companies took advantage of tax shelters to avoid paying \$3.4 billion in federal taxes for the years 1998 through 2003, according to a report. For the full story go to:

[http://money.cnn.com/2005/02/25/news/fortune500/tax\\_schemes/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/2005/02/25/news/fortune500/tax_schemes/index.htm)

**Come on. Quit acting stupid about the IRS tax code and put Bill H.R.25 into LAW. You know this will make a few GOOD old BOY'S mad as HELL but we could care less about the BeltWay Good O Boy's. Just do it. Make the Fairtax bill Law, we will stand behind you. Larry Melton Springfield Missouri.**

**comments**

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**From:** Pesce, Vito A. [Vito.Pesce@cna.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:39 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Opinion

Use this organizations tax plan and save the country.

<http://www.ucanation.org/>

They are the United Citizens of America

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**From:** Steve Brun [brunssi@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:27 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Support of Change to a National Sales Tax

I have recently been notified that there were comments made on the tax reform panel that there was not a "political will" to abolish the current tax system in favor for a national sales tax. I am writing to you today to tell you that that attitude could not be farther from the truth. I whole heartedly support a national sales tax, specifically the one supported by fairtax.org. I am also aware of numerous others who are also supporters of this change. The abolishment of the current system and a move to a fairer, more equitable sales tax will bring about the change that is needed to reduce the amount of influence of government in each individuals life while also promoting a pro-growth atmosphere economically.

Thank you for your time

Steve Brun  
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Savannah, Ga 31419

## comments

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**From:** Cory Froelich [froelicc@tamug.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:23 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Political Will

Right when I think that nothing shocks me, I'm proven wrong. Making the statement that there is not "political will" to replace the income tax, is one of the most insensitive, uncaring, self serving statements I have heard in a long time! I really don't care if there is "political will" or not. I just want to have a tax system that works! Our tax system is too large and too confusing. I doubt there is a single person alive that understands it all. It got this way, because politicians use the tax code to reward people/groups that contribute to their reelection fund. I am sick and tired of politicians getting elected and then having the audacity to ignore the needs and desires of the people they represent to further their own political carriers.

Listen closely; the majority of the citizens of this country want our tax system replaced NOW! Don't believe me? Give us a chance to vote on it and you will have all the "political will" you need!

Cory D. Froelich

**comments**

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**From:** Tacfoxbat@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:16 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** HR25 FairTax Bill

It is time to get rid of the IRS and get to a Fair Tax. This is what the FairTax bill does by eliminating the idea that Ms. Heinz-Kerry would pay 12.5% and instead pay 23% and the people who don't pay tax now would get a rebate to cover any payment the code would inflict. Those people who spend millions would finally pay their fair share. Those who are frugal would not be taxed as much.

Thomas Cook  
Palm Coast, FL 32137

## comments

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**From:** DONALD BATCHELOR [abatchelor127@surfsouth.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:02 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Political Will

Gentlemen:

I find it inconceivable that some of you on the panel consider the public not interested in tax reform. This is an excellent example of the committee members being completely out of touch with the average citizen. The only fair tax is a national sales tax. No one would be exempt and the rich could not hide behind loop holes. Everyone, including corporations, would pay this tax every time they bought a product. Food and medicine could be exempt from this tax. This system would generate more income than the current tax system in the U.S.

Please consult the people of America before you issue such a false statement.

DONALD BATCHELOR  
abatchelor127@surfsouth.com  
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

**comments**

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**From:** David Hawkins [dnvhawk@gte.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 1:21 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Thank you

Thank you for supporting a "Fair Tax" proposal. [dnvhawk@gte.net](mailto:dnvhawk@gte.net). David Hawkinw



## comments

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**From:** Jeff Grammer [fiduc1a@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 12:46 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** POLITICAL WILL

Dear Panel,

I am a supporter of the FairTax bill that was reintroduced into the 109th Congress as HR 25 and in the Senate as S 25. To date there are over 55 sponsors of the bill.

The FairTax plan is revenue neutral; it neither raises nor lowers taxes. The rate is set to raise the same revenue that taxes raise today.

The FairTax encourages American manufacturing, creating good jobs in the United States. By removing the embedded cost of the income tax system, American-made goods are more affordable at home and more competitive overseas. This brings good jobs back to our shores, as well as keeping those we have, here.

The comment made by someone on your panel that "there is not political will to replace the income tax", is obviously uneducated one.

Jeff Grammer  
Chandler, AZ

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**From:** Outwriter2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 12:40 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** TAX REFORM

Dear Senator Mack:

I am advised that your panel was intended to consist of business people, not law firms seeking to save the IRS. The lawyers serving on your panel is a blatant conflict of interest. These lawyers are employed by powerful law firms and their purpose is to derail the National Sales Tax engineered by [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org). These lawyers strive to save the IRS and protect their lucrative law suits defending tax payers who have cheated on their returns.

I am curious also as to how the lawyers got connected with the Tax Reform panel in the first place. They are members of the ACLU which is a communistic organization bent on the destruction of America. I repeat, this is a terrible conflict of interest and would deny America a Fair Taxation without the IRS.

I highly encourage you to replace lawyers with true business people and receive a true assessment of our Tax problems as THEY see it.

Please listen to [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org) in as much as they have presented HR25 and S25 to Congress. The National Sales Tax program will solve America's debt and benefit every American - rich, middle and lower class. It will eliminate the costly and worthless IRS completely. Tax cheaters will no longer be able to cheat with the NST. The trillions of untaxed cash, now circulating, will be taxed.

I beg you Senator Mack, to do what is properly right for America ... not the greedy law firms.

Sincerely,

Robert Harris

## comments

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**From:** Bentley, Josh (YBUSA-KOP) [Josh.Bentley@Yellowbook.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 12:17 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Political Will Fair Tax H.R. 25/S. 25 is the only way to go

To whom it may concern,

I was upset to hear the the panel does not believe this country has the "Political Will" to change the income tax code. I am one of many constituents that believes the only way to save our country is to switch from a progressive income tax that penalizes those who produce and rewards those who don't to the Fair Tax, which is fair to everyone

I thank you in advance.

Josh Bentley  
[jarzbentley@hotmail.com](mailto:jarzbentley@hotmail.com)

## comments

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**From:** David Leib [dleib1@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 12:14 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

I strongly recommend that the current Income Tax system that has become so complicated that even the "experts" no longer understands, it be abolished completely and a national sales tax be adapted that would fairly distribute taxes.

David M. Leib

**comments**

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**From:** Hoarn, Benjamin [BHoarn@CBBURNET.COM]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 12:13 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** PLEASE NO "HALF-FAST" NON-SOLUTIONS!!!  
**Importance:** High

HR-25 PLEASE!!! Please don't saddle US with superficial so-called "fix"; please cut out the malignancy instead! In original Constitution, Founders provided for federal revenues via excise (incl sales) taxes, *knowing from European experience that income taxation is anti-democratic, unjust, rife with opportunities for abuse, and undermines liberty*. So please, please, please rid USA of intrusive, costly, time-sucking, burdensome income tax system, and replace with "progressive" NATIONAL SALES TAX, with rebates to offset any risk of adverse/unfair harm to lowest income "poor" citizens. PLEASE give us HR 25 and repeal 16th Amendment (an invasive and metastasized malignancy on Constitution!). We've liberated Iraq from tyranny of Saddam; now PLEASE liberate Americans from the IRS PLEASE, for all the reasons found at [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org)

Thank you!  
B. Stuart Hoarn

## comments

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**From:** roland mayer [mayerroland@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 11:51 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Steve Entin's input on consumption-based reform

Dear Tax Reform Panel:

I want to corroborate Steve Entin's input to you about consumption-based tax reform. That kind of reform would go a long way toward simplifying the tax code and encouraging savings among the American people--and big spenders, the people who can afford to pay higher taxes, would end up paying for most of the taxes. Sincerely, Roland J. Mayer, 319 Minnesota Ave., Ontonagon, MI 49953.

## comments

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**From:** Rue14F@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 11:44 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** concerned about conflict of interests

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Sincerely,

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## comments

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**From:** Rue14F@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 11:40 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Please listen to the majority of the American people

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Sincerely,  
Joyce Bauer  
Austin, TX, 78735



## comments

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**From:** Andy Henderson [aleroy@usit.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 11:02 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Any income tax system is UNFAIR

As a former IRS auditor and a Taxpayer for many years I know the Income tax system is unfair for many reasons. I would like to speak to only one of the reasons. **WE have at least thirty million FREELOADERS on the system** I'm not talking about the poor, I'm talking about people in this country who enjoy our roads, police protection, freedoms, and all the rest of the things Taxpayers pay for, but who never have nor will they voluntarily pay an income tax

Would you fill out and send in an income tax return if you were:

- An illegal alien?
- A criminal?
- A visitor from another country?
- An employee of the United Nations and not a US Citizen?
- A Professional Doctor [or other professional] maintaining your citizenship in a foreign country?

I would not.

All these millions of people are FREELOADERS on the system. Any Income Tax system, because it is voluntary, will never touch them. A National Sales Tax would

Thanks for your time,

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**From:** Philip Raines [philraines01@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 11:00 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

Tax Reform Panel:

First of all I was encouraged to hear Steve Entin's positive comments regarding moving our tax code toward a consumption based system such as a national retail sales tax. Based on information that I have read I believe a tax system such as the Fair Tax Plan (HR25) would provide a strong boost to our economy.

Implementation of the Fair Tax Plan would help protect American jobs. It should increase American exports because the non value added cost of payroll and income taxes would be removed from the total cost of the products made here in the USA and sold abroad. This should help keep good jobs here in the USA, and slow down the transfer of jobs to low wage cost nations. We don't want to compete for jobs based on wages. That would be a race to the bottom. We should attempt to build a better environment for business activity.

Also the Fair Tax could be used to solve the demographic problem created by the retirement of the Baby Boomers and the resulting strain on the Social Security system. Under the Fair Tax (HR25) Social Security would be funded by the National Retail Sales Tax. This would broaden the tax base and eliminate the risk of huge payroll tax rate increases that exist under the current Social Security Plan. Under the Fair Tax Plan even though Baby Boomers would be retired and out of the workforce they would still contribute to Social Security through the National Retail Sales Tax.

The Fair Tax Plan would attract investment from all over the world because foreign investors would not pay any tax on their investment income. This should help grow our economy due to the increased foreign investment. The Fair Tax Plan would also encourage Americans to save and invest more because they would not have to give any of their profits to the government. It would encourage increased productivity.

A final thought regarding switching to a National Retail Sales Tax it would be a tax system that would be more consistent with the ideals of the Founders of our great country. A sales tax does not discriminate against any member of our society. All Americans would be treated fairly and equally under the Fair Tax Plan.

Thank you for the good work to determine the best tax reforms for America's future. Americans should not have to continue to endure the hardship of an outdated 90+ year old tax code. We are now competing in a global economy and we need a modern tax system to compete effectively.

Sincerely,  
Phil Raines  
Charleston, WV

## comments

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**From:** Jim Gordon [jimkiss@charter net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:54 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Unfairness in the current system

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The biggest unfairness that I see in the current system concerns the tax money NOT collected from the underground economy, illegal immigrants and legal visitors; and OUR tax money that is PAID OUT to support these same groups. It seems to me a consumption tax of some sort is the solution, where all of these groups would pay in by being taxed at the retail cash register. I support a consumption tax that would replace the IRS. It is time to be bold. Continued tinkering with the IRS will only make it more complicated and continue the spoils system of tax breaks for the politically connected.

I appreciate your good work,

Jim Gordon  
Asheville, NC

**comments**

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**From:** Guy McDonald [Guy.McDonald@tyc.state.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:47 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** suggestions

scrap current tax code and the IRS. eliminate all income taxes in favor of national consumption tax on new products purchased. I am a member of 'FairTax' and have been for 15 years.

our current tax policy imposes huge compliance burdens and expenses on the people and should be eliminated...

## comments

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**From:** Steve Chunglo [SteveC@lcalhene.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:55 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** POLITICAL WILL?????

To whom it may concern,  
It really concerns me, a tax payer, that "the TAX REFORM Panel" who is suppose to be "in the know" about the income tax and what the people want, feel that there is not enough POLITICAL WILL to change or do away with the income tax for a better tax plan like the FAIRTAX. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have been pushing to do away with the confusing Income Tax plan and replace it with the FAIRTAX. The FAIRTAX is a House Bill and a Senate Bill and is backed by State Representatives and Senators. If this is not POLITICAL WILL, then what so you call POLITICAL WILL???????????? WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WANT THE "FAIRTAX" to REPLACE THE CURRENT INCOME TAX SYSTEM.

Steve Chunglo  
SteveC@commspeed.net

## comments

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**From:** Johnholtz@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:36 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

I want to let you know that i thoght Steve Entin did a great job in explaining the benefits of a consumption tax. With the amount of undocumented workers in the country now estimated at up to 35 million the amount of revenue collected via a consumption tax would be enormous as well as ensuring that everyone is included in supporting the govt and the services that everyone benefits from. Without a consumption tax it will continue to be encourage more and more people to drop out of a system that is incomprehensible and that apparently has no downside as evidenced by the lack of enforcement with the undocumented workers. Please support a consumption tax as a replacement to the current system that is impossible to understand. thank you

**comments**

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**From:** Jim Gordon [jimkiss@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:30 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Mr. Entran's comments

I strongly support and encourage Mr. Steve Entran to continue his support of a consumption based tax as a replacement for the IRS. Thank you

Jim Gordon  
Asheville, NC

## comments

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**From:** Larry & Penny Blomquist [lblomquist@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:27 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** POLITICAL WILL

I was dismayed at the comments made by some on the panel that there is not "political will" to replace the income tax. The only will lacking is among members of Congress for there is indeed a groundswell of popular support for replacing this byzantine mess as evidenced by all the organizations created for that very purpose, viz., Americans for Tax Reform and FairTax.org, among others. The idea promoted by the latter organization is especially appealing due to the simplicity of the idea and the economic benefit to the country by replacing the current income-based structure with a consumption-based tax. I urge you to replace the current structure if for no other reason that because it discriminates among taxpayers due to all the loopholes it contains. A consumption-based tax would allow citizens to determine for themselves how much tax they would pay based on how much they spend.

Regards,  
Larry & Penny Blomquist  
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Mesa, AZ 85213  
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## comments

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**From:** Rob Cameron [RobC@esper.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:29 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Political will

I am very disturbed by the fact you say there is no political will for tax reform. I really can't think of anyone I know who does not think the tax system needs reformed. That goes from my nearly 99 year old grandmother to the 18 year old high school seniors I coach. However, the thing that troubles me most about this statement is that it tells me you are not interested in being leaders. All you are interested in is keeping your butts in Washington and passing the problem on to the next group of politicians who will have to deal with it when it becomes a major crisis. True leaders would do the right thing no matter the consequences. All you all are interested in doing is getting on TV and grandstanding for the folks back home. The older I get the more I think Jefferson was correct about the need for a revolution about every twenty years. Step up now and do the hard work that we sent you there to accomplish. History will remember you more favorably for trying to accomplish a needed, but difficult chore than for giving a good interview.

Rob Cameron  
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Knoxville, TN 37922

## comments

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**From:** Patrick Lusey [patpers@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:22 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Steve Entin and Consumption Tax

Steve Entin is to be commended for his work on a consumption based tax system. Such a system is vital to the future of our economy

Pat Lusey

## comments

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**From:** OCraighead@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:15 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** PresidentBush@GeorgeWBush.com  
**Subject:** Concerned about CONFLICT of INTEREST on the Tax Reform panel

Dear Senator Mack:

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Sincerely,  
Owen L. Craighead  
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## comments

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**From:** dick miller [mardic34748@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:04 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Sirs: I strongly feel that we need to overhaul the entire system. The best idea that I have seen is the Fair Tax. This plan was introduced by John Linder, R-Ga as HR 25. In short it proposes to tax all new purchases with a simple 23% tax. The Drug dealers will now have to pay, All of the underground will now have to pay. The working poor will not have to pay. Corporations will cut prices since they will not have to pay Corp Taxes & Payroll taxes.

Our Tax System is in a shambles - look @ what happened to the Cigarette Co. when they were penalized Billions of \$'s. They simply raised the price of Cigarettes - Did they Pay? NO the consumers are paying.

I urge your committee to give great thought to our present system & consider this change

Sincerely,

Richard A. Miller

## comments

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**From:** WBandele@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 10:02 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** info@fairtaxvolunteer.org; gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Re: Recent Presidential Tax Reform Panel Hearings

Tax Reform Panel

Have you looked seriously at the FairTax option as a replacement of the income tax? I understand that with a tax on retail purchases, considering taxes for essential government services and for programs to assist the disadvantages and for the low income purchasers, this tax will cover what the income tax covers, yet allow individuals to keep all of their income to choose to spend as they wish. Please study this tax option and vote to replace the income tax.

Will Bandele

## comments

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**From:** Bennett Batchelor [batch@batchfingrp.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 9:55 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Taxation

The comment that there is simply not enough political will to reform the Federal Income Tax is simply an indication that the politicians don't feel that there is enough public support or demand for it. I wish to make known at this time, that not only do I support and demand it, but also feel that this is a must for the economic well being of our nation.

Sincerely,

Bennett Batchelor

## comments

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**From:** jack hawkins [jrhawk69@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 9:28 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

I would like to join the growing number of citizens in this country in favor of tax reform. It is TIME to reform the tax system from the top to the bottom. This United States needs to break from the current income tax system to a more fair and just method of collecting taxes.

Individuals like Steve Entin are trying to explain the use and potential reality of a consumption based tax system. I do hope the panel will greatly consider what Mr. Entin said, explained, and encouraged regarding a much more fair tax system.

Common sense needs to be brought into the picture in the way the government collects taxes. In a country where one of the foundations of "free enterprise" is the freedom to choose, the current method of income tax may be considered by many as unjust. We should have a tax on items used, needed, and wanted. The result of working smart and hard should not be taxed at all.

Please review what Mr. Entin said to the tax reform panel concerning the use of a consumption tax. Such a tax system makes sense.

Thanks for your time

Jack Hawkins, 556 S. Ranger Blvd., Winter Park, FL 32792, (407) 678-1074, work - (407) 898-7858.

**comments**

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**From:** J.R.PETERS@att.net  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 8:54 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** TAX REFORM

WE OUT HERE IN THE SUBURBS APPRECIATE THE PANELS WORK ON TAX REFORM, THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN AND NEEDS FIXING I SUPPORT CONSUMPTION BASED TAX AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EXISTING INCOME BASED.

THANK YOU

JOSEPH.R.PETERS  
MIDDLETOWN, NJ



**comments**

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**From:** J.R.PETERS@att.net  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 8:52 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** TAX REFORM

## comments

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**From:** Ernie Lane [elane1@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 8:36 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Comments

Any reform that allows personal accounts at least partially addresses what I see as the single most unfair aspect of the Social Security system:

- Under the right (or wrong, depending on how you look at it), it's possible to pay into the system one's whole working life, not collect a dime, and have absolutely nothing to pass on to one's heirs.

Not only should there be personal accounts, but we should phase Social Security as we know it completely out in, say, fifty years. After that point, we should not collect FICA tax at all. Whoever is still receiving traditional (non-personal) benefits at that time should be paid from the general funds of the Treasury. We may have to borrow to do it, but the Social Security Trust Fund concept should be eliminated.

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## comments

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**From:** Steve Dollar [unowire@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 8:35 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replace the Income Tax

Dear Sirs,

I just wanted to speak up & let the committee know that I have & I believe the hard working people of this nation have the "political will" to replace our grossly over burdening Federal Income Tax. My congressman, John Linder has a wonderful idea, the National Retail Sales Tax, HB 25! Please take a look at it!

thank you,

Steve Dollar  
Dallas GA

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**From:** Jeff McMahon [jtm@hgi1.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 8:00 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

To whom it may concern:

I feel most of use can agree that there are some problems with our tax system. Some type of consumption based tax system would be fair for everyone. Can we make it happen?

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**Jeffrey T. McMahon**

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**From:** Janice Lange [janlange@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 4:31 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Thanks

Thanks for your psotive approach to the Fairtax.

## comments

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**From:** Verlon Hobdey [verlonh@cableone.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 1:28 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform

I would like to add my support to Steve Entin for his position on tax reform, and the proposal of a consumption based tax system. I think this is the answer to our currently messed up income tax system, however I think it will only work if the income tax is totally abolished and replaced with a consumption tax. I had read a recent proposal by someone else that called for a consumption tax in addition to the income tax. I think this would be a huge mistake and not solve the problem

Verlon Hobdey  
Lewiston, Idaho

## comments

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**From:** Paul [pburich@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 12:27 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Time to replace the income tax!

Dear Panel,

I watched with interest your hearings on C-SPAN. As one who has been paying taxes for 40 years, I can assure you that I have the will to destroy the current abomination and to start fresh. It would be hard to create a more divisive, wasteful and indecipherable system if that were your goal. The misallocation of investment capital, the billions lost to compliance costs, the drag on American competitiveness, and the waste of time are nearly incalculable. And all the expense and effort notwithstanding, as a nation we are faced with a huge and growing taxation problem: the runaway AMT monster that will swallow 50 million taxpayers in another ten years to the tune of \$500 billion a year.

How can Congress resolve this issue? There is only one way: junk the income tax and replace it. I favor a consumption tax even though I am nearing retirement and would have to pay higher taxes for goods I consume with money I have saved that has already been taxed. Why do I favor this? Because I am a father and will someday be a grandfather. Without fixing the tax system our children will face increasing taxation pressures and the U.S. economy will suffer. I will give up my home mortgage deduction. I will give up my charitable contributions deduction. My saving years are nearly at an end but I will willingly sacrifice if true, dramatic reform is enacted.

You can fix it now or you can wait until half of American taxpayers are gouged by the AMT. By then, however, we will be coming up the Hill with pitchforks and torches – and a riot is an ugly thing.

Paul Burich  
Milpitas, CA

408-945-9535

## comments

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**From:** Larry McElroy [blessings@mtnhaven.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 12:20 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** MajorTax Reform --YES!

To: Steve Entin

Thank you, Steve, for your comments at the tax reform panel hearings. For decades, the USA has needed a complete replacement for the unprincipled, confusing and expensive IRS system. Your consideration of a consumption based tax system is appreciated!

Larry McElroy  
Colorado



## comments

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**From:** MarthaKaren [hotmommer@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:14 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** thank you mr entin

..... Mr Entin..... thank you so very much for your efforts in shedding light on this extremely important issue of tax reform ..... job well done

marty roman  
ft. walton beach, florida

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## comments

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**From:** donald feeney [dfeeney1936@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:10 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replacing the current tax code

Dear Panel,  
I really appreciated Mr. Entin's comments on a consumption tax to replace the current income tax. The current tax code is very confusing and only taxes honest citizens. Why should the criminals and illegal aliens get away with paying no federal tax while the honest folks foot the bill? A consumption tax would resolve those two issues completely. I urge you to enact or recommend enactment of a consumption tax to replace the current methodology  
Thank you,  
Donald M. Feeney (dfeeney1936@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Marvin Janssen [mjanssen@countrysidecc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:37 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

I just wanted to express my support for Steve Entin and his comments concerning a consumption based tax. I totally agree that that is the direction this country needs to go in order to make our tax system equitable for all.

**comments**

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**From:** faithharmer [faithharmer@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:35 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

Mr. Entin,  
Thank you for your comments on tax reform!

Faith Harmer

## comments

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**From:** Steve McAleer [mac86tx@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:17 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Comments for Mr. Steve Entin - Tax Reform Panel

Mr. Entin,

I have been following the panels comments and I would like to commend you on your thoughts on moving to a consumption based tax system. I work for a small business and the current tax system retards our ability to the best we can be, because so many decisions are made in relation to taxes versus what is good for our customers and employees.

Steve McAleer  
Houston, TX

**comments**

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**From:** Robert Muller [rmuller@aceinter.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:53 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Thank you for your stand on tax reform. The country really needs it. Robert Muller

**comments**

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**From:** Chris Albritton [txwingfoot@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:52 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Support for the FairTax

I'm writing to let you know that **there definitely IS support for a national sales tax** and specifically, the FairTax.

I'm tired of the current system. As a small businessman, with 13 employees, I'm already taxed to death, and so are my employees. Right now, I pay federal income tax, payroll taxes, capital gains taxes, Social Security/Medicare tax, self-employment taxes, unemployment taxes, and corporate taxes.

The current system penalizes savers, the self-employed, my employees, and especially my female employees who are single with children.

**The FairTax allows Americans to keep 100 percent of their paychecks**, my employees would be totally ecstatic if they got to take home 100% of their paychecks.

**No tax on used goods.** If I choose to buy *used* goods - used car, used home, used appliances - I would not have to pay the FairTax.

As a business owner, when I buy something for strictly business purposes (not for personal consumption), my business would pay no consumption tax.

The FairTax does not burden U.S. exports as they are with the current income tax. So the FairTax allows U.S. exports to sell overseas for prices 22 percent lower, on average, than they do now, with similar profit margins.

Please give us real consideration by considering the FairTax.

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A fine is a tax for doing wrong.

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Dr. Chris Albritton  
Abilene, TX

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**comments**

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**From:** Sam Eskew [seskew@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:57 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Steve Entin's comments on tax reform at the panel hearings were positive on change and the value of a "consumption based" tax system. There can be little doubt that the current tax system needs to be completely changed. A more equitable and simpler consumption, or sales, tax is the best alternative.

Sam Eskew

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## comments

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**From:** Doug DAC [livinitlaidback@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:37 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** We want change, we want the FairTax!

To Whom it may concern,

I have been informed that it is believed that there is not "political will" to replace the income tax. I have not heard such a blind comment. The Americans for Fair Taxation have been pushing for a national retail sales tax for the replacement alternative for quite some time now. There are bills in the Senate and House (S-1493, HR-25) that are proposing this very thing. I am a strong advocate of the FairTax, along with many others. We need this to happen for future generations and the sake of simplicity. We want the FairTax!

Thank you,  
DAC

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**From:** John Eriksen [lieferiksen@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:22 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Dear Mr Entin,

Thank you for your recent comments on reforming our tax code. I am strongly in favor of a consumption based tax system as I envision numerous benefits to our nation as a whole. I discuss this concept with almost everyone I know and/or work with and, without exception, they all believe this is the way to go.

Nobody likes change. Abolishing the IRS as we know it would be no exception. By educating the public on how a consumption based tax system would benefit them individually, as well as benefit the nation, I believe reform on this scale is possible.

It is possible and it is imperative. Please keep up the fight. Millions of Americans are behind you on this.

Sincerely,

John Eriksen  
Marietta, Georgia

**comments**

**From:** Ken Franchini [kfranchini@star-llc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 7:30 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** I agree with STEVE ENTIN

I wholeheartedly agree with Steve Entin's comments on the need for change in our archaic tax system. I am a proponent of a consumption tax rather than an income tax.

In my opinion, the benefits of a national sales tax include, but are not limited to:

- Tax is only generated by a purchase.
- The percentage tax is constant, no matter what item is purchased.
- Special interest groups, loopholes, and other abuses of our current income tax system are eradicated; thereby, more revenue is generated for our country.
- People are only taxed when they purchase something and everyone is taxed the same percentage whether it is a loaf of bread or a yacht.
- Revenue is generated by citizens of other countries. This point is of particular interest to me as I have experienced this in my travels to Europe. Tourists and those working in our country temporarily will now contribute to our country by the tax they will pay on the things they purchase instead of enjoying the free ride they have with our current income tax system.

Sincerely,  
Ken Franchini

**KEN FRANCHINI**  
Vice President Sales



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## comments

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**From:** Omega Electronics [omegaelec@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 6:57 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** retail sales tax

I would like to compliment Mr. Steve Entin for his remarks regarding a sales tax to replace the current income tax. This is an outstanding concept and I am eager to learn more about the proposed plans. Thanks for the information.

Regards,

Robert Petrosino  
Phoenix, AZ

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**From:** forrest [forrestdesk@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 6:56 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Thank you, Steve Entin for your comments on tax reform

Thank you, Steve Entin, for your comments on tax reform at the panel hearings!

Forrest Harstad  
Minneapolis, MN

## comments

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**From:** Manny Richardson [mannyrichardson@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 6:48 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** genie@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Thank You for your CSPAN report!

Dear Steve Entin,

I would like to personally thank you for your hard work and the positive comments that you made regarding the U.S. tax reform initiative. The current tax system is critically flawed and unfair. Its needs to be reformed to as simple a system as we can devise. John Linders' HR.25 bill deserves more merits. It is fair and innovative and at the same time, it helps those living in poverty. In keeping this email short. Thank you

Mankwas Richardson

## comments

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**From:** George Machado [gfmachado@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 6:33 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform Hearings

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for pushing for change to our miserable income tax system by replacing it with a consumption based tax. We need more people to speak up and perhaps we can get a sane tax scheme in place.

Thank you again!

Sincerely

George F Machado



## comments

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**From:** Orin F. Schwanke [oschwanke@marktwain.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 6:15 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

I would like to praise Steve Entin for his comments on tax reform before the panel. The IRS formula was flawed to begin with and has only grown more flawed with each modification. It is rediculously lengthy and complicated..

Thanks You,  
Orin F. Schwanke  
Leonard, MO 63451  
9th Congressional District

## comments

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**From:** Raymond Hartmann [tsaray@mail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:51 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

Gentlemen: Please be advised that there is a very strong desire amongst the populace to eliminate the income tax. The problem of communication and the ability to use the internet and even telephone calls to congresspersons for the majority of people is a task that they cannot overcome. I have personally visited with several thousand people on a day to day basis over the past four years and I find that they are overwhelmingly in favor of the "Fair Tax Bill". However, when I revisit some of these people they have not acted because of time restraints, ignorance on how to proceed, or just plain apathy due to their dim view of government. The country needs the "Fair tax bill" badly. Our founding fathers in their infinite wisdom forbade a direct tax and they so said in writing the constitution -- "there shall be no direct tax...". There is a very strong lobby to prevent the elimination of the income tax from special interest groups and the legislatures who benefit from the bribes in various forms that they receive from lobbyists. This is an inherently evil system and we must return to constitutionally correct tax systems. The 16th amendment was concocted when congress was not in session and it flies in the face of the constitution and the intent of the founding fathers who knew better because of the places from whence they came where their livelihood was mulcted.

Sincerely Yours,

Raymond G Hartmann  
Wayzata, Minnesota

**comments**

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**From:** Jan Barton [janbarton@earthlink net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:48 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

To Whom It May Concern:

I really reject the idea that there is not "political will" for tax reform. If this country were a true democracy, the voters would have already enacted tax reform.

I am a supporter of the FairTax or replacing the current income tax with a national sales tax

Thank you for letting me give my input.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jan Barton  
1968 Willeo Creek Pt  
Marietta, GA 30068

**comments**

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**From:** loyd meeks [lakerunner696@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:37 PM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

**Subject:** Tax Reform

Mr Entin, Please except my thanks for your positive comments pertaining to tax reform. I is good to hear you and people like you get the word out that it is time for a change. Again thank you for your comments.

Loyd Meeks

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**comments**

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**From:** Allen Good [merging@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:37 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** The Fair Tax

There is a great deal of enthusiasm for replacing the income tax with a national sales tax, i.e. The fair tax. For the good of the Country, all should support the Fair Tax.

**comments**

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**From:** BRIAN GOULDING [bkgoulding@msn.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:29 PM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

**Subject:** Tax Reform

I'm writing to praise Steve Entin for his position on a consumption-based tax system! I favor a "fair tax" and hope he continues his support for this important reform.

Thank you,

Brian Goulding

**comments**

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**From:** Charles S Finegan, CLU,ChFC [nylife@our-town.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:16 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

I want to commend Steve Entin for his comments regarding changing to a consumption based tax system in place of the current income tax that USA taxpayers are now paying. I have learned that when citizens are educated about the merits of a national sales tax versus the current income tax system, almost all of the people that I talk with strongly favor the sales tax. It's a idea whose time has come!

Sincerely,  
Charlie Finegan

**comments**

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**From:** Mike Dickson [free@cybersol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:12 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Dickson Mike  
**Subject:** TAXES?!?!?!?

1. I have finally finished my tax package for the accountant I use for my tax preparation. I have survived many headaches just putting this unnecessary package together. The next step is the accountant will complete our tax forms. We will be charged hundreds of hard earned dollars for this. Next we get to review the forms which we don't really understand. Our taxes are relatively simple, I am unemployed since my stroke and my wife operates a travel agency from our basement.
2. Last year my wife employed two additional girls in a downtown office. They all worked to support the government - it was not worth it.

1 Mike Dickson

2 South Haven, MI



**comments**

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**From:** Mike Juneman, Sales [sales@calmil.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:13 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** TAX REFORM

To Whom It May Concern:

Just wanted to say that I feel it is time for Tax Reform. Steve Entin's comments at the panel hearings are much appreciated. Hopefully others feel the same and this effort will move us closer to much needed changes in the present system.

Sincerely,

Mike Juneman  
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Oceanside, Ca. 92056  
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**From:** rodney nowell [rwnftboy@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:07 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax comments

I would like to thank Steve Entin for his comments on tax reform at your recent hearings. SOMETHING needs to be done, and soon. I pray you will be able to come to a viable solution to our overbearing tax system.

Thank You,  
Rodney Nowell  
Youngsville NC

## comments

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**From:** pace [gulfpac@iwol.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:01 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform, doing it right!

Hello Mr. Steve Entin,

I just wanted to Thank You! For your positive comments on Tax Reform, during the panel hearings. I think everyone knows it Must change to insure the future of America.

I totally agree that a consumption based tax system would be the perfect way to fix our failing tax system! We would immediatly be gaining thousands, no, millions of people into the tax system,

Can you think of any other tax system change that could accomplish that?

Again, Thank you for your comments on Tax Reform!

Kim & Curt Pace

## comments

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Again, Thank you for your comments on Tax Reform!

Kim & Curt Pace

## comments

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**From:** BeLuckyK@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:52 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Regarding the Fairtax!

To those on the Tax Reform Panel,

I have been out of the country and unable to see what has been happening on this issue but rest assured that I am definitely in favor of the Fairtax. The IRS is one of the biggest draws on the Federal Budget and quite often they dispense misinformation. It seems logical therefore to put the Fairtax in place and let all people pay their fair share without all the paperwork. Of course, in this day and age, government and logic don't really belong in the same sentence.

If you have taken the time to read my e-mail then to you I give my thanks

Kay Berry  
1615 Clearbrook Drive  
Allen, Tx. 75002-4632

## comments

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**From:** David L. Kendall, Ph.D. [DLKDLK@naxs.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:35 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Support for A National Retail Sales Tax

I write to express my encouragement and agreement with remarks offered by Steve Entin in support of a consumption-based tax to replace the federal income tax. I hope the tax reform panel will give all due consideration to this proposal.

As a professional economist, I am convinced that a consumption-based tax to finance federal expenditures is the right answer.

Best regards,

David L. Kendall, Ph.D.  
Professor of Economics and Finance  
University of Virginia's College at Wise

## comments

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**From:** Rick Johnson [rickwjohanson@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:35 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Thanks to Steve Entin comments

I just want to say thanks to Steve Entin for his comments regarding a consumption based tax structure. He is correct in this analysis and I hope the committee was listening attentively to his comments. We need total reform, not tweaking of the current system.

Thanks again,

**Rick Johnson**  
**401 W Bay Dr**  
**Sneads Ferry, NC 28460**  
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**From:** Larry Johnson [drlajohnson@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:32 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Tax System Overhaul

To Whom it May Concern:

I am tired of the IRS tax system. I am emailing to praise Steve Entin and his comments on tax reform at the panel hearings. He was positive on change and the value of a "consumption based" tax system for which I am in agreement. We need a new tax system and a "consumption based" system is the only fair type of tax system. The United States of America needs a new and fair system because the IRS tax system we have now is impossible to understand and is scary.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Johnson  
U.S. Citizen for a better tax system



## comments

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**From:** '' [irongates1@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:26 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax

Dear Mr. Steve Entin, This is just a short note to let you know I appreciate, and support your position for some sort of a 'consumptive tax' to replace the income tax. Good luck.  
Sincerely, R. Gates, Houston, Tex.

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**From:** Scott Nolte [scott@mccombrelocation.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:25 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform panel hearings

I wish to commend Mr. Steve Entin for his remarks on tax reform at the panel hearings. A consumption based tax is the only fair way to tax everyone equally. Please keep this type of forward thinking going.

Kind regards,

Scott E. Nolte  
Certified Moving Consultant  
McComb Relocation  
North American Van Lines  
361 739.3256 cell  
361 888.5907 office

## comments

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**From:** Bob Kirkpatrick [bob\_kirkpatrick@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 7:25 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

I would like to take just a moment to thank Steve Entin for his comments on tax reform. His support of the need for change and the value intrinsic in a consumption based tax system are exactly what we need as we move in to the future. I applaud his comments!

Bob Kirkpatrick  
bob\_kirkpatrick@charter.net

4827 Crestridge Lane NW  
Cleveland, TN 37312

**comments**

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**From:** John McDaniel [hjohnmcdaniel@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:21 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform: the BEST way to do it.

To the tax reform panel,

Here's a budget-trimming idea that will save America a minimum of ONE TRILLION\$\$\$ every four years. This savings can be used toward creating the "ownership society" that President Bush says he wants to build.

To help all Americans (ESPECIALLY the older ones on a limited income), support HR 25, the Fair Tax Act and push congress to pass it into law. This will bring America to the pinnacle of prosperity. When HR 25 becomes law, it will give all Americans an average 10% BOOST in purchasing power.

The current 7-million-word tax code is 60,000 pages long.

The IRS has created 480 tax forms with an additional 280 to explain how to fill out the 480.

More Americans work in tax compliance occupations (CPAs, tax attorneys, etc.) than serve in the entire U.S. Armed Forces. The compliance costs dwarf the amount of the tax collected. The total national cost of compliance (not counting the taxes paid) is \$250 billion yearly. That's \$850 per capita of U.S. population.

The Fair Tax reform proposal, which may be fully understood at the website [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org), is the best alternative to replace the IRS & income tax. It is a simple (retail only) national sales tax.

Only the retailers file a tax return stating the amount of their sales for the year. For everyone else, April 15 is just another spring day. Unspent income remains tax-free. Compliance cost of administering the Fair Tax is only \$8 billion yearly. That is a big savings compared to the \$250 billion we now pay.

See also:

<http://www.fairtaxvolunteer.org/smart/faq-main.html#3>

<http://www.fairtaxvolunteer.org/materials/comparison.html>

An ever-expanding economy will shift the balance of payments in favor of the U. S. A. There will be jobs and income for all who will work.

"There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come." ---Victor Hugo

NOTE: The \$250 billion figure given above is the low estimate. Depending on which "expert" you ask, that figure can be as high as \$600 billion.

Sincerely Yours,

John Paul McDaniel

4932 Oak Bluff

Mesquite, Texas 75150-3193

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Best Regards,  
John Paul McDaniel

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## comments

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**From:** Jeff Hall [jgcthall@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:21 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Thank You

Thanks to Steve Entin for his comments on tax reform at the panel hearings. He was positive on change and the value of a "consumption based" tax system. It is the only fair way to place the United States back as the nation to do business in and with. Specifically H R. 25 would be the fairest and eliminating the IRS as we know it. Also, tax compliance would be unavoidable and mistake proof for all citizens.

thanks from a concerned tax paying citizen

Jeff Hall

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**From:** Hilty, Joy [JHilty@kdhcd.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 3:47 PM  
**To:** 'comments@taxreformpanel.gov'  
**Subject:** Tax Reform Request

I received the email below. Eventually there will be a flat tax, which is not such a big deal to me either way. In the mean time, could we NOT make the tax breaks for the very rich, that President Bush initiated, permanent. The rest of us, the ones who are not rich (that would be the majority of us) would really appreciate it (even if we cannot give as much money to your campaign). Thank you for your time - it IS very valuable, Joy

FairTax supporter,

We need e-mails this week to the e-mail address: [comments@taxreformpanel.gov](mailto:comments@taxreformpanel.gov). Please express your dismay at the comments made by some on the panel that there is not "political will" to replace the income tax! For those of you who did not see the hearings please contact [jonathan@fairtax.org](mailto:jonathan@fairtax.org) or 1-800-FAIRTAX #143. He will be able to give you more details or information on CSPAN rebroadcasts. We would like at least 100 emails to go in on this subject. You may promote the FairTax as a replacement alternative

Please forward the email you send to [Gloria@fairtax.org](mailto:Gloria@fairtax.org) with "POLITICAL WILL" in the subject line

Genie Hayes

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## comments

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**From:** joe.m.yarberry@faa.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 1:24 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** inheritance tax

Get rid of the tax on a family owned farm or ranch inheritance tax because it is bankrupting the families that want to keep running the farms and ranches. It is getting to be that you are losing if we have to pay all those taxes and it is selfishness on the governments part if they keep on with this tax on every little thing we farmers and ranchers want to keep on doing when our fore fathers leave them to the kids or families of the farms.

## comments

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**From:** Jared Hicken [jared@linxsatellite.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 1:17 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Hi,

I was disappointed to hear that members of the panel feel there is not the political will for a change in the tax system. I have been following this issue for years. Everyone I have ever talked to about the benefits of replacing the progressive income tax with a national consumption tax has expressed a desire to see that take place. The problem is simply education. When you say fair tax or national consumption tax nobody knows what you are referring to. Please consider a serious discussion along with more education regarding the issue.

Thanks,

Jared Hicken

**comments**

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**From:** Ogletree, Virgil B CIV SUPPORT, 98 [virgil.ogletree@navy.mil]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 12:02 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** vbtree1@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Income Tax Reform

Comments to the question: Headaches, unnecessary complexity, and burdens that taxpayers - both individuals

and businesses - face because of the existing system.

I think special consideration should be given to the possibility of each person, business, organization, anyone

that can generate an income paying a "Flat" rate of taxes, with "NO" deductions. I believe this will generate more

than enough revenue to run the country and still provide the necessary monies for the programs that support

the lower income people. Possible break down: 3% from \$24,499.00 and below, 5% from \$25,000.00 to

\$249,999.00, and 10% for all others above \$250,000.00.

I think everyone should pay a share to run this country.

Thanks for your attention.

Virgil Ogletree, private citizen

February 24, 2005

E-mail: vbtree1@comcast.net

## comments

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**From:** Don Bresett [dbreset1@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:57 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Recent Presidential Tax Reform Panel Hearings

Dear Tax Reform Panel:

I am outraged that some of you would characterize that there is 'no political will' to replace the federal income tax as currently constituted. Nothing could be further from the truth. The so called 'political will' does not come from you politicians or political operatives and appointees but from us - the citizens of the USA. We want income tax reform and will remove those from office who do not support it. That is our 'political will!' There are more players in this game than a few richly paid special interest group lobbyists. All the tax attorneys and CPAs in the US do not add up to the will of the people. We are tired of the continuation of an out-moded system that benefits so few and serves our country so poorly. We need tax reform NOW. I fully support the Fair Tax initiative and request that you do the same. I understand our President has a lot on his plate but terrorism, the war in Iraq and social security are not the only issues. And guess what? All of those issues can be traced back to how they are funded - with our tax money! Do it now. Support income tax reform and eliminate the huge waste of bureaucracy called the IRS! Earnestly, Don Bresett. LTCOL, USAF (Retired)

## comments

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**From:** Thomas A Wright [tom.wright@fairtax.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:46 AM  
**To:** Connie Mack  
**Subject:** Tampa hearing on March 8th

Hello, Senator Mack:

Thanks for suggesting I apply to testify at the Tampa hearing, which I understand is set for March 8th. By way of introduction, I am the executive director of FairTax.org, an almost 600,000 member grassroots organization supporting HR 25/S 25. This legislation is based on more than \$22 million in marketing and economic research conducted over the better part of the past decade. Currently, we and our grassroots allies have a reach of about seven million. I have been a grassroots organizer and citizen lobbyist in the movement to end both income and Social Security taxation, replacing them with a progressive national retail sales tax for more than 15 years. With hundreds of speeches, radio shows, TV shows, interviews, and thousands of words in print, I can speak to almost any aspect of this fight. From the grassroots point of view. What else would you like to know to determine my qualifications?

Very best regards,  
Tom

Thomas A. Wright, CBC\*  
Executive Director  
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**comments**

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**From:** tim brady [timobrad@hotmai com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:47 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel gov  
**Subject:** Lack of political will?

Dear Congressmen:

For those of us out here in the hinterlands, the machinations of those who would purport to represent us are immensely frustrating. It is for this reason that most simply choose to disconnect themselves from the process, not even voting at election time. This response is, of course beneficial to incumbents, since most of those who have little respect for our lawmakers exhibit that sentiment by staying home on election day.

If you really believe that there is no political will in those who do frequent the polls to radically alter the method by which we financially contribute to our federal government, then it may be that you have a rude awakening in store when next we have the opportunity to exercise our suffrage.

Let me guarantee you at this moment that there is plenty of political will to adopt a drastically different method of taxation. We are tired of devoting the hours necessary to submit the ridiculously complicated paperwork we are required to submit in order to pay our due share. We are tired of a heavy-handed agency like the IRS which always looms as a spectre over honest Americans. We are tired of a tax system which places a huge brake on our economy so as to serve as a means of social engineering for people such as yourselves. I could go on at this moment, but I will spare you. Believe me, if radical tax reform is not adopted by this Congress, which is ostensibly "conservative", then you may be assured that you will not be spared at the polls.

Frankly I find the suggestion that there is no political will to restructure the tax system condescending and insulting. I am by no means alone in my opinion. Let us move past the fear of doing the correct thing and the political machinations and get down to adopting the FairTax proposal. This is your opportunity to do something truly beneficial for those of us who have hired you and pay your salaries and benefits.

Very sincerely,

Dr. Charles F. Brady

**comments**

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**From:** Dan Baker [cdanbaker@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:46 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** IRS vs Fairtax

I wish to express my dismay at the comments made by some on the panel that there is no "political will" to replace the income tax! The FairTax as a solid replacement alternative to the abusive system now in place.

/s/ Dan Baker  
Oklahoma City, OK

**comments**

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**From:** Rilke7@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:41 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

Sirs:

The current tax system is a form of institutionalized tyranny, which I cannot believe the Founding Fathers would have endorsed. Furthermore, it impedes economic growth to the detriment of every income class. I urge the committee strike a blow for liberty, and against the nightmare outrage of the current system, by recommending the FairTax.

Joseph Gabriel  
103 Steeplechase Drive  
Newington, CT 06111-5704



## comments

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**From:** Tim Ake [tim@timake.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:36 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my concern about your deliberations about tax reform. I understand that someone on the committee made the comment that there was not the political will to reform the tax code at this time. This person is not in touch with the public - the vast majority of people that I come in contact with feel that our present system that requires dozens of forms, hours of preparation, and an accounting degree to complete is ripe for reform. We must come up with a system that is fair, simple, and stops the social engineering that our current system is famous for.

Please consider something along the lines of a national retail sales tax, or the FairTax plan. This would reward those who save and tax consumption in a fair manner.

Please consider moving this important reform forward

Thank you!

**Tim Ake**  
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**Woodstock, GA 30188**  
(404) 944-4890 (cell)

## comments

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**From:** JBCreech@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:27 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov.  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my dismay at comments made at recent hearings on tax reform that the "political will" does not exist for major tax reform. I think some politicians may be confusing the desire for reform with the skepticism from the public in general that true and meaningful reform is possible from Washington. I and people I talk to do not want "band-aids" for the current system but rather prefer a major shift in tax philosophy. I for one, think our current system punishes achievement and forces people to look for alternatives to reduce their tax burden.

The proposed "Fair Tax" system would be a far superior system. Just one of the many benefits to society would be the beginning to an end of class warfare. I do not personally know anyone who thinks the current tax system is equitable or just. Our government could set an example for the people to follow that productivity and achievement is not only a worthy goal but one that is beneficial to everyone in our country. I think that freedom has many facets and a tax system that is unfair cannot let freedom reach its full potential.

Just for the record, I am not by any means a "top bracket" taxpayer. I just believe you have to take yourself out of the equation and do what is right.

Thank you for your consideration,

J. Brent Creech  
Sierra Building Company, Inc.

**comments**

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**From:** Bill Evans [bevans@coade.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:53 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** TAX REFORM COMMENTS

Dear Panel Members,

I was dismayed to hear that some panel members believe that there is no "political will" to do away with the income tax. With all due respect, these members must have had their heads in the sand for the past few years. I have heard before that once people get to Washington they lose all touch with reality and the rest of the country. Now, I believe it

I believe in my country and a "fair tax" system. I believe that taxes are a necessary part of government and I do not mind paying my share, but with the tax system now, many people pay way more than their share and others can successfully "game the system" and not pay their fair share. Let's have a system where everyone with a decent income pays their fair share with no exemptions and exceptions other than an income floor where people under a certain level of income will have taxes they have paid returned to them. The only way I can see to do this would be the "fair tax" or some call it the consumption tax. Everybody pays it, no loopholes, those with more money consume more, thus paying more tax, and those that do not reach a "living wage" will be refunded the tax. We save billions of dollars doing away with the IRS, collection is at the point of sale, so collections are much better. I could probably go on for pages, but I am sure it wouldn't get read, so I will stop after one more comment. If you call the IRS on advise regarding the tax code, 7 times out of ten, if the question is the least bit complicated, you will get a different answer from each person you talk to, and if the person is wrong and you use their advice, that does not relieve you of liability. What kind of system is that??? The people that administer it, do not even understand it

Thank you for your attention.

Bill Evans  
12777 Jones Road  
Suite 480  
Houston, TX 77070

**comments**

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**From:** Peter M. Dobelbower [pmdobie@hobbylobby.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:58 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform

The recent debate over tax reform is without question the most important piece of legislation Washington will address in recent memory. The fact that some have suggested that there is no "political will" to change the current system of taxation strikes me as either arrogant, ignorant, or just an excuse for legislative sloth! Our current system of taxation is not only antiquated for the times, but is oppressive. Lack of political will is only indicative that politicians and/or special interests adhere to the status quo because it's safe. Actually, it's not safe in the least. I would go so far as to say our current system is, first and foremost, anti-family and is wearing on the moral and cultural fabric of this great nation. I urge you to take a serious look at this reform; one that is fair, not oppressive, and taxes consumption rather than income. I urge you to consider the FairTax as a simple and effective alternative to our current system.

Peter M. Dobelbower  
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## comments

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**From:** Gurka, Alan [Alan.Gurka@ssa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:45 AM  
**To:** 'comments@taxreformpanel.gov'  
**Subject:** Tax reform

There are two issues that come to mind when I think of tax reform. The first is addressing the concern that we, Americans, living in one of the wealthiest nations and having one of the highest per capita income on this earth, are also one of the poorest when it comes to saving our money. Can you blame us? The banks are paying terrible interest rates, and then the IRS is waiting to tax our mere \$7 we've earned over the year. Where's the incentive to save?

The first reform should address earning tax-free interest up to a certain limit. Perhaps \$500 per year per family in tax-free interest income may encourage greater savings. It would also help the middle class earners as they don't have a large amount of dividend income, usually don't qualify for EIC or any other large tax advantages. Additionally, it may encourage lower income families to save a little.

The other issue that requires attention and reform is the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). This is a very subtle tax that is creeping upon us as inflation and Cost Of Living Allowances bring our incomes closer to this threshold, while the AMT has not been adjusted for income. The AMT is an outdated number that needs to be brought in line with 21st century incomes!

Thank you for reading my suggestions.

**comments**

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**From:** White, Andrea F [AWHITE@ORA.FDA.GOV]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:34 AM  
**To:** 'comments@taxreformpanel.gov'  
**Subject:** Tax Reform

The graduated income tax should be abolished and a universal sales tax put in its place. Everything should be taxed at a flat rate, except "high end items" (read luxury), and recreational items such as alcohol, cigarettes, etc. These would be taxed at a much higher rate.

## comments

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**From:** Mydas Trust [mydastrust@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:26 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** the people's navet.

Why, oh, why do the american people think that the federal government is going to do anything to release their death-grip on our life, liberty and property? Has not the united states government long ago ceased to consider the welfare of the american people!? Today's major federal concerns are businesses, corporations, court rulings, and domestic & international law enforcement! Are they not?!

I am convinced that there are 3 basic landmark decisions to be made... no. 1 Repeal and overturn Roe V Wade. no. 2 Repeal and eliminate all Income Taxation... no. 3 Cut major oil company retail fuel prices by 50%..

These actions would overwhelm the heart's of the people with genuine hope and blessing! But the united states legislature WOULD NOT STAND FOR IT!...and any president who suggested it would be laughed out of office...

**comments**

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**From:** Don Heinis [donmd80@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:21 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** tax panel

Dear Sirs:

I strongly oppose any notion that Americans aren't interested in changing the way the government collects taxes (IRS). With over 3 million words in the tax code written in a way that nobody really understands and with the billions of dollars wasted each year in trying to figure it out it is now time to try something different. The Fair Tax is a win/win way to fund the government and very easy for everyone to understand. We've been paying State taxes this way for years and the infrastructure is already in place.

Think of this. If the Fair Tax was the system in use today and someone came along with the 3 million word IRS tax code and wanted to replace it would you even consider it? I doubt anyone could even get through it to make a decision.

Someone ought to dust off a copy of the Constitution and look at Article 1, section 2, clause 3: "Representatives and Direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states". Article 1, section 9, clause 4: "NO capitation, or other direct Tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the Census". This has never been amended, revoked or otherwise changed. Not even the 16th amendment gave congress any new powers of taxation.

Now is the time and place to simplify this whole process of collecting taxes. Now is the time for a "FAIR" tax system.

Thank You  
Donald Heinis  
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Sunset, Texas 76270



## comments

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**From:** couldbe4254@se.rr.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:06 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax code reform

I am dismayed at your comments regarding the current dismal tax code and system this country lives by. Pass HR 25. let's make things fair and more common sense for all Americans!

With disgust

Chris Harms  
St Augustine Fl. 32086

**comments**

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**From:** Bailey, Steve W [SWBAILEY@arkbluecross.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:04 AM  
**To:** 'comments@taxreformpanel.gov'  
**Subject:** Replace the Income Tax

Dear Panel Members,

I just want to let you know that I believe the income tax is grossly unfair and should be replaced by a consumption tax, like the Fair Tax, which would replace many levels of federal taxes, including income, social security, Medicare, as well as the many hidden taxes everyone pays but doesn't realize, such as excise and others.

Thank you,  
Stephen W. Bailey  
Little Rock, AR

## comments

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**From:** Bob Faghan [r.faghan@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 10:03 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Fw: Recent Presidential Tax Reform Panel Hearings

To whom it may concern,

I am very upset to hear that some on the panel are suggesting that there is no "Political Will" to replace the current tax system. I am not looking for political will. I am looking for bold leadership such as President Bush's example ! So called Political Will is created by bold leadership that is not afraid to tackle big problems for the good of the country.

I am also dismayed at the lack of discussion and recognition of the potential to gain substantial revenues from the spending generated by individuals and organizations the profit from the underground economy, including illegal activities. These people pay no taxes today ! I suggest that if someone would do some serious analysis and projections in this regard, we would find that these additional revenues would reduce the overall burden on average working people significantly and may even provide for the ability of government to expand health care, etc. If we can't put drug dealers in prison, isn't time we at least get taxes from their spending?

Of course, there are many other advantages for our economy by going to a national sales tax system.

Bottom line - we need and expect leadership to open their eyes and minds, do real analysis and push forward regardless of polls and "Political Will".

I for one, will vote against any and all politicians who do not show this leadership - regardless of political party affiliation !

Sincerely,  
Robert W. Faghan  
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----- Original Message -----

**From:** "FairTax" <info@fairtaxvolunteer.org>  
**To:** <r.faghan@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 7:00 PM  
**Subject:** Recent Presidential Tax Reform Panel Hearings

FairTax supporter,

We need e-mails this week to the e-mail address: comments@taxreformpanel.gov. Please express your dismay at the comments made by some on the panel that there is not "political will" to replace the income tax! For those of you who did not see the hearings please contact jonathan@fairtax.org or 1-800-FAIRTAX #143. He will be able to give you more details or information on CSPAN rebroadcasts. We would like at least 100 emails to go in on this subject. You may promote the FairTax as a replacement alternative.

Please forward the email you send to Gloria@fairtax.org with "POLITICAL WILL" in the subject line.

Genie Hayes  
Grassroots and Communications  
genie@fairtax.org  
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**comments**

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**From:** FelGraphic@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:21 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** National Sales Tax

PLEASE DO AWAY WITH THE IRS AND REPLACE IT WITH A NATIONAL SALES. This is the most unfair, confusing, obsolete, unnecessary government program ever created. With a national sales tax, EVERYONE from the president to drug dealers will pay the same rate on goods purchased as they consume. It's a fair and easy system

Henry Felsher  
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**comments**

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**From:** Roger Blackwell [rblackwell@veccoinc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:19 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replace Income Tax with National Retail Sales Tax

I am writing to express my support for replacing the income tax with a national retail sales tax. I believe a national retail sales tax would be more fair and less burdensome than the income tax and would greatly benefit our economy and foreign trade. It would also encourage corporations to keep jobs in the United States.

Roger O. Blackwell, P.E.  
**VECCO INCORPORATED**  
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## comments

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**From:** T. Eleanor Davis [TED@TEleanorDavisInc Com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:10 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Recent Presidential Tax Reform Panel Hearings

Help!!!

USA needs to go immediately to a national sales tax so that ALL PEOPLE PAY including criminals, prostitutes, drug dealers, illegal immigrants, green card immigrants that send their money home, Section 8 Housing tenants & food stamp recipients with big screen TVs & expensive wheels on their cars, and tax evaders!!!

PLEASE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SUPPORT THE NATIONAL SALES TAX.

T Eleanor Davis

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** FairTax [mailto:info@fairtaxvolunteer.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 7:00 PM  
**To:** TED@TELEANORDAVISINC.COM  
**Subject:** Recent Presidential Tax Reform Panel Hearings

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**From:** John or Cindy Sherlock [tinkham@2ki.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 9:03 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** ISLASWOLF2@aol.com  
**Subject:** tax

Flat tax This is simple, but most of all fair. A flat tax would be a positive step for both large and small business. It would increase the incentive for production in this Country and as a direct result put more people to work.

John M Sherlock  
tinkham@2ki.net

**comments**

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**From:** david barlass [davidbarlass@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:47 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax change

Sirs, We need a change to the tax code. The present system is great for tax accountants, but terrible for the average taxpayer I cannot do my own taxes because they are a maze of confusing legal jargon, that no one but a lawyer can understand. David Barlass  
13445 green circle, Broomfield, Co 80020, 303-469-5270

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## comments

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**From:** Rodney Ballance [rodney@ballanceindustries.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:42 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** We need TAX REFORM!

Good morning I was very concerned when I read that some members of the panel that feels there is not political will to reform our tax system. I have to go on record as a manufacturer in Eastern North Carolina that we strongly support the "fair tax as a viable alternative to our current system. More specifically I am speaking of HR25, a non-partisan bill that could help retain manufacturing jobs here in the U.S. and allow everyone to contribute to the Federal budget by paying sales tax. Currently drug dealers, illegal immigrants, those who just don't pay taxes, and other people participating in illegal activity do contribute to our Country's ability to pay the bills. This tax program gives everyone a chance to pay because it is based on a sales tax instead of income tax.

I will not go in to detail because I am sure you have educated yourselves on this issue, but please remember that there are many of us out here working everyday to pay the bills that you in Washington place upon us. We should have a say in how we are able to pay these bills!

Thank you for your time,

Rodney

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## comments

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**From:** RPGibson [rpgibson@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:22 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** National Sales Tax Comments

Dear Sirs,  
I was truly perplexed this week to hear that some members of your panel don't think the people of America want a change in the tax plan. Do they live here? Do they pay taxes here? The members who spoke this are surely out of touch with American tax payers! We want to dump the income tax and move to a National Sales Tax! It would capture ALL the underground economy, ALL the foreign tourist spending, EQUALIZE the tax burden and show Americans just how much they have been paying out of their paychecks... unless you don't want them to see that.

Randy P. Gibson  
Douglasville, GA

**comments**

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**From:** Dambuster123@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 7:45 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform NOW

Please eliminate all forms of income tax and use the National Retail Sales tax. The income tax system is costing me more in paperwork and expenses than my small company can afford...needless to say the income tax record keeping and associated processes may drive us out of business entirely!

We have studied the National Retail sales tax proposal (Fair Tax) and find it totally workable.

The current burdensome income tax actually requires a company and most individuals to employ or use lawyers and accountants...a very high cost. We can not keep up with the changes...and have noticed that elimination or changes in deductions has increased our tax burden (without the Government calling it a "tax increase"). Thanks

Robert Wengrzynek  
Village Business Associates  
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Old Town, ME 04468

## comments

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**From:** Dreher Hane [DMHANE@santecooper.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 7:33 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** While there may not be political will to reform the income tax system, there is public will  
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While there may not be political will to reform the income tax system, there is public will. Representatives will be voted out of office in the next election if public will doesn't turn into political will.  
Dreher M. Hane

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**From:** David Corsi [dcorsi3119@comcast net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 7:30 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Overhaul

Dear Panel Members,

There is a dire need for tax reform. The current code is unwieldy, cumbersome and makes no sense at all. It is designed to thwart growth, promote special interests and destroy prosperity in our nation. It must be changed.

The citizens will watch closely to see if Congress has the courage to do the right thing. Be it the "Fair Tax" or "Flat Tax" change must come. The time has come!

yours truly,

David Corsi  
New Jersey

## comments

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**From:** Jaxjake2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 6:59 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replace the income tax

Replacing the Income Tax with the Fair Tax is the one greatest contribution, you will ever make to this country. Comments like "there is no Political Will" is pointless. The fact that you have the opportunity to serve on a tax reform panel, is a direct result of political will. I believe the most accurate statement I have ever heard is: This country is being destroyed, by people not smart enough to have founded it.

Like Social Security, the Income Tax is just another failed Socialist endeavor. There is no fixing either one. I have not met anyone, that didn't like the Fair Tax, when I explained it to them. If you need me to explain it to you, I would enjoy it.

John Harvel  
Jacksonville Florida

"It does not take a majority to prevail ... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." --Samuel Adams



## comments

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**From:** Mary Helburn [mhelburn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:48 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform suggestions from someone gaming the system

### **Re: Tax Reform:**

by: [ninkiga](#)

02/24/05 01:37 am  
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From a short on another board concerning a tech stock that blew-up:

"The stock is currently trading below a \$1 in the after market where we expect it to open on Monday. By the end of March when all the employees are let go they should have about .50 cents in cash. We are not going to cover (we will probably never cover) as in our experience it has been difficult for shareholders to get \$ out of these situations, and they will continue to have some burn, etc. Of course, we don't want to realize the gains for as long as possible as well "

If the shorts never cover, tax free profit. Pretty sweet deal, huh? I would say reform is in order, especially with the huge deficit. The government needs the money and the shorts are evil

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## comments

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**From:** Timothy.Bozych@fairchildsemi.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 5:33 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform Comment

Dear Panel Members,

Regarding some of the comments made recently about "Political Will" to replace or reform the income tax in the US,

I am deeply troubled that some members of the panel regard the issue as purely a political one. I would like to remind the panel members that the reason they are there is the unfair, regressive, special interest serving and completely unintelligible tax code in this country. "Political Will" has nothing to do with it, it's a matter of having the "kahunas" to do what is right for the people of the United States. The current system is broken and needs to be replaced, it is a cancer on the economy of this country. The recent statements reflect the trend to bow to the leftist media and liberal congressional disinformation machine which only serves to enrich and entrench power for certain masters. The rights belong to the people of the United States and as with Social Security we can see the results of entrusting the tax code to the powerful few. Please be forthright in your mission and keep above the fray to help accomplish something positive for the citizens of the United States.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Tim Bozych  
275 South Effingham Rd  
West Newfield, ME 04095

## comments

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**From:** Ralph Davis [jralphdavis@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 12:31 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** There IS political will to replace the income tax

It has come to my attention that there are some who believe that there is no "political will" to replace the income tax.

Not so!

The Fair Tax is a much more just method of generating revenue for our country. It's done automatically --- without pulling money out of people's paychecks --- and it removes the financial disincentive for success that our present system imposes. I would estimate that I lose at least two weeks of productivity trying to prepare our taxes each year.

Granted, most people don't understand how a move to the Fair Tax system would benefit them, and it might be challenging to educate them.

However, I'm confident that our elected leaders have the moral fortitude to do what's right, even though it may not be the easiest solution.

Thanks.  
-Ralph Davis

## comments

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**From:** Howard Glassman [hg48@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 12:38 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** NRST

Dear Sirs,  
You seem to have no idea how much income tax is hated in this country and how much the American people would like to get rid of it. There is an extreme of "political will" in this direction. Many polls have clearly shown that the VAST majority of the American people would favor getting rid of the income tax and the IRS and replacing it with the National Retail Sales Tax. Thank you

Howard Glassman

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**From:** HAYESTOWN [hayestown1@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 12:25 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Victims of IRS

Having been victims of IRS abuses we can truthfully say with experience that the IRS and income tax MUST be replaced immediately by an American fair tax and all Americans should be able to enjoy a retirement plan like congress.

Richard & Beverly Hayes  
New Iberia, Louisiana

**comments**

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**From:** Don Dame [ddame@presenter.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2005 12:04 AM

**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov

**Subject:** National sales tax is needed now to replace the income tax

The time is perfect to replace the income tax with a national sales tax (Fairtax).

I know that it is not easy, but it is very important, and important things rarely are easy.

I think there is the political will to do it now.

Don Dame  
Minnesota

## comments

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**From:** Grensh [grensh@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 11:01 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax reform needed

The current tax code is exactly what one would expect to come from a bunch of self-important, self-centered politicians: a maze of ludicrous laws designed to benefit their campaign supporters. I don't see how anyone can defend it with a straight face. It needs to be scrapped. The vast majority of Americans want a simple and fair tax system. We will flock to the politicians who have the intelligence and integrity to propose and/or support one.

Greg Henshall  
Nitro, WV

"When the people find they can vote themselves money,  
that will herald the end of the republic."  
-- Benjamin Franklin  
(1706-1790) US Founding Father

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**From:** Janet and Kent Bosch [kjbosch@starband.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 10:41 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax Reform Politica IWill

Dear panel members,

I am a self-employed farmer from western Minnesota. I must say that I was disappointed in what I saw on CSPAN recently on the Tax Reform question. I believe there IS enough political will to replace the current tax code. This time of year is taxing for many of us for more than one reason. Too much time and money is spent preparing for our income tax filing each February.

While I believe in paying my fair share of taxes and realize that farmers are probably one of the largest benefactors as a group of our current complex code with all of it's loopholes and deductions, I do not think the code is fair or understandable to anyone (including the tax attorney's and IRS agents themselves). That is why we always have to sign liability waivers and disclosures when we ask for advise on interpreting the code. This situation is just not right.

A much better method would be a national retail sales tax like the Fair Tax Plan than some are proposing could replace both income tax and payroll taxes.

The employment tax paid by self- employed individuals is extremely unfair. Here's why:

When a self- employed person invests some of their earnings to grow their business and make it more profitable they receive no credit for the part of their earnings that can be attributed to the capital they have invested in their business.

For example, ( This example assumes a 10% cap rate and 40,000 earnings from labor each year)

Lets say I earned \$40,000 in the year 2000 even though I borrowed nearly all of my needed capitol to operate my business and I paid a lot of interest (which is deductible and not taxed as employment income to anyone) I would pay 15.3% employment tax or \$6,120 for year 2000.

The next year I invest 20,000 in my business and borrow less capital from the bank and pay less interest and earn 42,000. So I pay 6,426 for year 2001.

The next year I invest an additional 22,000 in my business and borrow still less from the bank with less interest expense and earn 44,200 and pay a employment tax of 6,762 for 2002.

The next year I invest 24,200 more in my business and borrow still less from the bank with less interest expense and earn 46,620 and pay a employment tax of 7,133 for 2003.

The next year you invest 26,620 more in my business and borrow still less from the bank with less interest expense and earn 49,280 and pay a employment tax of 7,540 for 2004.

In 5 years time I would have paid 33,981 in payroll tax. This is 3,381 more than the combination of employer and employee share of tax paid in same period for a wage earner who invests in stock market instead of his own business and has the same 40,000 per year earned income.

You can see why this is a compounded and stifling tax burden for the independent self- employed of this country. If you put this example on a spreadsheet and calculate the extra tax burden over the course of a self- employed persons life it becomes very clear how unfair our code is. The tax difference over a 20 year period is over \$110,000. Over a 40 year period it would be more than 1.2 million dollars difference.

3/8/2005



If you have any questions on this example of why our current code is unfair please give me a call.

Thanks for your patience reading my mail

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## comments

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**From:** mdeminico@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 10:31 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax alternatives

I'll keep this as short as possible, I'm sure you have plenty of eMails to sift through.

I'm rather dismayed that some believe there is not "political will" to replace the income tax. The income tax system as we know it is a complicated mess that wastes billions of government dollars every year to enforce, and uncounted billions of private dollars are wasted complying with it. Myself included, I will spend an estimated 40 hours doing my taxes this year for my small business (less than \$50,000/year income at the moment). That is an entire work week!! Surely you understand how many entrepreneurs out there are wasting time doing the same thing.

I would very much like to see some complete (accurate and fair) comments made about the Fair Tax ([www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org)), especially the information at <http://www.fairtaxvolunteer.org/smart/index.html> that fully debunks the myth that it will hurt the poor, and other common myths about the fairtax. From what I can see, the fairest tax ever would be every single person paying the same exact amount, but that would and could never happen. Next to that, the Fair Tax is the most fair alternative.

Tax Reform of this magnitude does not come around all that often. Political will or not, the leaders of this nation have a responsibility to do what they know is right for this country in the long term, AND end the Socialist-style progressive-rate income tax currently in place that punishes people for investing into a business (or themselves) to generate huge long-term profits down the road (not to mention creating jobs, supporting local businesses, etc.)

Yes by getting rid of the Income Tax, someone will lose their tax preparer (or IRS) job. Sorry, when what they're doing is obsolete and wasteful, it has to go. If some company hired a person to walk into their warehouse, grab a shovel, and move the same pile of dirt back and forth over and over all day long, is he \*really\* contributing anything to the economy? No, he's wasting his time doing nothing productive. It is virtually the same thing with our current tax system.

Matt DeMinico

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"Let's set the record straight. There is no argument over the choice between peace and war, but there is only one guaranteed way you can have peace--and you can have it in the next second--surrender."

- Ronald Reagan, October 27, 1964

## comments

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**From:** Duane Hansen [duanehansen@nc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 10:18 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** SUPPORT THE FAIRFAX

I believe there are many people who support the Fairfax but we just need those in higher visible positions such as the panel to help communicate the support that can't be done down here in the trenches

I represent my whole family of 7 to support the Fairfax and my job puts me in front of 50 different people each week at work or church where I can let them who supports or does not support the FairTax. Any Sunday, I can get up in front of 250 people and in one sentence tell them who is supporting or not supporting. Any evening I can write a one-sentence email and let hundreds more people know about it.

I believe that most members of the Mormon Church throughout the country support the FairTax because we believe in limited government and self reliance. We have a wide communication network and can spread the word.

**Duane P. Hansen, SPHR**  
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**comments**

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**From:** MICHEL R HENDERSON [rhino6969@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 8:55 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** r.e. tax reform

hello,

to any and all on this committee. please consider all of us out here who vote you into office to represent us and our interests. much of value in this world is gained at the hands of effort, and a bit of personal risk of some kind. I don't know what all the talk of "political will" means exactly to each of you, but in the name of fairness, progress and a less unfair future for all of us as tax payers please give your serious attention to tax reform!!!!!!!

it IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US!!!!

especially note the very fair and revenue neutral "Fair Tax" proposal. this seems to be one of the most fair and efficient options on the table

thanks for reading and considering the voice of one more of your many hard working tax payers.

Michel R Henderson

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## comments

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**From:** Cora & Bob Whiting [corabob@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 9:42 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Cc:** Gloria@fairtax.org  
**Subject:** Recent Presidential Tax Reform Panel Hearings

Dear Panel:

I am dismayed at the comments by some panel members that there is not "political will" to replace the income tax. I am in favor of the Fair Tax, a national sales tax on new goods and services. The current income tax system is broken, unfair, and very frustrating. Please reconsider. Sincerely, Cora J. Freeman-Whiting 8877 N 107th Ave Ste 302/299 Peoria, AZ 85345

## comments

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**From:** Jay Caplan [uniqueproducts@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 8:32 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** tax replacement

Dear Tax Reform Panel,

I am very much in favor of the FairTax national sales tax as an exclusive alternative to all individual income, Social Security, Medicare and corporate taxes.

It's main advantage is by making competitive in exporting again, and raising the cost of import vs domestically made goods. There are many other advantages.

It will revitalize the United States

Jay Caplan  
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**comments**

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**From:** Ed Bailey [ebailey@sti.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 8:26 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Take a Look at Fair Tax

At least take a look at replacing the income tax with a sales tax.

## comments

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**From:** Randy Beers [rbeers@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 8:21 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Tax reform comments

To Whom It May Concern:

I am extremely disappointed to hear that some members of the Tax Reform Panel feel that there is no "political will" to replace the income tax. As a small business owner, tax payer and citizen, I am personally very interested in replacing the income tax with a more fair and uncomplicated system, and am looking to my elected officials to make that happen. I will definitely be placing my support behind those individuals who feel the same (MY VOTE).

I have seen and researched many of the proposed replacements to our current system, and can find only one that makes sense for everyone (and our country), and that is the FairTax (HR 25, S 25). Our current system is out of control, out-dated, cumbersome, costly to comply with, and unfair to almost everyone. It's time to replace the entire system of taxing income, and time to implement a better alternative.

Please research this yourself at: [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org). Most of all, please do NOT assume that there is no "political will" to replace the current system. There are hundreds of thousands of citizens watching and waiting. ...

Sincerely,

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**From:** David Darelius [didmgd@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 8:16 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replace the Income Tax

Our tax code is too complicated I am dismayed that some members of your panel don't think there is the political will to replace the income tax

I strongly support the Fair Tax as an alternative to the income tax.

David I. Darelius

**comments**

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**From:** Richard [redonald@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 8:03 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Revolutionary ibill

**To All Concerned,**

**I believe in and support H.R.25, the 'Fair Tax' bill with all my heart. Of course there are comments by some on your panel that there isn't 'enough political will'. I interpret that to mean 'politically inexpedient' for a lot of politicians who think that they wouldn't be able to feather their 'pork barrel' projects with a fair tax system.**

**I would really love to see politicians who pass something because it is 'morally right' rather than 'politically expedient'.**

**The income tax we have in this country has been reformed many times and will continue to be reformed in the future simply because it is a system that cannot be fixed. It's not time to reform the system but to completely replace it. Please take the time to give a fair look at this revolutionary idea, an idea that's not only fair but 'morally expedient' as well.**

**Thank you,**

**Richard E. Donaldson**

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**From:** Jeff Bell [jbell3@houston.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 7:36 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replace the income tax now!

I was amazed to hear that members of the tax reform panel could possibly make comments to the effect that there is not enough interest or "political will" to replace the income tax! No one in their right mind could possibly be in favor of keeping a tax code that is so complicated that not one person on the planet - including the tax reform panel members - will ever understand it.

I believe that there is immense interest in this country (at least among its private citizens) in immediately replacing this horrendous tax code with a simple one, such as a consumption tax, that will benefit both our country and its citizens - except perhaps for criminals who escape paying income taxes by not reporting their income.

From a most interested citizen.

## comments

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**From:** Robert Edwards [redwa555@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 7:26 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Replacement of the income tax nightmare

Gentlemen:

We definitely need to replace our current tax system which is too complex for the ordinary citizen to file returns. Countless hours and dollars are spent keeping records throughout the year. A national sales tax would eliminate this record keeping process and the cost of having a tax preparation done each and every year. The IRS would no longer be needed, saving even more money and heartaches.

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## comments

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**From:** LynnCrisci@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 6:15 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** COMMENTS for the Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

COMMENTS for the Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

Hello,

As a hardworking employee, I have always been dismayed at how much money I don't take home due to federal income and payroll taxes. Based on percentage of income, those who can least afford it are taxed the MOST. I lose DAYS of work every year, taking time off to file a dozen pages of tax forms for my 2 small businesses, only to discover that I am below the poverty level, yet I'm still taxed! I cannot afford a high priced tax attorney to find me loopholes to avoid paying my fair share of taxes, like America's upper class all do annually. I do have a solution though:

Americans for Fair Taxation is proposing a consumer-oriented, fair tax proposal that will benefit taxpayers and not the I.R.S. The middle class, the majority of the population, will be better off under this new tax system. They, not the government, will control the amount they pay in taxes, because they control what and how much they purchase. The FairTax will continue to fund government at its current level so that government programs will continue to be funded, and Social Security and Medicare benefits will continue just like they did before.

And the middle class will not be the only ones to benefit from the FairTax because poverty-level Americans will pay no federal tax at all. They will no longer pay the highly regressive payroll tax imposed on the very first dollar earned, and they, like all Americans, will no longer pay 20% to 30% in hidden federal income taxes every time they spend a dollar. That is right, 20% to 30% of every dollar spent goes to the government to pay hidden federal taxes, including corporate income and payroll taxes that businesses pass on to consumers in the form of higher prices. Learn more at [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org)

Please visit the website at [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org) to receive more information about this innovative tax reform proposal that would greatly help hardworking Americans take home every penny they earn.

**Lynn Crisci**

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**From:** ed cook [edcook123@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 6:02 AM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** Request for Comments

For over 10 years I have prepared federal income tax returns as a volunteer under the AARP TaxAide program. I found that each year the returns became more confusing, longer (more lines) and more exceptions, etc. It would be too lengthy to go into complete details in this response but suffice it to say that the complexity led to mere and more people failing to file or unsure if they needed to file. Many kept incomplete records of deductible expenses unsure of what was deductible or not. Not only did doubt and insecurity reign but fear of the IRS also. Amongst senior citizens two questions were predominant:

1. At what age can I stop paying income tax. Answer - When you're dead - and, even then taxes can still be due.

2. Why do I have to pay income tax on my Social Security? It seems most unfair.

Answer- I agree but Congress says you have to.

Every year there were and are a long laundry list of complaints and questions that could be made unnecessary if there was no Federal Income Tax and no Internal Revenue Service. And there wouldn't be if you did away completely with the 13th Amendment and the IRS and the Federal Income Tax and recommended a Federal Consumption Tax; namely, the tax as proposed in HR5/S5. You could make April 15th just another spring day. No forms, no gut wrenching agony, no wasted time and energy. Wouldn't that be the nicest gift you could make to the people of the United States? I sure think so.

Edward A. Cook  
Antioch, TN

## comments

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**From:** Ann Dowell [amdsap@peoplepc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2005 1:35 PM  
**To:** comments@taxreformpanel.gov  
**Subject:** We the people are getting wise.....

You would think that even the liberals could support a new tax system based on consumption that would capture the underground economy, the under-reporters and the non-filers. Yet they won't even have to consider that decision if the President of the United States doesn't have the political nerve to advance such a system!

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