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Dear Advisory Panel,

As a sovereign individual of the United States of America, I am submitting to you some of my ideas regarding issues of the current tax system.

The biggest problem with our current tax system is that it is unconstitutional. *Direct, non-apportioned taxes* on labor are strictly prohibited by the United States Constitution. The Supreme Court *rejected* the idea that the 16th Amendment granted to the government the power to impose a non-apportioned direct tax, such as the current tax on wages. The Supreme Court ruled that any contention that the 16th Amendment treats a tax on income as a *direct* tax is wholly without foundation. The Supreme Court ruled that the 16th Amendment did not confer any new power of taxation but merely prohibited the plenary power to tax income *derived* from labor or capital from being taken out of the category of non-apportioned *indirect taxation* to which it

inherently belonged. The Supreme Court defined “income” to convey the idea of gain or increase arising from *corporate activities, not individuals*.

The Constitution guarantees that no person can be deprived of his or her property except by due process of law. However, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Courts routinely and systematically conspire to enforce the income tax through intimidation, coercion and outright fraud. Our current income tax system is a “slave tax”. No person is free whose labor is controlled by another.

Our tax dollars are spent paying interest on borrowed money from the Federal Reserve Bank, not actual governmental services. Our debt-based paper money system and inflation created by unaccountable government spending destroys our nation’s economy.

The U.S. Government has violated my First Amendment Petition for Redress of Grievances. The President, United States Congress, Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service have refused to answer specific legal questions directly challenging the lawful authority of the U.S. Government to impose and enforce a direct, non-apportioned tax on the wages and salaries of American workers. A Right that is not enforceable is not a Right; and wishing to peaceably enforce my individual, unalienable Rights, I have given further expression to my Rights under the First Amendment to Speech, Assembly and Petition, by not withholding and turning over to the government money earned by me as a result of my labor. The unfettered Petition for Redress is the only nonviolent approach in a constitutional republic for the free individual and the free minority to hold their servant government accountable to the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

On a personal level, it is my unalienable Right to pursue my happiness, by which is meant the Right to pursue any lawful business or vocation which may increase my prosperity and develop my faculties, so as to give to me my highest enjoyment. I could not earn enough money conducting my business serving people to meet my basic needs to take care of myself, let alone others, *and* pay self-employment taxes. I was not put on this planet to spend my limited time to be an accountant, at my expense, for the government. Under the current system, I wasted precious time and energy maintaining daily accounting practices that could have been spent doing productive, creative work using my God given talents in the pursuit of my happiness and fulfilling my dreams.

The main goal for our tax system and reform options are to tax solely *within* the powers of the U.S. Constitution. The government *must* honor The People's Right to Petition for Redress of Grievances. Decrease the need to tax The People by reducing government spending. Make the new system simple enough that everyone is able to competently contribute their own taxes. Create a tax system that inspires The People to pay taxes for love of God and Country and devotion to duty.

I charge you, The President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, to create a new system that rewards conscientious lifestyles that contribute to the greater good of humanity and the environment and taxes lifestyle choices that do not. For example, give benefits to those who promote healthy, organically grown food and continue consumption taxes such as the ones on tobacco and alcohol. Tax companies who deforest and pollute our planet irresponsibly and give rebates to those who promote sustainable growth. Give rebates to people who promote

alternative resources of energy and products such as hemp, solar, wind and water industries. Give benefits to those who use public and nonpolluting forms of transportation; tax those who drive fuel inefficient, polluting vehicles. Give to the people who are improving their homes, businesses, and communities; tax criminals, guns and weapons. Give benefits to educational, creative, and technological endeavors; tax those who drain society of its vitality.

May your higher consciousness guide the development of our new tax system for the highest and best good for all of humanity!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd R. Tanis". The signature is written in black ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left of the first name.

Todd Robert Tanis