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Greetings,

We applaud the President for appointing the panel to study the issue of **much needed** tax reform. We hope and pray that your work turns out to be more than "window dressing" because is absolutely absurd that most Americans must pay for professional tax filing because our tax code is so complex.

The following specific recommendations are respectfully submitted for your consideration:

- 1. The existing tax code should be **scrapped in its entirety** and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) should be abolished. The savings in dollars would be substantial.
- 2. A new simple **flat rate** (rate to be determined) should be established where everyone pays the same percentage rate regardless of income, and a new much smaller federal department should be established to manage the new tax plan.
- 3. There should be **No Deductions** (not even for home mortgages or charity or catastrophic losses or **write-offs** for any reason. There should be **No Tax Credits** for agriculture, research, energy development, business development or any other "Special Interest". If the President or the Congress deems it necessary to offer incentives for such enterprises, then some form other than tax credits should be used.
- 4. Persons whose **only income** is **solely** from Social Security benefits, Military Retirement pay or personal employer provided pension should be not only **exempt from taxation** but also exempt from filing requirements.
- 5. Tax filing requirements should be simple enough that filing could be done on a post card.
- 6. Finally, it should be made extremely difficult for the House and Senate to amend the new tax code. Amendments to the new tax code should require a 3/4 majority for passage.

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