

Script – Reform the Tax Code

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It's no secret that Americans think our government is broken.

And there's probably no better example of Washington's dysfunction than our broken tax code.

Our tax system is too complex, too confusing and too costly.

But you probably already know how bad our tax code is.

After all, the average taxpayer spends about [13 hours](#) gathering all the receipts, reading all the rules and filling out all the forms the IRS requires to file their taxes.

Think about this: there have been more than [4,400](#) changes to the tax code in the last 10 years – that adds up to more than one per day.

Today, the tax code is [10 times](#) the size of the Bible, but with none of the “good news.”

Worst of all, with all its regulations and loopholes, our tax code is hurting our economy.

With the [highest corporate rate](#) in the developed world, it's sending American jobs overseas.

It's taking money from tax-paying families and giving it to special interests.

Worse, the government wastes your money. In one case, the [IRS](#) sent nearly 24,000 refunds totaling over \$46 million to a single address.

But what if we fixed our broken tax code?

Well, we can.

And it will make our economy stronger and more secure.

Here are three things we can do:

First, we can make the tax code simpler and fairer, so families can do their own taxes and not wonder if someone else is getting a better deal than they are.

After all, your tax bill should be determined by what you owe, not who you know or how good your accountant is.

By getting rid of all the junk in the income tax code, we can shrink it by 25 percent.

Second, we can make the code more efficient by getting rid of special interest handouts and lowering tax rates across the board.

That means that instead of Washington wasting money, businesses can invest in new equipment, create new jobs and give workers bigger paychecks.

Third, we can fix the tax code by making it more accountable to you, the taxpayer.

And since families and job creators got a [\\$700 billion](#) tax increase this year – we could use the help.

Whenever a loophole gets closed, let's make sure that money goes back to the people who are paying the taxes in the first place – and not to fund more Washington spending.

Fixing our broken tax code is the right thing to do, but we need to act.

Because the longer we wait, the further America will fall behind. Fewer jobs will be created. Take-home pay will remain stagnant. And families will continue to struggle.

America can't afford to wait. Now is the time for Congress to fix our broken tax code.

For more information visit tax.house.gov