

July 20, 2011

TO: Committee on Ways and Means

Re: **July 26 Hearing on Tax Reform and Consumption-Based Tax Systems**

Gentlemen:

Every two years, all we voters hear is raise taxes on the rich on one side of the political spectrum and lower taxes on the other side. We, the People, are getting tired of this broken record. The end of each election is followed by two more years of submitting bills, debating, writing the legislation, and voting on one tax bill after the other to add to our tens of thousands of pages of tax code, which is then followed by hundreds of pages of new regulations. I dare guess that more than 90% of Congressional action is devoted to tax discussions. I, for one, don't want to hear any more tax debates.

Enter the FairTax Bill (H.R. 25). This one bill frees the people from our current insane, politically motivated tax code. During this hearing, you will hear many things that the FairTax can accomplish, but I want to mention a couple that probably won't be mentioned:

1. No more eating up 535 Congressmen's time debating tax bills. The FairTax is one inclusive tax rate on consumption. The only possible new tax debate would be simply to lower or raise this rate. No more explaining on the campaign trail why you are campaigning on taxes when you could have solved that issue forever, not to mention the fact that the Congress passing the FairTax Bill will someday be praised as the greatest Congress of all time.

2. The FairTax untaxes the necessities of life with the prebate provision, but it does more. It is unlikely that more than just a few citizens will not sign up for the prebate, and most certainly much fewer than our current census procedures miss. That's right! No more census every ten years, because you have almost a continuous census with the role of persons covered by the prebate; that is, unless you want to count people here illegally (or legally, but not citizens). In this one aspect alone, this Bill would have saved approximately \$13,000,000 last year.

I can go on and on, but you will hear many good things about the FairTax during your hearing, and probably some bad things from people whose only goal in life is to demagogue the Bill.

We know that Congress wants the value added tax (VAT). Another hidden tax designed to rob the people of as much of their resources as possible without them even knowing it. We also know that Congress wants this tax in addition to the income tax, unlike the FairTax which

completely does away with all other taxes. However, I can assure you that this VAT will not be enacted without a lot of Congressmen getting voted out of office.

Finally, the Flat Tax is what we had in 1913 and which has ballooned into what we have today. I believe that the Tax Simplification Act of 1986 resulted in only two tax rates. This Act has now been amended more than 25,000 times. The people are not going to let this nonsense go on much longer. Now is the time to change this country's course with the FairTax.

With best regards,

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