

## **To: Tax Reform and Charitable Contributions Hearing**

**To whom it may concern:**

**I would sincerely like you to consider the FairTax as a viable alternative to our present tax system as the one that we have now is completely out of control and without understanding. Raising the tax rate on the rich will not help anyone. I think that someone said that the revenues that you will collect from the very rich will only pay the bills for eight days. I ask you all: "how is that going to help us get out of debt"? The following points are just a couple of reasons why I believe the FairTax is the only fair way to go but there are many to consider if you would just take the time to read and understand what it is all about.**

**Just 2 Key Points are among many that will be of benefit to all citizens of the United States of America.**

**1) Under the FairTax, wage earners take home their entire paycheck. For a family of modest means, whose charitable giving is often a high percentage of their income, the FairTax represents a substantial increase in available funds. Additionally, these contributions are made with pre-tax dollars. Under the current system, the charitable deduction only offsets a portion of the taxpayers tax liability. For less affluent taxpayers, who do not itemize, the price of charitable giving decreases under the FairTax because they are able to give to their church or other charitable organization from pre-tax dollars.**

**2) Under the FairTax, the two out of three taxpayers who currently do not itemize deductions are not taxed on charitable contributions, and for the first time since 1986, the vast majority are actually encouraged to make charitable contributions. It should be noted that even if a taxpayer itemizes, percentage ceilings limit individual contributions to <50% of adjusted gross income, and 10% for corporations. These ceilings disappear under the FairTax!**

**So again: I ask you to please consider the FairTax.**

**Thank You,**

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