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Congressman Dave Camp, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee
Congressman Mike Turner, OH-10
Washington DC

Subject: Tax Reform and Charitable Contributions

Gentlemen,

I write to you at this critical time to express my studied and enthusiastic support of large scale tax restructuring as the only way to rescue our Nation's financing. "Tweaking" that is called "reform" has been shown to be only cosmetic bandages on a dam that is about to burst.

Specifically, I endorse the concepts laid out in HR25, the Fair Tax proposal. As you know, this concept changes the basis of taxation from income to consumption. The Fair Tax presents a host of significant benefits, but this letter is to specifically address charitable giving. I am retired, living on pensions and savings only, but I have always given more than 10% to charity. If I did not have to pay 25% or more on my money before I get it, then I would have more to give away! Personally, I itemize my return, but for that majority of taxpayers who do not, they get no specific tax advantage for giving. The Fair Tax would at least give those of low income the same advantage as everybody else.

Under the Fair Tax I would get all of the money I have earned. I then pay my bills and usual consumption, paying the taxes (Federal and State) as appropriate. But then I would be left with more money to give to charity, and I would.

I sincerely ask that you seriously consider HR 25, the Fair Tax, in the upcoming deliberations.

Sincerely,



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