

Dear Government: Why Won't You Answer?

On April 13, 2000 Robert Schulz of the **We The People Foundation For Constitutional Education** and former IRS agent Joseph Banister met at the White House with Jason Furman, Senior Director and Senior Economic Advisor of the National Economic Council, with their videographer, while a delegation representing all 50 States waited outside. Schulz and Banister delivered a Remonstrance to Furman for President Bill Clinton regarding the unconstitutionality of the federal income tax amendment (16th), and the illegality of the operations of the IRS, along with a substantial body of credible evidence and an invitation to have the Administration's most knowledgeable people on the subject participate in a June 29 conference to debate the issues. Mr. Furman promised to have his staff, White House lawyers, and historians review the evidence. He also expressed agreement of the idea of the Administration participating in the June conference. On April 27, Schulz sent a letter to Furman respectfully requesting that he supply **We The People Foundation For Constitutional Education**, by the end of May with the names of the people who would be representing the Administration at the conference. On May 19, Schulz called Furman to confirm that everything was "on track," and was routed to Mr. Furman's voice mail. Furman did not return the call. On June 2 Schulz called again. This time he spoke with Furman who told **We The People Foundation For Constitutional Education** that the legality of the income tax was not a priority item in the Clinton Administration.

The Constitution of the United States is all that stands between the people and tyranny. What does a free people do when faced with evidence of ratification fraud? The Constitution tells the people to address their grievances with their government. But, what does a free people do when their government doesn't listen?

There are major questions and serious allegations about the legality of the federal income tax system and the operations of the IRS, supported by and derived from bona fide research by competent individuals from all over the country. The evidence is very strong and persuasive; it is increasing; and it warrants and deserves answers.

The Foundation has tried repeatedly to arrange objective conferences at which these challenges would be answered and refuted by government experts. The conferences were held at the National Press Club, in the government's own back yard. The government has now failed to respond to invitations to 3 conferences in a year.

Written material available from the government that purports to address the allegations and criticisms is evasive and non-responsive. Information from the Congressional Research Service actually confirms some allegations. The government's persistent evasion of the income tax issues has reached the point at which the evasion amounts to admission.

When Robert Schulz and Joe Banister met with Jason Furman in the White House, they also met, on April 13, with Dr. William Koetzle, the legislative director for House Speaker Dennis J. Hastert and Keith Hennessey, policy director for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. Copies of Remonstrance were delivered to both. Both Koetzle and Hennessey promised to have their staffs and the

staffs of the House Ways & Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee review the evidence in support of our evidence. They, too, were amiable to having appropriate "experts" participate in the June Conference. They both received letters similar to Furman's letter of April 27. Followups by phone reached only "voice mail," with neither man returning our calls. On June 2, more calls were placed. This time, Koetzle responded. He had forgotten all about our visit, and had done nothing which was promised in that meeting, although he agreed, once again to "do something." Schulz asked if they could expect a formal reply from the

Speaker. Koetzle replied, "No. We receive tens of thousands of letters. We can't respond to them all."

We have put three questions before our elected officials. These are three questions that Americans have been asking since 1985, and our government has failed to respond not only to the We The People Foundation for Constitutional Education, but to the people whom they represent. This is unconscionable. Here are the issues we wish to debate and address in our public forum at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on June 29. All who have an expertise on the Constitution are invited to attend and be heard.

#1 • Secretary of State Philander Knox committed fraud in 1913 when he declared the income tax amendment [the 16th] legally ratified.

#2 • Under the law as written, only foreigners working in the U.S., or U.S. citizens working abroad are legally required to pay federal income taxes and employers are not required to withhold.

#3 • When taxpayers sign their tax returns, he or she voluntarily waives his or her 5th Amendment right not to be a witness against him or herself.

These are the issues we put before the White House and the Congress on April 13. After attempts to get them to respond failed on April 27, May 19, and June 2, We The People Foundation for Constitutional Education decided to take the issue directly to our elected representatives through the people of the United States themselves. The government has no defense against the people's claim that the operations of the IRS are illegal because there is no constitutional or statutory authority that requires most citizens in America to pay income tax, or employers to withhold wages from the paychecks of most of their employees. If the government needs more money than it is receiving from its imposition of uniform, indirect taxes, it must turn to the States for the additional funds it requires. It is now a foregone conclusion that the federal government will not discuss the fact that it does not have the constitutional authority to impose an income tax. It is a matter of States' rights, an important issue in Federalism. DON'T MISS THIS CONFERENCE!

AN OPEN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CLINTON, SENATOR LOTT AND SPEAKER HASTERT

...Notwithstanding what Mr. Jason Furman of the White House had to say, the matter of the constitutionality of the income tax and the legality of the operations of the income tax system is of the utmost importance, and cannot be long tolerated if Americans are to remain free. The evidence we have provided to you is compelling. We are returning to Washington a fourth time --on June 29th-- to discuss the remedies to this problem. Once again, we respectfully request your participation, or that of anyone else in government, to argue against the conclusions of Bill Benson, Joseph Banister, Larry Becraft and Bill Conklin, and in opposition to the three propositions.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARS, PROFESSORS, HISTORIANS, JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, COLUMNISTS

... and anyone else who has spoken publicly about the unconstitutionality or illegality of the income tax and wishes to argue in support of the three propositions. Please contact us and tell us you wish to participate in the June 29th conference.

As Americans, we expect our elected representatives, whether in the Congress or in the White House, to respond to our needs, and answer the legitimate questions that are placed before them by the electorate. Over the past decade, a number of groups have posed some very serious questions regarding the legality of the Federal Income Tax. Americans from all of the 50 States are now tired of being deliberately ignored by their elected officials on this issue.

We The People Foundation for Constitutional Education has invited the federal government—Executive, and Legislative—to attend a Conference to discuss,

with the American people, the federal government's stance on the legality of the federal income tax.

The Clinton White House, after initially accepting our invitation to discuss this matter in a public forum, reneged on their commitment stating: "The legality of the income tax is not a high priority item at the White House. Therefore we have decided not to participate in any conference on the subject." WE WANT ANSWERS...AND WE WANT THEM NOW! If you are tired of non-responsive government, educate yourself with the facts. Ask your representatives why they won't address these serious questions!

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