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Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
511 Hart Senate Office Bldg
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Re: "Schemes, Scams and Cons: Part II"

Dear Senator Baucus,

Last week we were informed of the subject hearing by a news reporter, who also said he was told "No" when he asked a member of the Committee's staff if the Committee was at all interested in having Bob Schulz or anyone from the We The People Foundation testify at the hearing.

I assume the reason the Committee is not interested is the same as the reason given by Senator Grassley prior to last year's "Schemes, Scams and Cons" hearing, where our full page articles in USA Today were offered to the public as evidence – i.e., our message would detract from the message the Committee intends to convey.

Our message is twofold.

First, there is a substantial and credible body of evidence that supports the propositions that the IRS lacks the legal authority to force employers to withhold income taxes from the paychecks of their employees or to force most Americans to file a tax return and pay the income tax and that the IRS is routinely violating citizens' 4th Amendment and due process rights.

Second, officials of the federal government have a legal obligation under the Constitution to answer the People's Petition for Redress concerning the income tax system. The federal government steadfastly refuses to answer our questions of law and legal jurisdiction.

The Committee's message on the other hand is that the federal government must deal swiftly and harshly with anyone who dares question the jurisdiction of the IRS or the legitimacy of the federal income tax system.

This leaves the People apprehensive at best and bitter at worst. The notion that our government operates outside the limitations of the Constitution and is unwilling to publicly establish its legal authority or justify its behavior is repulsive. Much more so is the propaganda, fear, intimidation and even firearms used by the Department of Justice and the IRS to terrorize the American public into paying taxes.

Our income tax system is incompatible with freedom. A free people cannot be expected to tolerate such conduct by its government.

As the Committee undoubtedly knows, this Foundation has, for three years, been trying to get officials from the political branches to answer the questions regarding the legal authority of the IRS. As the Committee knows, our Petition for Redress has been sincere, respectful, intelligent, rational and professional. As the Committee knows, our Petition for Redress has fallen on deaf ears.

Last November, as the Committee undoubtedly knows, IRS and DOJ reneged on their formal and written commitment to have their experts meet with our experts on Capitol Hill, in a recorded, public forum, on February 27 and 28, 2002, to answer our questions.

Our hearing, which became known as the Citizens' Truth-In-Taxation Hearing, was held on February 27th and 28th at the Washington Marriott. Our questions (460) were answered under oath by constitutional and tax attorneys, ex-IRS agents, an ex-IRS counsel, CPAs, a forensic accountant and tax law researchers.

A copy of the certified transcript of the Hearing is attached to and made a part of this letter. Also attached is a summary of the conclusions of the Citizens' Truth-In-Taxation Hearing. Within 48 hours we will deliver to each member of the Committee, for its convenience, a record of the hearing on a set of CD-ROMs and on a set of VHS tapes.

Please take notice that this hearing documented irrefutable and conclusive evidence in support of the allegations that the income tax is unconstitutional on its face and in its application, that the IRS routinely violates the Constitutional rights of the People and that the courts are "closed" to Americans that attempt to challenge these issues during Federal trials.

I have been told that as part of what the Wall Street Journal referred to as "a colorful Senate Finance Committee hearing April 11," you intend to put before the cameras a person the government now has in prison for participating in "an offshore tax scheme."

I can't help but be reminded of the similar practice used by the North Vietnamese during the Viet Nam war of standing an American prisoner of war before the cameras, for this

nation to see and hear his “apologetic and remorseful” statements, regarding his actions against his captors. This is propaganda at its worst.

The People of this nation should see this for what it is, and just how far our government will go to avoid addressing the very legitimacy of the tax system.

I intend to read this letter at a press conference later today. I intend to take the journalists of this nation to task for not doing more to get our government to answer these basic questions of legal authority.

I intend to challenge journalists to exercise the First Amendment and do their job: Ask tough questions of our political and governmental leaders and deliver the truth to the American People so we can do what we need to do to insure our freedom.

The government, indeed does have a serious problem. Regardless of the propaganda and hearings such as this, large numbers of People are learning of these truths each day on the internet. The use of electronic legal databases on the internet, has fostered quantum leaps in both the quality of legal research concerning the income tax and the ability to integrate that research into meaningful information that Americans can understand. The deliberate deceptions of the U.S. tax code hidden in thousands of pages of law and regulations have been uncovered and the evidence is being transmitted around the globe at the speed of light.

As the Committee also found last year, the legal methods of protecting assets that were once reserved for the “ultra-rich” are now easily accessible over the internet and can be financially advantageous for even modestly successful Americans.

A growing number of employers have stopped withholding the income tax from the paychecks of their employees, or are being pressured by their employees to stop withholding. Employees have also started bringing suit against large employers to stop withholding because it is not required by law. On top of all this, millions of individuals have simply stopped filing.

The ability to communicate detailed legal research and other tax information to thousands or millions at virtually no cost is, we believe, beginning to impact the tax system far more, than our government is willing to publicly admit.

This Foundation’s live broadcast of its press conference today will be seen by thousands that could not, or would not see it otherwise.

This is the reason we are witnessing a shift in enforcement tactics and the propaganda of the IRS. Your hearing is clearly, part of the government’s effort to put the “genie back in the bottle.”

I will ask the journalists to ask themselves: WHY does the government refuse to answer these questions? Isn't it time to come clean -- to STOP THE COVERUP? Isn't it time for us as a nation to peacefully begin to find a solution to this crisis?

I will challenge the journalists to be willing to do more than merely quote "officialdom," to familiarize themselves with the questions and the evidence and to ask the tough questions, not to continue to accept "pabulum" from the government such as, "this is frivolous" or, "this has all been decided in the courts".

We are in a Constitutional crisis. Our government is failing to abide by the Constitution.

The first Amendment REQUIRES that our government answer these questions.

These are NOT some theoretical or philosophical questions of jurisprudence or about some intellectual coffeehouse discussion about the Constitutional theory of taxation. These are specific legal questions regarding the laws and regulations of our nation as they are currently written and enforced.

These allegations are specific and formal charges challenging the unlawful practices of the IRS and directly challenging the legal jurisdiction of the DOJ to enforce these laws upon the People of this nation.

These are very simple questions that every American is able to understand.

These are not frivolous questions. These are questions that MUST BE ANSWERED.

My earnest prayer is that the Committee cancel the "hearing" it has scheduled for April 11th. Why summon reporters from the dominant media outlets for the sole purpose of blanketing the People with propaganda about "illegal efforts to avoid paying income taxes", and the government's stepped up enforcement actions, when the Committee is in receipt of irrefutable evidence that there is NO LEGAL OBLIGATION to pay income taxes in the first place? Those that protect their assets and avoid paying the federal income tax are guilty of NOTHING because there is no legal duty or tax they are evading.

Instead, why not address the evidence that the tax is unlawful and that the government has gone bad. Why not address the evidence of governmental wrongdoing, including widespread criminal behavior by agents of the IRS? Why not issue a moratorium on criminal and civil prosecutions? Why not authorize leaves of absence for all those in prison for failing to file a tax return or to pay the tax, pending the results of your investigation? Why not schedule a full-blown congressional fact-finding hearing, requiring the IRS and DOJ to address the Peoples' evidence and answer the questions?

This nation faces a significant crisis that will not retreat. It is time for our elected leaders to act in a dignified, lawful manner and uphold their oaths of office and the Constitution.

It is time for this nation to end this charade and implement a Constitutionally valid system of taxation in a peaceful, orderly and stately fashion.

Your personal failure to act as you are both morally and legally obligated, puts this nation at significant risk and will serve only to increase the likelihood of an uncontrolled, systemic failure of the current system of taxation.

Respectfully yours,

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Chairman

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