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Mr. Gary K Ryun
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Dear Mr. Ryun:

I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with me regarding the income tax. The views of my fellow Iowans are an essential component of my decision making process as a Member of Congress. Without your input, I would not be able to effectively represent Iowa.

I understand your concerns regarding income tax. This is an important issue to both our nation and the State of Iowa.

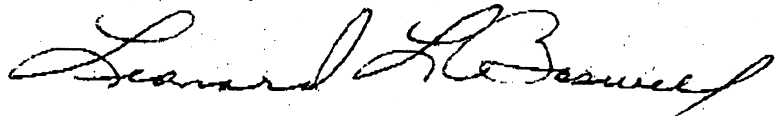
You may be pleased to know that there is currently an effort in the House to address the existence of a federal income tax. H. J. Res. 66, introduced by Congressman Sam Johnson on October 3rd, proposes an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the federal income tax. Upon introduction, this legislation was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where it was subsequently referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution on November 27th. There have been no hearings held or scheduled on this measure at the present time.

My goal in representing Iowa in the House of Representatives is to be responsive to your concerns and ensure the thoughts and views of all Iowans are heard in Congress. I strive to give Iowans an effective voice in Congress that reflects the values and vision we all share. Values like a responsible, effective and efficient government which lives within its means. A vision based on Iowa common sense that understands the importance of securing our future, and our children's future.

I would like to apologize for the length of time that has transpired between the mailing of your letter and the receipt of my reply. Since the House reinstated its mail service, offices have been experiencing significant delays in receiving mail. As a result, there are occasions when mail is delivered many weeks later than expected. Though this is the case, please be assured I will keep your views in mind should this issue be considered by the full House during the second session of the 107th Congress.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Your input is vitally important to me. My staff and I are here to serve you. Please always feel invited to contact me or my staff if we can be of any help to you or to share your concerns.

Sincerely,



Leonard L. Boswell
Member of Congress

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