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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3222
April 17, 2002

Mr. Robert Schulz
2458 Ridge Road
Queensbury, New York 12804

Dear Mr. Schulz:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about taxes. This is an important issue and I appreciate hearing your views.

I agree that the tax burden on Americans is too heavy. I gave my full support to President Bush's Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, which gave taxpayers significant tax relief. Additionally, I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 2316, which would make last year's tax cut a permanent fixture. I also co-sponsored H.R. 8, the Estate Tax Phase Out Bill, which would phase out the estate and gift taxes over a ten-year period. This bill passed in the House on April 4, 2001, and is currently pending consideration in the Senate. I will keep your thoughts in mind if these, or any additional tax-cut legislation, comes before the House floor.

Thank you again for expressing your views on this important issue. Please feel free to contact my office again if you have any further comments or inquiries.

Sincerely,


JOHN E. SWEENEY
Member of Congress

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April 15, 2002

Hon. John Sweeney
437 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Sweeney,

I am a constituent. I respectfully request with all due force and urgency an early response.

On February 27 and 28, 2002, the We The People Foundation for Constitutional Education sponsored a Truth-In-Taxation Hearing at the Washington Marriott. Expert, credentialed professionals (ex-IRS counsel and agents, constitutional and tax attorneys and tax law researchers) publicly testified, under oath, to almost 500 questions directly challenging the legal authority of the IRS to force employers to withhold the tax from the paychecks of their employees and to force Americans to file a tax return and to pay the tax.

The formal record of the hearing removes any doubt that this nation's income tax system is unconstitutional in its origin, fraudulent and abusive in its operation, and ultimately repugnant to every principle of equal justice, due process of law and personal liberty that we cherish as Americans. Attached is a copy of the full audio/video/text/transcript record of the Hearing.

Originally, experts from IRS and DOJ were to have their experts attend the hearing and answer the questions, and Congressman Roscoe Bartlett was to chair the hearing. However, they reneged on their agreements. In fact, over the last three years, our federal government has ignored the Peoples' Petition for Redress and has evaded every opportunity to publicly discuss and debate the issues. At some point, evasion equals admission. We seem to have reached that point. What's worse is we have a constitutional crisis developing.

I respectfully request you to do one of two things by June 1, 2002. Move to direct the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service to, 1) stop forcing employers to withhold and stop forcing Americans to file an income tax return and 2) place a moratorium on civil and criminal prosecutions of income tax laws and furlough the people currently in prison on convictions of failure to file income tax returns. OR, in the alternative, schedule a full congressional hearing, requiring IRS and DOJ to answer the questions and address the evidence.

As you are keenly aware God created man with unalienable rights, and man, in turn created government to help secure and safeguard those rights. Ignoring a proper petition for redress and forcing the People to pay an income tax is inconsistent with our founding principles.

Respectfully yours,



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