

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Kenneth Grice
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Dear Mr. Grice:

A few weeks ago, I received a copy of the United States Tax Code – all 1,395,000 words of it. As I placed the four huge volumes that are each thicker than a Bible on my desk, I realized the tax code is too complicated. As your Congressman, I wanted to let you know that I stand committed to work to reduce the tax burden on families.

Recently, I voted in favor of “The Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act.” This important legislation takes a common sense approach to improve the tax code and the efficiency of the Internal Revenue Service.

This legislation will allow people who make simple mistakes on their tax returns, such as forgetting to put a stamp on the envelope, to not be penalized by the IRS. It also allows individuals who cannot afford to pay their taxes in one lump sum to pay in monthly installments, stops IRS employees from unauthorized browsing of personal files and increases funding for low-income taxpayer clinics.

I strongly believe that Americans are overtaxed. I assure you that I will continue to vote in favor of legislation that keeps as much money as possible in your pocket and out of Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,



John Sullivan
Member of Congress