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Dear Ed:

Thank you for contacting me to express your belief that the 16th Amendment is illegal. I always appreciate hearing from constituents and greatly benefit knowing their views.

I appreciate you for dropping materials by my Washington, D.C. office regarding this matter. I am afraid that I must disagree with you regarding the legality of the income tax. Although the debate continues as to whether the income tax is the most efficient or fairest method of taxation, the Congress and the Courts have consistently declared the federal income tax legal.

Again, thank you for contacting me. If I can be of any further assistance regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Additionally, if you would like to receive my weekly email update, Capitol Connection, just visit [www.house.gov/charlestaylor/email.htm](http://www.house.gov/charlestaylor/email.htm) and I will be glad to send it to you. With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Charles H. Taylor  
Member of Congress

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