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Hon. Sens. Orrin Hatch and Ron Wyden:

You solicited comments for reforming the U.S. Tax Code. As principals of [Simply Tax Us](#), a group advocating replacement of the entire code, we ask your committee to:

- Declare unequivocally that comprehensive reform cannot be accomplished by modifying the existing code.
- Structure federal taxation which does not incentivize avoidance
- Require everyone to contribute except the most impoverished
- Simplify regulations so an eighth grader can understand
- Launch a “new IRS” that only focuses on basic core tasks of collection and service to consumers and businesses

The current code is easily gamed and does not generate enough revenue. Compliance is costly in time and money and increased expenses are passed onto consumers. Tax treatment of businesses and the wealthy encourages dodging, consequently stunting economic progress for all. The IRS barely functions and cannot stop fraud nor outright theft.

Recognize and announce that improvement will be achieved only with bold steps, not maintenance of the status quo.

Sincerely,

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