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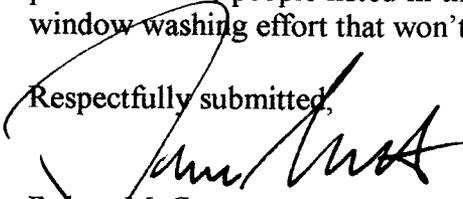
Dear Panel Members,

As a businessman for 40+ years I have dreaded every year gathering up all the information necessary to file the Federal Income Tax Statement and then have paid, usually \$750 per year to have my accountant prepare my personal statement in addition to an equal amount to prepare the business statements. This totals \$60,000 in tax preparation fees and does not include hundreds of hours of my time for which I received no compensation. The existing system is as fair as possible but you and I know that there are evaders, barterers, frauders and under the table operators that don't contribute to our tax system.

Please consider a national sales tax that isn't riddled with loopholes and special exceptions. This sales tax will get the fair part of what the gambling guys win, what the drug dealers spend, what the cash only operatives spend, and what the businessman who puts a new roof on his home and charges it off to his business spends. The rich will pay more because they spend more, the frugal coupon shopper will pay less as they spend less. My secretary sends in a monthly sales tax report now so the burden won't be any heavier on the business man and he will be free from hours spent in tax planning, document gathering and fretting, to spend more time producing.

There are those who favor a flat tax. Is this because they want to continue to subsidize the CPAs and continue to consume the businessman's time? The flat tax doesn't solve the problem of the people listed in the previous paragraph who pay no tax. The flat tax is a window washing effort that won't alleviate the problem!

Respectfully submitted,



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