

Congress and the FairTax

Most who are familiar with the FairTax, and understand the profound effect it would have on creating jobs, growing American business, helping the poor, and paying off our National Debt, simply can not understand how The United States Congress, our elected Representatives, could stand in the way of legislation that would do so much good.

Unfortunately, as it has become ever more brazenly clear in recent years, far too many of those we elect to represent us in Washington are far more interested in their own personal enrichment and the prerogatives of power. And make no mistake, the FairTax would dramatically shift power away from the Washington establishment, and back to the people living and working in everyday America.

For instance, right now, the average cost of an election is \$33 million dollars, with candidates for Senate spending more, and candidates for the House generally spending less. Very few candidates self finance, so the money comes, primarily, from special interests who contribute millions of dollars so “their” candidate will get elected. And while there are many possible reasons, one of the biggest is to make sure their candidate will be available to manipulate the tax code in their favor. Whether it is a corporation, an association or a union, special treatment under the tax code is worth millions, or even billions of dollars, as the recent round of bailouts demonstrated. And having a member of Congress who “owes” you, and is willing to slip special provisions into the tax code, is the road to riches for many.

But, without the ability to manipulate the tax code, the special interests that pour billions of dollars into campaign coffers ever year would have no reason to ‘purchase” influence with members of Congress.

Members of Congress would have to run on their records, and on the service they’ve provided to their constituents, instead of being able to use bulging campaign coffers to steamroll more honest opponents. And this is exactly why many members of Congress are viciously opposed to the FairTax.

The FairTax eliminates the ability of Congress to bestow favors upon their friends, and punish their enemies. Since, under the FairTax, every American pays the same rate on purchases of new goods and services, and corporations no longer serve as tax collecting extensions of the IRS, members of Congress who have been raking in millions of dollars every year in exchange for tax code favors, will suddenly find themselves without their mega-bucks contributors.

The FairTax doesn’t have the ability to make members of Congress any more honest, but it does prevent those who are ethically challenged from profiting through their malfeasance, and would keep miscreants from using the tax code to punish hard working Americans and the companies upon which we depend for our jobs and prosperity.

We see more evidence every day of the corruption and graft associated with the current income tax system. We see more evidence every day that some members of Congress are selling out the American people in exchange for millions of dollars in campaign contributions.

Isn’t it time we put an end to a system that simply does not work? Isn’t it time take away the power that Congress has abused, and pass the FairTax.

To learn more about the FairTax, and how you can help hold our elected officials accountable for their abuse of the income tax system, visit www.ohfairtax.org, and join Five for FairTax.

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