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This isn't about collecting taxes from drug dealers, prostitutes, and tax cheats in Washington. While it's true the FairTax does do a better job, this isn't about them, it's about YOU.

Yes, you!! In all likelihood, under the current income tax system, you are a criminal. Even though you didn't know you broke one of the more than 9,000 IRS regulations, odds are you have, and are, therefore, a criminal in the eyes of the law.

For example, did you declare the income you received from your brother-in-law when you sold him your old lawn mower? If not, you are GUILTY!!

Think you've been a good parent by helping your child learn to handle money. WATCH OUT!! If your child earned more than \$1,700, they should have paid taxes at your rate, not at their own rate. Under our tax code, you're not a good parent.... You're a felon.

And don't bother asking for advice. Studies show that nearly half of the answers given to callers of the IRS help desk are wrong. In fact, they tell you relying on their advice is not a defense if some other IRS agent decides you're guilty.

Under the current income tax system, you are probably guilty of tax evasion, and your only hope is that they won't decide to audit you. (Did I mention that the IRS is reportedly hiring an extra 500 agents this year to concentrate on small filer audits?)

Think how much easier it would be to comply under the FairTax. Nothing to file, no records to keep, no exemptions, exclusions, credits, or deductions. You pay your taxes when you purchase new goods or services. If you purchase something used, like your brother-in-law's lawn mower, there are no taxes involved.

Which do you think is better? A tax code that makes everyone a criminal because it is simply too big and complex to be understood, or one that is so simple even members of Congress might be able to get it right.

For more on the FairTax, visit our website at www.ohfairtax.org.

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