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The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
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Dear Mr. President:

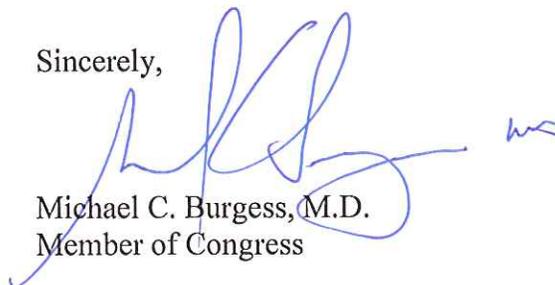
Republicans and Democrats in Congress have raised the need for reforming our broken tax system. Fundamental tax reform makes filing easier for American taxpayers and lowers their individual tax rates. The last time that we reformed our tax system, the economy grew, revenues increased, and jobs were created. I offer my assistance in seeing that such reform is achieved.

In every Congress for the last decade, I have introduced the Freedom Flat Tax Act. The purpose of this act is to give taxpayers the option of having a flat rate of tax applied to income. Unlike other versions of the flat tax, this legislation allows individuals and businesses to choose if and when they will opt into the system. The rate would start at nineteen percent, and then lower to seventeen percent after two years. Another important feature of this bill is that taxpayers have a personal exemption but have no other deductions or credits. Such a simplified tax system would ease the burden on taxpayers, save money by preventing the need for expensive tax preparers, and eliminate an expansive and expanding Internal Revenue Service.

The benefit of the Freedom Flat Tax Act is the igniting of economic growth, which comes through eliminating the current tax code's bias against savings and investment. Because the flat tax treats all economic activity equally, it will promote greater economic efficiency and increased prosperity. And because inclusion into the flat tax is optional, taxpayers will feel more comfortable about being in a system that they have chosen and have an actual understanding of how it works. We ought to be able to trust families to make the correct call regarding their own situation.

I am eager to work with your administration to lessen the burden on American taxpayers. If you want to work together to achieve this goal, please have your staff contact my Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-7772 to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,



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