



May 20, 2010

The Honorable Sander M. Levin,
Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Levin,

I am writing to express my organization's support for "H.R. 4213," the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010.

The bill includes an extension of unemployment insurance and COBRA health care benefits for the unemployed, Medicaid funding for states, TANF jobs and emergency funding for states and other measures needed to speed up the economic recovery.

This bill also includes the "tax extenders," which are extensions of several short-term tax breaks (mostly for business) that Congress enacts every year or so. The cost of these tax breaks would be offset with several provisions to close tax loopholes for corporations that shift profits offshore, investment fund managers who currently pay lower tax rates than their secretaries, and business people who use a tax dodge to avoid their Social Security and Medicare taxes.

While we have never supported the "tax extenders," we believe that this is a more responsible approach than Congress used in the past, when the tax extenders were deficit-financed. We also believe that the loophole-closing provisions used to pay for them will enhance tax fairness. For these reasons, we believe passage of this bill would be a major victory in that it shows Congress is finally putting the economic needs of ordinary Americans ahead of tax breaks for the wealthy and powerful.

On behalf of Citizens for Tax Justice, I thank your for proposing this legislation and I look forward to educating the public about how it will improve tax fairness.

Robert S. McIntyre

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert S. McIntyre".

Director
Citizens for Tax Justice