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Blog: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Huffington Post*

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 22, 2015

Surprisingly, Congress's \$680 billion holiday-season tax deal will bring some cheer to working families and not just to big corporations this year. Refundable tax credits putting extra cash in the hands of hard-pressed workers and parents were included in a huge year-end gift-wrapped package of tax breaks--the type of bill that usually only offers big rewards to corporate fat cats.

Every two years for the past few decades, Washington has renewed a collection of about 50 temporary tax breaks, called "tax extenders." Even though some of them had been repeatedly renewed for 30 years, the giveaways were deemed temporary to hide their substantial \$50 billion annual cost--80% of which benefitted businesses. It's an accounting trick. Tax cuts supposedly expiring in a year or two don't make long-range budget projections look so bad, after all.

LTE: Avoiding U.S. Corporate Taxes -- *New York Times*

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 21, 2015

While I agree with Carl Icahn that the Pfizer-Allergan corporate inversion is a "travesty" ("Bring the Corporate Tax Exiles Home," Op-Ed, Dec. 14), his remedy will exacerbate the problems. Let's be clear: Pfizer and other multinational corporations are not victims of our tax system, despite what Mr. Icahn suggests. They are experts at exploiting giant loopholes that save huge sums in taxes and starve public services of much-needed revenue.

As we first reported, and The Times confirmed, Pfizer has about \$140 billion in profits offshore on which it has paid no United States taxes. It's likely that most of those profits have been booked in tax havens where Pfizer has paid little, if any, taxes. With an inversion Pfizer may dodge up to \$50 billion in taxes, assuming a 35 percent rate.

Mr. Icahn wants to let Pfizer off the hook with a tax bill that is about one-quarter that amount. He wants to do the same for the more than \$2 trillion in offshore profits that are currently untaxed here. Companies owe about \$600 billion on that money.

Two dozen experts recently noted that "there simply are no competitiveness concerns with a substantial tax rate on these old earnings." Three-quarters of these profits are held by just 50 very

profitable companies; more than one third by just 10 companies. Most of the profits are in tax havens with a tax rate of around 6 percent.

Congress needs to do two things: Make these companies pay what they owe — as other taxpayers do, and block corporate inversions by taking away the huge tax breaks that cause them.

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Washington

Americans for Tax Fairness Report Cited by Conservative Talk Radio Host Mark Levin

December 14, 2015

Syndicated on over 300 radio stations, including WABC in New York City, All News 106.7 in Atlanta, KTRH in Houston, KSFO in San Francisco, WJR in Detroit, and WLS in Chicago.

In advocating for a flat tax, syndicated conservative radio host Mark Levin cited **American for Tax Fairness'** 2014 report on tax extenders. Talking about the tax extenders, he said, "This has become a nearly annual circus since the 1980s. How lucrative is this K Street-congressional dance? Well, **Americans for Tax Fairness** in 2014 analyzed this issue. They found that corporate America, listen to this, hired a battalion of one-thousand-three-hundred-fifty-nine lobbyists, almost fourteen hundred lobbyists, to infiltrate Capitol Hill, for a massive price tag of almost three billion dollars, all in the name of reducing Wall Street's tax bill. Isn't this what should be attacked? These lobbyists do a good job on behalf of the corporations that hire them."

Column: Christmas for Corporate Welfare -- USA Today

By Tim Phillips
December 11, 2015

The pre-Thanksgiving news was that fewer than one in five Americans trust Washington, D.C. Post-Thanksgiving, it wouldn't be surprising to see this number sink even lower. Simply look at Congress' upcoming "tax extenders" package, which lawmakers will vote on either this week or next.

It is a deliberate — and bipartisan — attempt to give special favors to special interests, courtesy of the American taxpayer.

Special interests are already working to make sure lawmakers do just that. Data from **Americans for Tax Fairness** show that that nearly 400 trade associations and companies employed over 1,350 lobbyists who worked on tax extenders. It is now one of the most-lobbied issues in Washington, D.C., giving work to more than 10% of the city’s lobbyists.

“Tax Extenders” Bill Swells Massively Under Lobbyist Onslaught -- *The Intercept*

By David Dayen
December 3, 2015

[LINK](#)

For lobbyists, what is known in Washington as the “tax extenders” bill is like Christmas and a birthday wrapped into one. A [2013 report](#) from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Public Campaign found that 373 businesses and trade groups hired nearly 1,400 lobbyists to push for tax extenders over a three-year period.

Column: Sloan: Want to stop Corporate tax deserters? Start with this -- *Washington Post*

By Allen Sloan
December 2, 2015

Chief executive Ian Read claims Pfizer has to desert our country for tax purposes to be competitive with foreign firms. But according to two separate reports that I consider credible — one by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the other by Robert Willens — Pfizer almost certainly pays considerably less U.S. corporate tax than it reports to shareholders.

Column: The multinational tax muddle -- *Washington Post*

By Robert J. Samuelson
December 2, 2015

The tax switch is called an “inversion.” Here’s how [Americans for Tax Fairness characterizes](#) Pfizer’s Irish inversion:

“With an inversion, Pfizer essentially would continue to enjoy all the benefits of being an American corporation but just not pay the taxes required for that privilege. Pfizer would not pay its fair share

for its educated workforce; use of our transportation systems; the protections provided by our strong judicial, banking and regulatory systems; and so much more . . . ”

Op-ed: Congress can stop Pfizer from deserting America -- The Hill

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 30, 2015

Congress deserves part of the blame for Pfizer’s recent decision to desert America in a massive tax dodge. Using a gaping loophole in the U.S. tax code, the giant drug firm recently announced it will merge with Allergan, which is located in Ireland, a tax haven, to further reduce its already bargain-basement tax bill.

It’s not the first time the New York-based pharmaceutical company has tried changing its corporate address to dodge U.S. taxes. But this time it looks like it will work. Despite more than a year’s notice, Congress did nothing to prevent it.

Column: Tax avoidance is corporate America's way. So spare us Pfizer hypocrisy -- The Independent

By Andrew Dewson
November 27, 2015

Meagre wages mean that almost all low-level Walmart employees are eligible for public assistance: according to the campaign group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the company’s employees claim around \$6.2bn per year in food stamps, housing assistance and other benefits.

Hillary Clinton criticizes Pfizer-Allergan merger -- Observer Leader

By Jeannette Daniel
November 26, 2015

But an investigation by Americans for Tax Fairness found that rate was inflated by future payments it might never make. And once again, grandstanding politicians are stomping all over the businessmen behind the deal.

Blog: Bad Medicine: Pfizer's Offshore Tax Trick Just Latest of Many -- Huffington Post

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

November 25, 2015

Pfizer doesn't play pfair. The recent announcement that it would renounce its American identity and become an Irish company - thereby dodging billions of dollars in taxes - is just the latest in a string of shady deals and sleazy behaviors by the pharmaceutical giant.

Six years ago, Pfizer was hit with \$2.3 billion in criminal and civil penalties for peddling its drugs for unapproved uses. But if the company pled guilty to a felony, it couldn't go on selling drugs to the federal government (the feds have a rule against dealing with corporate felons).

Pfizer and Allergan in Talks to Make Saunders CEO in Merger -- Trade 12

November 23, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness executive director Frank Clemente said on Tuesday, "Despite its self-serving claims, Pfizer is not at a competitive disadvantage operating under the U.S. tax system."

"If anything, Pfizer is highly advantaged. An inversion would lock in these current advantages and extend them further, giving Pfizer an even bigger unwarranted tax edge against other American companies that are paying their fair share," he added.

Pfizer Allergan Merger -- Al Jazeera America

November 23, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director Frank Clemente appeared on Al Jazeera America to discuss the merger of Pfizer and Allergan and the consequences of the move.

Op-Ed: An Opportunity for Senator Warner to Protect Consumers -- The Hill

By Sandra Cook, chairperson of **Virginia Organizing**

November 23, 2015

Last year the big banks used this technique to repeal a key piece of the Dodd-Frank financial reform law and preserve their ability to engage in high-risk bets with the benefits of deposit insurance and other taxpayer subsidies. This year they have bigger aspirations: they're working on riders that would roll back still more of the reforms adopted after the 2008 financial crisis, and undermine the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the first and only financial oversight

agency with a mandate to put the interests of consumers ahead of the power and profits of banks.

Column: Pfizer's creative merger plan revives concerns about tax-avoiding 'inversions' -- Los Angeles Times

By Michael Hiltzik
November 17, 2015

A corporate tax dodge known as "inversions" had a moment in the spotlight about a year ago, when a number of such high-profile mergers got U.S. Treasury officials, politicians and voters steaming.

Pfizer has been among the nation's most aggressive exploiters of U.S. tax breaks by booking business expenses in the U.S. and shifting income abroad, according to critics such as **Americans for Tax Fairness**. In a report issued this month, the organization asserted that Pfizer's effective tax rate last year actually was only 7.5%, not 25.5%. The discrepancy was due to "accounting fiction," including the reporting of "deferred taxes" that the company is unlikely to pay in the future.

Column: A Tax-Cutting Move That Pfizer Can Hardly Resist -- New York Times

By Jeff Sommer
November 15, 2015

Give Pfizer, the giant drug maker, points for boldness and persistence: The company has bravely put "tax inversions" back in the headlines.

Pfizer, which already holds roughly \$140 billion overseas and is quite skillful at minimizing its taxes, is considering a deal that could move its legal tax headquarters from New York to Dublin, where it could save bundles more.

This has drawn plenty of criticism, naturally. Last week, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy organization affiliated with labor unions, issued a report accusing Pfizer of a pattern of global "tax dodging." Meanwhile, presidential candidates and members of Congress have repeatedly condemned inversions and the Treasury Department said it was studying ways to further tighten rules that discourage them.

Americans for Tax Fairness on 64 Sinclair Broadcasting television stations

November 13, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness Director Frank Clemente did an on-camera interview with Sinclair Broadcasting's Washington bureau on Pfizer's planned inversion. The interview appeared on all 64 of Sinclair's local television news broadcasts, including WBFF (FOX) Baltimore, [Tax Fairness on KTUL \(ABC\) - Tulsa, OK](#), [Tax Fairness on WICD \(ABC\) - Champaign, IL](#), [Tax Fairness on KATU-POR \(ABC\) - Portland, OR](#), [Tax Fairness on KHQA \(CBS\) - Quincy, IL](#), [Tax Fairness on KTVO \(ABC\) - Ottumwa, IA](#), [Tax Fairness on WNWO \(NBC\) - Toledo, OH](#), [Tax Fairness on WRSP \(FOX\) - Champaign, IL](#), [Tax Fairness on KFXA-IOW \(FOX\) - Iowa City, IA](#), [Tax Fairness on WFXL \(FOX\) - Albany, GA](#), [Tax Fairness on WVAH \(FOX\) - Charleston, WV](#), and [Tax Fairness on WEYI \(NBC\) - Flint, MI](#).

Pfizer's Tax Rate 'Fiction' Exposed: Pays Less Than Everyone You Know -- Common Dreams

By Deirdre Fulton
November 10, 2015

The world's largest pharmaceutical company, which manufactures Viagra among other drugs, has cited high U.S. corporate tax rates as an argument in favor of a merger with Irish corporation Allergan. The business deal would likely take the form of what's known as a "corporate inversion," allowing Pfizer to renounce its U.S. tax citizenship while retaining its current U.S. headquarters, management structure, and facilities.

"Despite its self-serving claims, Pfizer is not at a competitive disadvantage operating under the U.S. tax system." —**Frank Clemente, Americans for Tax Fairness**

But the report from the coalition Americans for Tax Fairness—entitled *Pfizer's Tax Dodging Rx: Stash Profits Offshore* (pdf)—indicates that Pfizer's effective tax rate on its worldwide income was just 7.5 percent in 2014, compared with the 25.5 percent rate the company reported in its Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings.

Icahn Make More Money -- POLITICO Morning Tax

By Bernie Becker
October 29, 2015

The liberal-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** doesn't exactly think that billionaire investor Carl Icahn is being altruistic with his \$150 million investment into a new super PAC battling Washington gridlock, including Congress' failure to overhaul the tax code. The group says Icahn's firm would get a \$440 million windfall if the PAC's first priority, international tax reform, gets off the ground.

Blog: Carl Icahn's Latest Investment: Corporate Tax Dodging -- Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
October 29, 2015

Sometimes the smartest investment a Wall Street billionaire can make is in our pay-to-play political system. That's why legendary wheeler-dealer Carl Icahn plans to fund a campaign to promote a huge corporate tax cut -- one that could personally enrich him by up to \$440 million (and maybe more). With that kind of payoff, the \$150 million Icahn's investing in a Super PAC to secure the tax giveaway is a good gamble. But if he wins, the rest of us lose.

Icahn's plan would benefit a small band of American mega-corporations stashing over \$2 trillion in profits offshore -- profits on which they owe \$600 billion in U.S. taxes, according to Citizens for Tax Justice. His Super PAC will support candidates who pledge to cut that corporate tax bill by hundreds of billions of dollars.

Column: The elusive goal of tax fairness -- Washington Post

By Jared Bernstein
October 26, 2015

The other day, some folks asked me to talk to them about "tax fairness." My first thought was, "what's tax fairness?"

So I looked at some polls and took a convenience sample (asked a bunch of people, from my 16-year-old to fellow D.C. wonks) and came up with this: to most people, tax fairness means a progressive tax system (where rates rise with income) without tax avoidance or evasion (avoidance is legal; evasion is not).

There's even a coalition — **Americans for Tax Fairness** — organized around those principles, with an emphasis on raising ample revenue. My colleague Ben Spielberg put it similarly: "Tax fairness means that the tax code should reduce inequality and boost opportunity. It must raise enough revenues, predominantly from those with the greatest ability to pay, to pay for public goods."

Blog: Raising Revenues Must Be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
October 23, 2015

Budgets are made up of spending and revenue. But budget negotiators in Washington are talking only about what spending to cut, not what revenue to raise--even though there are gaping tax loopholes to close. Closing them would eliminate the need to cut critical services that benefit tens of millions of Americans and would provide the resources needed for major new investments.

The White House and Congressional leaders must work out a budget deal before a temporary spending measure expires December 11. Progressives want to avoid \$37 billion worth of across-the-board cuts to services slated to kick in. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell opened the current round of budget negotiations with Democrats by demanding cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

52 Organizations Blast Senate With Call To End Carried Interest -- POLITICO Morning Tax

By Katy O'Donnell
October 15, 2015

The group **Americans for Tax Fairness** and 51 other left-leaning organizations called for an end to the preferential tax treatment of carried interest in a letter to senators Wednesday urging them to support Sen. Tammy Baldwin's effort to get a provision ending the break into an eventual budget deal to avert sequester caps. "Closing the carried interest loophole should be among the first items considered in the ongoing negotiations to prevent the damaging and indiscriminate sequester cuts and to invest in critical programs that support low- and middle-income Americans," the organizations wrote in the letter.

Op-Ed: Trump's Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- The Hill

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 7, 2015

Listening to Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump's stump speech about taxes, I was intrigued that his official tax plan might break new ground.

I had hoped that candidate Trump shared my view and that of my fellow Patriotic Millionaires -- that our tax system needs a massive overhaul and a fairness adjustment. As he has said on the campaign trail, the wealthiest taxpayers contribute very little to the costs of running the country relative to the good fortune their citizenship has afforded them.

Thanks to the lobbying dollars of narrow corporate interests and wealthy campaign donors, our tax system has been turned into Swiss cheese. Would Trump truly fix this?

Disappointingly, the true winners of candidate Trump's tax plan are multinational corporations and wealthy taxpayers, including Trump, his offspring, and me.

Instead of making the wealthy pay their fair share, Trump slashes the top tax rate by more than one-third. Members of the top 1 percent would receive an average \$184,000 tax cut every year. Taxpayers in the bottom 20 percent would get an average annual tax cut of just \$250.

3 Reasons Walmart Stock Is a Portfolio-Killing Loser -- Investor Place

By John Divine
October 1, 2015

...It's not just an uber-competitive industry and widespread image problems that make WMT stock a poor investment. A rarely mentioned regulatory risk sprung to life back in June, when **Americans for Tax Fairness** came out with a damning report accusing Walmart of having 78 subsidiaries and \$76 billion in assets overseas (of which it failed to disclose) in countries that don't even have Walmart stores. Not to mention WMT borrowed over \$2 billion from those same subsidiaries in a way that circumvents the 35% repatriation taxes ... which is more or less illegal...

VIDEO: How Trump's New Tax Plan Helps the Rich -- HuffPost Live

September 29, 2015

GOP frontrunner Donald Trump unveiled a new tax plan that would eliminate income taxes for 31 million Americans. However, the biggest tax cuts would go to the wealthy and business owners. Is his plan feasible, and how would it impact the economy?

Host: Zerlina Maxwell

Guest: **Frank Clemente** @4TaxFairness (Washington, DC)
Executive Director, Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund

Tax Group Briefs Senate Staff on Corporations' Untaxed Profits -- POLITICO Morning Tax

By Katy O'Donnell
September 28, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness met with Senate staffers Friday on the \$2.1 trillion in estimated untaxed profits held offshore by U.S. corporations. According to materials released by the group Sunday, "Wall Street and academic analysis estimates corporations owe between \$533 and \$600 billion to the U.S. because the tax rates these corporations have paid to foreign governments on these profits is only 6-10%" and "President Obama's 14% deemed repatriation tax proposal would raise about \$220 billion — essentially giving a \$350-400 billion tax break to those 50 companies." Check out their letter to Congress here: <http://bit.ly/1RaxJju>

Blog: Etsy: Caught Between A Rock And A Hard Place -- Seeking Alpha

By Evan Buck
September 15, 2015

...Etsy is one of a tiny handful of publicly traded B Corps. B Corps are companies that deliberately put the interests of communities, employees, and the environment as the utmost priorities in their business models. B Corps aren't seen too often on the public market because such companies tend to shy away from the short-term demands of shareholders, and the terms "stakeholder-centric" *and* "shareholder-friendly" don't often go hand-in-hand in the minds of many financial analysts...

...Etsy is embroiled in even more controversy over its recent initiative to locate some of its intellectual property in Dublin, Ireland. The move reduces taxes associated with that intellectual property's income to Ireland's 12.5% rate versus the United States' 35% rate. Etsy has already come under a hail of criticism for this move, being called a tax dodger and a hypocrite by the **Americans for Tax Fairness** group. The group has gone as far as penning a letter to B Labs, the group that authenticates companies as B Corps and is re-evaluating Etsy after the IPO. **Americans for Tax Fairness** is requesting that B Labs delist Etsy as a B Corp solely on the Irish tax issue...

Blog: Could Etsy Lose This Beneficial Competitive Advantage? -- The Motley Fool

September 12, 2015

... The non-profit group **Americans for Tax Fairness** has attacked Etsy, calling the company a tax dodger and hypocritical since the move will also reduce Etsy's transparency. It's garnered press by writing a letter to B Labs, which certifies companies as B Corps and is reassessing Etsy now that it's gone public. **Americans for Tax Fairness** would like to see B Labs strip Etsy of its B Corp status solely on that issue...

... Etsy is not the only company that **Americans for Tax Fairness** has called out for utilizing tax havens. For example, it has taken aim at big targets like Wal-Mart, which it accused of utilizing a network of havens across the globe. Meanwhile, Wal-Mart has been assailed with one of the oldest arguments: that it shifted a heck of a lot of financial burden onto the public sector, given its historical reputation for low pay and benefits that left many of its employees relying on public assistance...

Blog: This Labor Day, Stand With Working Women -- *Huffington Post*

By Frieda Berrigan
September 6, 2015

...it seems like Labor Day is more about shopping than relaxing, which means that lots of workers are working this weekend and they are not carving grandeur from rude nature. I'm talking about people like the workers at Walmart, where shoppers are being offered deep discounts on a huge array of products and workers are fighting for a living wage. Fierce battles, courageous work and old school organizing by Walmart workers and supporters have resulted in a win. The country's largest private employer company announced in February that it will raise its starting wages to \$9 and then \$10 an hour. This is great, but **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that even with these increases, Walmart will continue to benefit from billions in federal subsidies...

Etsy under Pressure from Tax Fairness Group -- *Accounting Today*

By Michael Cohn
September 4, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness, a coalition of 453 national and state organizations advocating for tax reform, has challenged the B Corporation status of Brooklyn-based Etsy, Inc., following the online craft seller's restructuring of a subsidiary in Ireland, a tax haven, to dodge U.S. taxes.

B Corporation status is not an official Internal Revenue Service designation such as S corporation or C corporation, but instead is overseen by a nonprofit group known as B Lab. In a document defining "Why B Corps Matter," B Lab states, "By voluntarily meeting higher standards of transparency, accountability and performance, Certified B Corps are distinguishing themselves in a cluttered marketplace by offering a positive vision of a better way to do business."

However, **Americans for Tax Fairness** objects to Etsy receiving the designation, citing the company's use of a subsidiary in Ireland to lower its taxes. In a letter to B Lab, ATF asked the nonprofit to "make Etsy's designation contingent on its elimination of the use of its subsidiary in Ireland to dodge taxes."

Bloomberg: Etsy's B Corp. status challenged -- *Arkansas Online*

By Jesse Drucker and Alex Barinka
September 2, 2015

A tax-policy advocacy group called for online retailer Etsy Inc. to be stripped of a certification awarded to companies that adhere to strict standards for transparency and social accountability unless it dismantles its offshore tax-relief structure...

Americans for Tax Fairness wrote to B Lab, the nonprofit organization that determines the B Corporation certification for socially responsible companies, arguing that Etsy's tax arrangement should disqualify it for the designation.

Etsy is undergoing a recertification with B Lab, which is required after the company offered shares to the public, and includes an assessment of its impact on the community, environment and employees. The online marketplace, based in New York City's Brooklyn, must also complete a public disclosure questionnaire that asks about tax avoidance...

Column: Matt Levine's Money Stuff: Bubbles and B Corporations -- *Bloomberg Review*

By Matt Levine
September 2, 2015

I love [this story](#) about how "**Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote to B Lab, the nonprofit organization that determines the B Corporation certification for socially responsible companies, arguing that Etsy's tax arrangement should disqualify it for the designation." Some companies want to be B Corporations, because that makes them appealing to investors and workers and consumers who want to be socially responsible. And "B Corporation" is a designation made by a private group that decides which companies are and are not socially responsible.

But of course no one could coherently declare what makes a company "socially responsible." If you fly refugees to safety, but you do it in really polluting planes, are you socially responsible? Was Mother Teresa socially responsible? If you help hobbyist knitters sell their wares online, but also reorganize your Irish subsidiary as an unlimited liability company so you don't have to publish that subsidiary's financial results, are you socially responsible?

Etsy's offshore tax haven agitates a policy advocacy group -- Internet Retailer

September 2, 2015

A tax policy advocacy group called for online retailer Etsy Inc. to be stripped of a certification awarded to companies that adhere to strict standards for transparency and social accountability unless it dismantles its offshore tax-cutting structure.

Etsy, a company that promised to set an example for its level of transparency, reorganized its Irish subsidiary in a way that conceals its tax-cutting arrangements from public view, Bloomberg News reported last month. **Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote to B Lab, the nonprofit organization that determines the B Corporation certification for socially responsible companies, arguing that Etsy's tax arrangement should disqualify it for the designation.

Etsy in first public spat over its 'socially responsible' mantra since IPO -- Diginomica

By Derek du Preez

September 2, 2015

Etsy, an online marketplace for arts, crafts and small businesses, is a fairly unique company. It's one of only two companies in the US (by my last count) that has gone public and is attempting to remain a socially responsible B-corp certified organisation.

There are over 1,000 companies in America that have gained B-corp certification, but most of them choose to remain privately owned. And that's because B-corp companies commit to balancing corporate responsibility and the drive for profits. However, when you've got public shareholders and investors to answer to, this becomes somewhat trickier.

Americans for Tax Fairness have written to the founders of B Lab, the organisation that supports and certifies B-corps, and have heavily criticised Etsy for the move. The letter reads:

"B Corp status is an important standard that a lot of consumers use when making decisions about which companies to buy products and services from. It is important that this standard not be weakened by a previously certified B Corp that has changed its behavior and is now using unethical business practices."

Etsy under fire over Irish tax practices -- *The Financial Times*

By Leslie Hook
September 1, 2015

[Link to PDF](#)

Etsy, the online crafts marketplace, has come under pressure from an American tax group over its Irish tax practices, joining the ranks of US tech companies accused of tax avoidance...

...However the company's values have come under fire after **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a policy group backed by foundations and unions, published a letter Tuesday morning accusing the company of tax avoidance practices. "Etsy's tax dodge is standard operating procedure among our country's giant multinational corporations. We hope it will not be acceptable as a B Corp standard," said the letter...

Etsy faces risky challenge to its socially responsible 'B Corp' status -- *The Street*

By Rebecca Borison
September 1, 2015

Following criticism for an offshore strategy that allows it to minimize its taxes, Etsy ([ETSY](#)) is now facing pressure to dismantle the tax haven or risk losing its important classification as a socially and environmentally responsible B Corp.

But the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a tax policy advocacy group, apparently felt differently about the reports. The group is [calling for Etsy to dismantle the haven](#), and if it doesn't, for B Lab to revoke its B Corp status.

Etsy, for its part, doesn't think its Irish subsidiary clashes with its values.

Etsy Faces Pressure to Abandon Irish Tax Strategy -- The Wall Street Journal

Craft marketplace's move to renew its 'B Corp' status is facing challenge from tax advocacy group

By Suzanne Kapner

September 1, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness, a progressive advocacy group, is pressing Etsy Inc., the online crafts marketplace, to abandon a strategy that uses an Irish subsidiary to minimize taxes it owes to Uncle Sam.

The coalition of labor unions and think tanks has written a letter to B Lab, asking the nonprofit to make its recertification of Etsy contingent on the company ditching its Irish tax strategy, according to a copy of the letter reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

Etsy has been certified as a B Corp since 2012, meaning that it meets rigorous standards of social and environmental accountability and performance. The company said in securities filings that its reputation could be harmed if it lost its B Corp certification. B Lab sets the standards for such certification and companies must get recertified periodically...

...**Frank Clemente, the executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in an interview that Etsy doesn't appear to be adhering to the type of behavior that would warrant a B Corp. certification. "Using a tax dodge is so contrary to what Etsy claims its values are and what a B Corp. is intended to be," Mr. Clemente said. "And Etsy hasn't been transparent, which is another key to becoming a B Corp."...

Etsy's B Corp Status Challenged by Tax Group Over Irish Haven -- Bloomberg Business

Americans for Tax Fairness says Etsy seeking to avoid taxes

Etsy says its fiscal structure meets all of its obligations

By Alex Barinka and Jesse Drucker

September 1, 2015

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In June, the group published a report on Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s network of offshore tax havens...

Etsy facing renewed pressure over Irish tax strategy -- *The Irish Times*

Bloomberg News
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Deutsche Bank reportedly under investigation for emerging markets currency manipulation - *WSJ Marketwatch*

By Francine McKenna
September 1, 2015

...**Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote a letter to B Lab, asking the nonprofit to make its recertification of Etsy contingent on the company ditching its Irish tax strategy, according to a copy of the letter reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. The TaxJusticeBlog.com says B Lab, is “on the case.” Tax expert Robert Willens was quoted in the Wall Street Journal saying, “[t]here is nothing

to be gained other than tax savings” from what Etsy has done. Etsy pointed The Wall Street Journal to its blog where it defends its Irish subsidiary and said: “We enjoy a strong partnership with B Lab. We believe we have a tax structure that reflects our growing international business and our values—it’s a straightforward structure that meets our tax obligations and allows us to invest in services for our Etsy community.” An Etsy spokesperson did not respond immediately to a request for further comment on the story.

Etsy Faces Pressure to Abandon Irish Tax Strategy -- Dow Jones News

By Suzanne Kapner
Dow Jones Business News -- reprint from WSJ
September 1, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness, a progressive advocacy group, is pressing Etsy Inc., the online crafts marketplace, to abandon a strategy that uses an Irish subsidiary to minimize taxes it owes to Uncle Sam.

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Daily Press Digest -- Reuters

Compiled by Supriya Kurane
September 1, 2015

The following are the top stories in the Wall Street Journal. Reuters has not verified these stories and does not vouch for their accuracy.

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Op-Ed: Walmart 'rolls back' tax responsibility -- *The Hill*

By Matt Birong, small business owner, member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 20, 2015

Walmart has been in the spotlight for years regarding infamous low wages and limited benefits, but a new report reveals that the extractive business practices of the world's largest employer do not end there. A report released **by Americans for Tax Fairness** found that Walmart has set up 78 international subsidiaries that are used as tax havens to hold 76 billion dollars in assets.

The use of tax havens allows Walmart to dodge their taxes by shifting profits generated in the U.S. to countries with lower corporate tax rates. Luxembourg, for example, is home to 22 Walmart subsidiaries but not a single retail store. Since 2011 Walmart has shifted over 45 billion dollars in assets to Luxembourg where profits are taxed at less than 1 percent.

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VIDEO: How to Avoid Paying your Taxes -- *Al Jazeera News*

July 13, 2015

Al Jazeera News outlines the way that the wealthiest Americans avoid taxes with "A quick "how to" for best tax-evasion practices, compliments of the one-percent".

Retail Union Spends Big On Walmart 'Tax Haven' Ad Campaign -- *Forbes*

By Clare O'Connor
July 1, 2015

To coincide with the long July 4th weekend, the country's largest union of retail workers has spent six figures on an ad campaign painting Walmart as unpatriotic for its alleged use of foreign tax havens to avoid U.S. taxes.

"This 4th of July, Walmart's celebrating," says voiceover in the ad, "in Luxembourg, the Cayman Islands, and Barbados."

VIDEO: Hot Dogs

The ad, above, paid for by the **United Food And Commercial Workers union**, uses data from a June investigation into Walmart's international assets by advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

The nonprofit released a report alleging that Walmart has hidden \$76 billion in an extensive, secretive web of 78 subsidiaries located in 15 tax havens where it has no retail presence...

...The ad will be shown in 10 markets over the holiday, including Walmart's hometown of Bentonville, Ark., Washington, D.C., and a handful of southern cities and towns.

It will be accompanied by a print campaign contrasting the lot of the hourly Walmart worker with that of America's richest family, the Waltons, pointing out that it'd take an average Walmart associate 1,117,514 years to earn what the billionaire Waltons did in 2014.

Walmart and Tesla have a lot in common when it comes to taxes -- *Fortune*

By Eleanor Bloxham

June 24, 2015

Two of the biggest disrupters in their respective industries are also big fans of tax breaks from Uncle Sam.

Walmart and Tesla have more in common than you might think. Strong founders with stories designed to capture the imagination of consumers have fueled both brands—around low prices in the case of Walmart, and around the future of electric autos at Tesla. While Tesla is looking for cash—and presumably profits, according to a Wall Street Journal report on Sunday, Walmart is looking to increase profits after a miss last quarter...

...Tax avoidance, incentives, and government subsidies: But perhaps the most interesting similarity is that both companies have been in the tax spotlight this month. A report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** last week found that Walmart houses “\$76 billion in assets” in a “network of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 overseas tax havens, which may be used to minimize foreign taxes where it has retail operations and to avoid U.S. tax on those foreign earnings.” Citing a study researched by the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union, a Bloomberg article pointed out that “units in Luxembourg—where the company has no stores—reported \$1.3 billion in profits between 2010 and 2013 and paid tax at a rate of less than 1 percent, according to the

report.”...

Is Walmart Hiding \$76 Billion in Overseas Tax Havens? -- *The Nation*

By Michelle Chen
June 22, 2015

Walmart executives appear to have way more money than they know what to do with, but know exactly where to hide it. Its Big Box is roomy enough to hide billions in un- and undertaxed profits, according to a new report by a watchdog group. While the retail giant is known for capitalizing on corporate tax breaks and driving the offshoring of jobs to the Global South, little is known about how much of its assets are hidden from Uncle Sam and offshored to far-flung tax havens.

According to the financial investigation, Walmart is stashing “at least \$76 billion worth of assets in 78 subsidiaries and branches located in 15 overseas tax havens.” Though that figure is disputed by Walmart, **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) argues these subsidiaries operate as a vast network of shell companies. The report, by researchers with ATF and United Food and Commercial Workers, argues that this arrangement of financial black sites lets Walmart circumvent US tax codes and enjoy minimal taxation abroad.

Luxembourg is one of the cushiest European tax havens: ATF calculates that Walmart has parked about \$45 billion in assets in this notorious financial fiefdom. Walmart’s web of financial self-dealing spans a global shell game that shuttles revenues into opaque financial domiciles like the Cayman Islands and Singapore. These are in turn linked into Walmart’s global retail network...

Walmart Has \$76 Billion Stashed In “Magical” Tax Havens -- *Mintpress News*

By Mnar Muhawesh
June 22, 2015

Walmart’s profit-at-any-cost philosophy—including a virtual assault on the rights of its hourly workers and its continuing reliance overseas suppliers with a collective penchant for human rights violations—is widely known; but its use of foreign tax havens to shelter \$76 billion in assets has flown under the radar. Until now.

Americans for Tax Fairness just released a “groundbreaking” report—“**The Wal-Mart Web: How the World’s Biggest Corporation Secretly Uses Tax Havens to Dodge Taxes**”—that reveals an extensive, covert “network of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 overseas tax havens, which may be used to minimize foreign taxes where it has retail operations and to avoid U.S. tax on those

foreign earnings.” All told, this financial legerdemain has shaved no less than \$3.5 billion from the megacorp’s income tax bills in the last six years, alone.

Hunting down these figures was no small task for the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union, which did the research for the study. The figures are obscured from prying eyes precisely because Walmart, as the study states, “might be skirting the law.”...

Walmart Accused of Stashing \$76 Billion in Assets in 78 Foreign Tax Havens -- AllGov.com

By Noel Brinkerhoff
June 19, 2015

Walmart, the biggest retailer in the world, uses foreign tax shelters to stash \$76 billion in assets in order to reduce the amount of taxes it has to pay to the U.S. government.

A report (pdf) from **Americans for Tax Fairness** said Walmart had at least 78 offshore subsidiaries and branches to stash the assets where they’re not subject to U.S. corporate tax rates.

The study, which used information provided by the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union, said 90% of the havens were based in Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Bloomberg reported “overseas operations have helped the company cut more than \$3.5 billion off its income tax bills in the past six years.”

Another Setback for Wal-Mart, Accused of Avoiding Taxes -- NASDAQ Analyst Blog

June 19, 2015

Walmart has always remained in the limelight for some reason or the other. The company has been accused of breaching food safety measures, slapped with bribery charges and faced labor disputes in the past. Such allegations significantly impact the company's reputation and severely hurt investor confidence. Recently, a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** accused the retail giant of having undisclosed subsidiaries in overseas tax havens.

Reportedly, Wal-Mart has established at least 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 tax havens, which are not shown in its annual 10-K filing with the SEC. In addition, the study, carried out by the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, found that its overseas operations have helped the company to evade more than \$3.5 billion worth of income tax bills in the past six years. This is because reportedly 90% of Wal-Mart's overseas assets are owned by subsidiaries in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, two of the most popular corporate tax havens.

Walmart: Report On \$76 Billion Hidden In Tax Havens 'Flawed' -- Forbes

By Clare O'Connor

June 18, 2015

For the second time in as many days, Walmart has been forced to defend itself against reports of serious financial misdeeds.

Earlier this week, the world's largest retailer denied claims that its nonprofit arm the Walmart Foundation has been directing funds to urban neighborhoods where the big-box giant seeks to open new stores.

Now, Walmart has dismissed a new report that alleges the chain is hiding \$76 billion in assets in an extensive, secretive web of 78 subsidiaries located in 15 tax havens where it has no retail presence.

The 51-page investigation by advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** describes Luxembourg as Walmart's "tax haven of choice," claiming it operates 22 shell companies in the European domicile despite having no stores there...

CME Group resisting efforts to identify 'spoofing' firm -- WSJ MarketWatch

By Francine McKenna

June 18, 2015

The reason that the report about Wal-Mart Stores WMT, +0.85% — which allegedly uses 22 shell companies to hide \$64 billion in assets in tax haven Luxembourg — didn't come out earlier? It's because of its tax advisor. The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists in its November LuxLeaks investigation looked mostly at companies advised by PricewaterhouseCoopers. Wal-Mart's auditor is Ernst & Young. The Wal-Mart report was published Wednesday by Americans for Tax Fairness, a think tank that advocates for tax fairness. Wal-Mart says the report is misleading and that it follows Internal Revenue Service and Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

Morning Economic Report -- The Washington Post

By The Washington Post Staff
June 18, 2015

Wal-Mart Stores has built a network of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 offshore tax havens to minimize taxes on its operations outside the United States, said a report by the tax reform advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, has assets worth at least \$76 billion through shell companies domiciled in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, the report said. The report says Wal-Mart does not list these subsidiaries in its annual filings and called on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Wal-Mart spokesman Randy Hargrove said the report contained erroneous information designed to mislead readers.

Walmart Accused of Having 15 Offshore Tax Havens -- POLITICO Morning Tax

By Hillary Flynn
June 18, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness accused Wal-Mart of building "a vast, undisclosed web of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 offshore tax havens."

WAL-MART RESPONDS: OVERSEAS TAXES 'REINVESTED FOR GROWTH.' Wal-Mart was quick to counter: "Just as the company uses funds generated from the U.S. market to continue to invest in stores, wages and growth in the U.S., we keep a large portion of foreign earnings in international markets where they are reinvested for growth," the company said in a statement. "Regardless of where the foreign earnings are held, under the current law, they are not subject to U.S. tax until they are repatriated."

Report says Walmart stashing billions overseas -- RetailWire News

By George Anderson
June 18, 2015

The phrase "economic patriotism" has been thrown around in recent years to put pressure on U.S.-based multinational corporations to stop using accounting maneuvers and legal loopholes to avoid paying their "fair share" of taxes in the U.S. The latest company to come under the spotlight is Walmart following claims it has cut its tax bill by \$3.5 billion over the past six years by reporting profits at subsidiaries in tax haven countries around the globe.

Critics of a report of the allegations, published by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, might point out that it was researched by the **United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)**, which has long sought to organize Walmart's workers. Walmart maintains the company is in compliance with IRS and SEC requirements and that the report is misleading...

...One of the main criticisms of Walmart in the report is the company's lack of transparency. The company's dealings "have remained largely invisible, in part because Walmart fails to list them in its annual 10-K filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)."

"This report is continuing evidence that everybody has been engaging in cross-border tax avoidance," Stephen Shay, a professor at Harvard Law School and former deputy assistant secretary for international tax affairs for the Obama Treasury Department, told *The Washington Post*.

Walmart uses tax havens to rebuff taxation -- *Talk Radio News Service*

By Talk Radio News Staff
June 18, 2015

A report from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a pro-labor advocacy group, claims that Walmart has \$76 billion stashed away in foreign tax havens where they escape U.S. taxation. Using research from the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, the report further claims that Walmart operates 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 tax haven countries, especially Luxembourg where the company has 22 subsidiaries but no retail stores. "Average Americans and small businesses have to make up the difference when Walmart doesn't pay its fair share of taxes," **ATF executive director Frank Clemente said**.

Walmart Accused of Hiding \$76 Billion from Taxes in the U.S. in Hidden Overseas Accounts -- *Jewish Business News*

June 18, 2015

According to a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, America's largest retailer, Walmart, has hidden \$76 billion from U.S. taxes in overseas accounts.

The report states that Walmart uses 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 overseas tax havens, which may be used to minimize foreign taxes where it has retail operations and to avoid U.S. tax on those foreign earnings...

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Denies Hoarding Cash Abroad To Avoid Tax -- LearnBonds

By Andrew Moran

June 18, 2015

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is in hot water again after a new report suggests that the retail giant has about \$76 billion in undisclosed foreign tax havens. The company calls the report “misleading” and insists that it is “transparent” with the U.S. government.

A new study published by Americans for Tax Fairness, using research from the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union, discovered that Wal-Mart maintains at least 78 offshore subsidiaries and branches, including 30 that have been created since 2009...

Walmart Stock's Little-Known Multibillion-Dollar Risk -- Investor Place

By John Divine

June 18, 2015

Walmart (WMT) stock, on its surface, seems like one of the most conservative investments in the stock market today. Revenue and earnings are expected to tread water for the foreseeable future, and earnings predictability allows it to pay a dividend that has risen annually for the last 40 years...

...That’s according to a new report that came out Wednesday from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group with a self-explanatory mission funded by a variety of foundations and public-sector unions...

Walmart accused of avoiding billions of dollars in tax -- Digital Journal

By Daniel Woods

June 18, 2015

Walmart accused of routing profits through tax havens such as Luxembourg in order to systematically reduce their tax liabilities.

A new report commissioned and published by a tax reform campaign group in the United States has accused Walmart of following a policy of aggressive tax avoidance.

Americans for Tax Fairness have alleged that US company uses up to 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 different countries, territories well known for being offshore tax havens...

Wal-Mart Has \$76 Billion in Undisclosed Overseas Tax Havens -- Bloomberg Business

By Jesse Drucker and Renee Dudley
June 17, 2015

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. owns more than \$76 billion of assets through a web of units in offshore tax havens around the world, though you wouldn't know it from reading the giant retailer's annual report.

A new study has found Wal-Mart has at least 78 offshore subsidiaries and branches, more than 30 created since 2009 and none mentioned in U.S. securities filings. Overseas operations have helped the company cut more than \$3.5 billion off its income tax bills in the past six years, its annual reports show.

The study, researched by the **United Food & Commercial Workers International Union** and published Wednesday in a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found 90 percent of Wal-Mart's overseas assets are owned by subsidiaries in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, two of the most popular corporate tax havens.

Units in Luxembourg -- where the company has no stores -- reported \$1.3 billion in profits between 2010 and 2013 and paid tax at a rate of less than 1 percent, according to the report.

All of Wal-Mart's roughly 3,500 stores in China, Central America, the U.K., Brazil, Japan, South Africa and Chile appear to be owned through units in tax havens such as the British Virgin Islands, Curacao and Luxembourg, according to the report from the advocacy group. The union conducted its research using publicly available documents filed in various countries by Wal-Mart and its subsidiaries...

Walmart hid \$76bn of assets in foreign tax havens, new study claims -- *The Guardian*

Report makes Walmart the latest in a string of multinational companies to be exposed for exploiting international tax loopholes via Luxembourg

By Rupert Neate

June 17, 2015

Walmart hid \$76bn of assets in tax havens across the world, including \$64.2bn managed by 22 different subsidiaries in Luxembourg, where Walmart has no stores, according to a study published on Wednesday.

The study, published by campaign group **Americans for Tax Fairness** and funded by the **United Food and Commercial Workers International Union**, alleged that Walmart has “kept its tax haven subsidiaries secretive by burying mention of their existence”. Walmart denied the claims.

The authors claimed Walmart’s global empire keeps billions of dollars of assets away from the prying eyes of the taxman via a network of shell companies in Luxembourg, the Netherlands and a host of Caribbean countries known for their low taxes...

Walmart uses 22 shell companies to hide an incredible amount of money in Luxembourg -- *Mother Jones*

By Josh Harkinson

June 17, 2015

Overseas tax evasion by American corporations has become a political hot button of late: It haunted Mitt Romney in 2012, spurred President Barack Obama last year to crack down on so-called inversions, and has since been seized upon as a 2016 campaign issue by Hillary Clinton. American companies now have an estimated \$2.1 trillion in untaxed profits stashed overseas, big sums of which belong to Apple, General Electric, and Microsoft.

Walmart is also a major overseas tax dodger, according to a new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal-leaning think tank and advocacy group. The world's largest retailer has stashed \$64 billion worth of assets in Luxembourg, Europe's smallest and most notorious tax haven. These assets—including cash and the ownership of real estate holdings around the world—are worth more than Luxembourg's entire gross domestic product. If they were liquidated and sprinkled around, it would amount to more than \$100,000 per acre in this tiny country of 1,000 square miles that lacks a single Walmart store. Walmart has so much wealth in Luxembourg, in fact, that it could pay several times over to plaster the entire country in Nexus Granite Self-Adhesive Vinyl Floor Tiles, which sell at Walmart for \$8.99 per box...

Audio: Flashpoints News Magazine Interview with Frank Clemente -- Flashpoints Radio

By Flashpoints Staff
June 17, 2015

Conversation on Walmart report begins at 20:30.

Today On Flashpoints: The Walmart Web. We discuss how the world's biggest corporation secretly uses tax havens to dodge taxes. Haitians prepare for more fraudulent elections. And part 14 of our multi-part series on the Battle for Public Education in the 21st Century with Ken Yale.

Europe's biggest business group rejects pan-European tax system -- Financial Times

By Vanessa Houlder and Christian Oliver
June 17, 2015

Europe's biggest business lobby group has withdrawn its support from a pan-European tax system at the heart of a planned crackdown on corporate tax avoidance...

...The commission said that earlier proposals for a CCCTB were optional for companies as the main focus was on simplifying the tax system. But since then, the CCCTB's potential as an anti-avoidance tool that would eliminate the mismatches and loopholes between national systems had been more widely recognised, resulting in a need to make it mandatory.

...The launch of the commission's action plan coincided with the publication of a report on Walmart, the retailer, by Americans for Tax Fairness, a US campaign group. It called on Brussels to investigate whether Walmart had received tax benefits in Luxembourg that constituted illegal state aid, after calculating that it paid less than 1 per cent in tax to Luxembourg on \$1.3bn of profits between 2010 and 2013. The company did not immediately respond to a request for comment...

Group Accuses Walmart of Using 'Vast' Tax Havens -- *POLITICO Pro*

By Toby Eckert
June 17, 2015

A link is not available, full article follows:

A liberal interest group accused Wal Mart today of building "a vast, undisclosed web of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 offshore tax havens."

Americans for Tax Fairness said WalMart may be using the tactic "to minimize foreign taxes where it has retail operations and to avoid U.S. taxes on those foreign earnings." The retail giant's "preferred tax haven is Luxembourg" and it fails to list the subsidiaries in its annual 10K filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, ATF said in a report.

The report and a separate IRS complaint that numerous groups filed this week alleging that the WalMart Foundation violated its tax exempt status appears to be a new front in the battle between WalMart and liberal groups that have challenged the company on wages and other issues...

Report: Walmart has \$76 billion in offshore tax havens -- *CBS News*

By Aimee Picchi
June 17, 2015

...According to a report from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the largest American private-sector employer has never openly reported its complicated system of tax-haven subsidiaries in its U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission regulatory filings. The group said it required hundreds of hours of research to compile the data on Walmart's offshore holdings, searching for information as far afield as Luxembourg and South Africa.

..."Companies use tax havens to dodge taxes. It appears that's the secret game Walmart is playing," **Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement. "Average Americans and small businesses have to make up the difference when Walmart doesn't pay its fair share of taxes."...

In an interview, Clemente noted that the fact Walmart is using tax strategies is "unique," given that most retailers don't have large international footprints...

Advocacy Group Accuses Wal-Mart of Using Offshore Tax Havens -- *The Wall Street Journal*

Americans for Tax Fairness tracked the retailer's international subsidiaries; Wal-Mart says the report is 'designed to mislead'

By Sarah Nassauer
June 17, 2015

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. uses a network of offshore tax havens to shelter profit from its overseas operations, according to a union-supported report that detailed the structures Wednesday.

The bulk of the retail giant's international businesses are owned by entities set up in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, where the company has no stores, according to the report, which says its authors tracked down the subsidiaries by reviewing financial records around the world.

According to the report, Wal-Mart's Luxembourg subsidiaries from 2010 to 2013 reported paying only \$2.4 million in tax to the country on \$1.3 billion in profit.

Wal-Mart spokesman Randy Hargrove said the report includes "incomplete, erroneous information designed to mislead readers."

"This is the same union-supported group that regularly issues similar, flawed reports on Wal-Mart to promote their agenda rather than the facts," Mr. Hargrove said. Wal-Mart paid \$6.2 billion in U.S. federal corporate income tax last year, he said. The company reported \$16.2 billion in profit in the fiscal year that ended Jan. 31.

The report was produced by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal-leaning advocacy group, with research help from the **United Food & Commercial Workers International Union**, which supports a group advocating for increased wages and other issues for Wal-Mart workers.

Wal-Mart uses tax havens to cut taxes on foreign units -advocacy group -- *Reuters*

By Sruthi Ramakrishnan and Nathan Layne
June 17, 2015

(Reuters) - Wal-Mart Stores Inc has built a network of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 offshore tax havens to minimize taxes on its operations outside the United States, said a report by tax reform advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** released on Wednesday.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, has assets worth at least \$76 billion through shell companies domiciled in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, the report said...

Wal-Mart Using Secret Foreign Tax Havens -- *The Daily Beast*

June 17, 2015

A group called **Americans for Tax Fairness** released a report Wednesday alleging that Wal-Mart is dodging taxes using “a vast, undisclosed network of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 overseas tax havens.” The group also claims the retail giant doesn’t list these subsidiaries on their 10-K tax filings, which makes them harder to track. According to the report, at least 25 of Wal-Mart’s 27 foreign operations are owned by tax haven-housed subsidiaries. The majority of these subsidiaries are hidden in Luxembourg, Hong Kong, and the British Virgin Islands, which host a combined 47 of 78. [Read it at **Americans for Tax Fairness**](#)››

Liberal groups: Walmart relies on tax havens -- *The Hill*

By Bernie Becker

June 17, 2015

Walmart might be using dozens of subsidiaries in an array of tax haven countries to lower its tax bill, according to a new [report](#) from a liberal group.

Americans for Tax Fairness says that Walmart has not publicly reported its 78 subsidiaries in 15 tax havens, in a report co-authored with the union-backed Making Change at Walmart campaign. Walmart has tried to avoid reporting its subsidiaries in securities filings as well, the report said...

Walmart Stashes \$76 Billion in Secret Overseas Tax Havens: Report -- *The Fiscal Times*

By Millie Dent

June 17, 2015

Walmart owns more than \$76 billion worth of assets through an extensive network of 78 subsidiaries and branches located in 15 countries considered tax havens, according to a [new report](#) released by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a tax-reform advocacy group.

Walmart has never listed the subsidiaries in its annual 10-K filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the report says, adding that the \$76 billion held overseas is equivalent to 37 percent of the company’s total assets and 90 percent of the assets in its international division.

The report, researched by the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union, also

suggests that the retail giant may be skirting a legal requirement for companies to list subsidiaries that account for more than 10 percent of assets or income. "Our sense is that's the case," said **Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness**. "I will leave it to the SEC to figure out whether they are breaking the law or not."...

Report: Walmart holds \$76 billion in tax havens -- USA Today

By Kevin McCoy
June 17, 2015

Walmart (WMT) has created 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 offshore tax havens in a bid to cut the corporate giant's taxes on its foreign operations, according to a report issued Wednesday by a tax-reform advocacy group.

The company, which challenged the findings, holds at least \$76 billion in assets through shell companies based in the low-tax havens of Luxembourg and the Netherlands, said the report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an organization backed by national, state and local labor and community groups.

The subsidiaries have no Walmart stores, yet own at least 25 out of 27 of the company's foreign operations in the United Kingdom, Brazil, Japan, China and other nations where the world's largest retailer has locations with thousands of employees, the report said...

Walmart's Offshore Empire Exposed: Report Finds Retailer Avoiding Billions In Taxes By Using International Havens -- International Business Times

By Owen Davis
June 17, 2015

The tiny European nation of Luxembourg is home to precisely zero Walmart stores, yet it houses 22 of Walmart's corporate subsidiaries and \$64 billion in Walmart assets. According to a new report, the country is the hub of a sprawling global network of corporate units that have reduced Walmart's tax burden by billions of dollars over the last several years .

In total, Walmart stashes \$76 billion in assets abroad, spread out over 78 subsidiaries and 15 countries, according to the nonprofit **Americans for Tax Fairness**. The union- and foundation-backed group says that its analysis of Walmart's overseas corporate structure is the first of its kind.

The report comes as American lawmakers grapple with how to keep U.S. companies from moving

their cash abroad. Even as the Obama administration has cracked down on tax avoidance maneuvers, corporations like Apple and Starbucks have expanded their offshore hoard to nearly \$2.1 trillion...

Walmart accused of stashing billions in offshore tax havens -- Euronews

By Euronews
June 17, 2015

Walmart is facing allegations that it has some 70-billion euros in overseas tax havens.

A report by “**Americans for Tax Fairness**”:

<http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/TheWalmartWeb-June-2015-FINAL.pdf>

suggests the retailer has used offshore subsidiaries and branches to avoid paying around three billion euros in tax.

The study found 90 percent of Walmart’s overseas assets are owned by subsidiaries in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, two of the most popular corporate tax havens.

Wal-Mart hides \$76 billion in overseas tax havens while taxpayers help feed low-wage workers: study -- Raw Story

By David Edwards
June 17, 2015

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. was able to avoid paying \$3.5 billion in taxes last year by owning \$76 billion of its assets in overseas tax havens, a study found this week.

United Food & Commercial Workers International Union research published by **Americans for Tax Fairness** on Wednesday showed that Wal-Mart had created more than 78 offshore subsidiaries and branches since 2009 that the company had not disclosed in U.S. securities filings, Bloomberg reported.

According to the study, 90 percent of the overseas assets owned by Wal-Mart were through two of the most popular tax havens in the world, Luxembourg and the Netherlands...

Shell warns on fallout from tax crackdown -- *Economia*

By Ellie Clayton
June 17, 2015

Simon Henry, finance director of the FTSE 100 oil giant, called for urgent government action, and said that a fragmentation of tax rules would cause uncertainty in the market and could lead to double taxation...

...Global efforts to crack down on avoidance have come in response to public outcry over the apparent failure of certain multinationals to pay their fair share of tax through the use of a variety of profit shifting schemes.

His comments come as US tax campaign group **Americans for Tax Fairness** revealed that Walmart has a “vast, undisclosed network” of subsidiaries and branches in known tax havens, which could minimize its taxes on foreign earnings.

Wal-Mart using tax havens to cut taxes -- *The Nation*

June 17, 2015

Wal-Mart Stores Inc has built a network of 78 subsidiaries and branches in 15 offshore tax havens to minimize taxes on its operations outside the United States, a report by tax reform advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** said...

Walmart Is an Enormous Tax-Dodger -- *Gawker*

By Hamilton Nolan
June 17, 2015

A new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that Walmart—one of the most conspicuously flag-waving corporations in America—hides tens of billions of dollars in assets in overseas tax havens to avoid paying taxes in the US.

Taxes, you may recall, support Social Security and Medicare and the national parks and the U.S. military and other things that we all need, which is why paying taxes is a fundamentally patriotic activity. The next time you see an American flag explicitly associated with Walmart as a marketing tool, please note that Walmart—like the world’s richest family, which controls it (and like Gawker Media)—systematically exploits loopholes to avoid paying its fair share of taxes in America.

The report puts the total amount of Walmart's assets stashed in global tax havens at \$76 billion. The company disputes the report in the vaguest possible way. But consider just one individual Walmart tax haven: Luxembourg. Is this the behavior of a good corporate citizen? From Bloomberg: "Units in Luxembourg — where the company has no stores — reported \$1.3 billion in profits between 2010 and 2013 and paid tax at a rate of less than 1 percent, according to the report."...

Walmart has \$76B 'hidden' in overseas tax havens: report -- The New York Post

By Post Staff Reporter
June 17, 2015

...The study found some 90 percent of Walmart's overseas assets are stashed in subsidiaries in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, two of the most popular corporate tax havens.

The company has 22 shell companies with \$45 billion of assets in Luxembourg, where it does not operate a single store. It paid less than 1 percent tax to Luxembourg on \$1.3 billion of profits from 2010 to 2013, the report said.

The study, backed by the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union and published by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said none of the entities was disclosed in Walmart's regulatory filings...

Damning New Report Reveals Walmart's Elaborate Tax Dodging Scheme -- Alternet

By Zaid Jilani
June 17, 2015

Wednesday morning, **Americans for Tax Fairness** released a new report looking at the practices Walmart -- America's biggest retailer -- uses to reduce its own tax responsibilities...

...**Americans for Tax Fairness** concludes the report by asking the European Commission to review Walmart's status in Luxembourg, questioning if the country's deals with the company amount to illegal state aid. It is also requesting the Internal Revenue Service to audit the company's use of overseas tax havens. Finally, it is asking the Securities and Exchange Commission to probe why Wal-Mart has not been disclosing its overseas tax havens in its U.S. tax filings.

Wal-Mart Is Allegedly Hiding \$76 Billion in Overseas Tax Havens -- PolicyMic.com

By Tom McKay
June 17, 2015

It turns out that Wal-Mart's slogan "Save money. Live better" might have a hidden meaning.

A report commissioned by progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness** and researched by the **United Food and Commercial Workers International Union** claims that Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has hidden about \$76 billion worth of assets in overseas tax havens...

Wait, \$76 billion? According to the report, "at least 25 out of 27 (and perhaps all) of Wal-Mart's foreign operating companies" are held by shell companies or subsidiaries in tax havens. Wal-Mart's Luxembourg divisions own \$64.2 billion in assets, while its companies in the Netherlands hold another \$12.4 billion. Altogether, **Americans for Tax Fairness** claim 90% of Wal-Mart's international assets, or 37% of its total assets, are held in those two nations alone...

More specifically, previous **Americans for Tax Fairness** reports have alleged that Wal-Mart compensates its employees so poorly that the government doles out billions in health care, nutrition assistance and other payments to support them. Other research has confirmed Wal-Mart workers disproportionately rely on government benefits to make ends meet...

Business Watch -- The Wall Street Journal

June 17, 2015

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. uses a network of offshore tax havens to shelter profit from its overseas operations, according to a union-supported report that detailed the structures on Wednesday...

...The report was produced by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal-leaning advocacy group, with research help from **the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union**, which supports a group advocating for increased wages and other issues for Wal-Mart workers. Wal-Mart, the country's largest private employer, has fought a long-running battle with the United Food and Commercial Workers union, which has tried unsuccessfully for years to organize the company's workers.

Walmart Has \$76B of Assets in Tax Havens: Report -- CFO Magazine

'Walmart's entrance into the world of tax havens is especially notable because the retail industry has not been known for this kind of activity.'

By Katie Kuehner-Hebert

June 17, 2015

Walmart has \$76 billion of assets in overseas tax havens, according to the report, "The Walmart Web: How the World's Biggest Corporation Secretly Uses Tax Havens to Dodge Taxes," researched by the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union and published Wednesday by **Americans for Tax Fairness...**

Walmart has \$76 billion in offshore tax havens -- Rapid News Network

June 17, 2015

In total, Walmart stashes \$76 billion in assets overseas, spread out over 78 subsidiaries and 15 countries, according to the nonprofit **Americans for Tax Fairness.**

The researchers combed financial disclosure documents from the U.S. and multiple other countries to uncover 78 separate Walmart subsidiaries with names like "Azure Holdings" that don't suggest that they are connected to the Arkansas-based chain of stores. Many of Walmart's foreign locations -- including 3,500 stores in Central America, Japan, China and elsewhere -- are controlled by companies domiciled in separate tax havens, the report says. It paid less than 1 percent tax to Luxembourg on \$1.3 billion of profits from 2010 to 2013, the report said...

Walmart Report Accuses Wal-Mart of Dodging Taxes on Billions -- MoneyTalks News

By Krystal Steinmetz

June 17, 2015

Wal-Mart is using a network of offshore tax havens to shelter \$76 billion in undisclosed assets, said a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a union-supported tax-reform advocacy group.

The report says Wal-Mart failed to disclose its complicated network of 78 subsidiaries located in 15 tax havens in its U.S. securities filings.

"[Wal-Mart] is using tax-haven subsidiaries to minimize foreign taxes where it has retail operations and to avoid U.S. tax on those foreign earnings," said Americans for Tax Fairness...

Op-Ed: Congress Rewards Corporations While Punishing the American People -- *The Hill*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

May 21, 2015

Congress keeps feeding big corporations huge tax cuts they don't deserve, even as it starves average Americans of the services and investments they need. The latest example of this indefensible policy is a \$182 billion corporate tax giveaway the U.S. House of Representatives recently approved. It comes after Congress passed a budget earlier this month that slashes \$5 trillion from benefits and services that help working families get by and get ahead.

This huge tax cut would make permanent a break corporations get for research and development (R&D) costs. The R&D tax credit has been around for years, but only on a "temporary" basis that's been repeatedly extended...

Op-Ed: Corporate Tax Rate isn't Threat to Business but Crumbling Infrastructure is -- *The Hill*

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**

May 18, 2015

Our country's once-robust infrastructure has played a vital role in the success of our economy. Roads, bridges, and transportation systems are the heart and blood of commerce and give consumers easy access to goods and services. Our public schools produce the next generation of workers.

Infrastructure has never been a partisan issue in this country; everyone knows it is essential. Unfortunately, paying for these investments seems to have become a partisan fault line.

The need is pressing: funding for highway construction is set to run out. Congress is scrambling to find \$10 billion to keep road repair crews on the job through the fall.

It shouldn't be hard to find \$10 billion. Congress could look to the loopholes that allow corporations to shift profits offshore to tax haven countries. This costs the U.S. Treasury up to \$90 billion a year. Just this month, the conservative governments in Australia and the U.K. alleged Apple, Microsoft, and Google are skirting tax laws when they shift profits offshore, and the countries promised to crack down on this practice.

But our Congress just repeats the tired rhetoric of corporate CEOs that the formal U.S. tax rate of 35 percent is too high and is making our firms uncompetitive. They fail to mention that the

average Fortune 500 company pays less than 20 percent, after deductions, and many prosperous firms pay little or nothing in federal income taxes -- such as General Electric, Boeing and Verizon.

Blog: Opponents: Estate tax repeal would only benefit the wealthy -- FarmWorld.com

By Michele Mihaljevich
April 29, 2015

A repeal of the federal estate tax would affect a small percentage of farmers, while hurting efforts to balance the budget, according to Americans for Tax Fairness. In a letter delivered earlier this month to members of the U.S. House, the organization stated that ending the tax would "give a huge tax cut to the wealthiest Americans, blow a hole in the deficit and slash revenue needed to protect critical programs and make new investments to create a more productive economy." Americans for Tax Fairness is a coalition of 425 national and state associations, including the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Center for Rural Affairs (CRA), the League of Rural Voters and the National Farmers Union (NFU).

Column: The Death Tax Deception -- Bloomberg View

By Barry Ritholz
April 28, 2015

...In other words, just 0.19 percent of all deaths in 2013 resulted in a tax. When 99.81 percent of all deaths don't create a taxable event, calling it a death tax is mathematically nonsensical...

...What is the actual trigger for this taxable event? If your estate is worth less than \$5.43 million dollars in 2015 (or \$10.86 million dollars for a couple), you are exempt from the federal estate tax. Over that and your estate pays, which by the way is why the Internal Revenue Service calls it an estate tax. Unlike the gasoline user fees that pay for bridge and highway maintenance and construction, the estate tax is indexed for inflation.

Why would someone use the phrase "death tax" when more than 99 percent of deaths don't result in a tax? Because he is either a) innumerate, b) ignorant or c) trying to deceive you. There are no other possibilities...

Column: Fix The Tax Code Friday: Should We Repeal The Federal Estate Tax? -- Forbes

By Kelly Phillips Erb

April 24, 2015

Last week, the House of Representatives voted to kill the federal estate tax with a vote of 240-179 in favor of H.R. 1105. This week, the bill headed to the Senate where it faces an uncertain future.

What is certain is that the federal estate tax is unpopular. It's consistently ranked at the top of the list of the most hated taxes in the country.

It's also a money maker. In 2012, the total net estate tax reported on federal estate tax returns filed for the year was \$8.5 billion...

...The federal estate tax continues to be polarizing... So today's Fix The Tax Code Friday question is:

"Should the federal estate tax be repealed?"

How the government taxes rich dead people, explained -- Vox

By Dylan Matthews

April 23, 2015

For decades now, Republican lawmakers have made eliminating the estate tax (or "death tax," as opponents call it) a top legislative priority. Just last week Republicans in the House voted to repeal it. They paint it as a simple issue of fairness. The tax, they claim, hurts small farms and family businesses, punishes savers, and hits income that's already been taxed once. "The 'death tax' is an immoral tax and an attack on the American dream," Reps. Kevin Brady (R-TX) and Steve Scalise (R-LA) write in USA Today. By contrast, liberals tend to argue that estate tax repeal is nothing more than a massive giveaway to the rich, or, as E. J. Dionne dubbed it, "the Paris Hilton tax cut."

It's all an awful lot of fuss over a pretty small tax. It raised only \$19.3 billion in 2014, 0.6 percent of total federal receipts that year. The Congressional Budget Office estimates repeal would increase the deficit by almost \$270 billion over 10 years — an increase of less than 4 percent, given that deficits are already expected to total \$7.2 trillion over that period. The vast majority of Americans never pay the tax...

Blog: Congress Might Repeal the Estate Tax, But Here's What They Could Do Instead -- Attn.com

By Dante Atkins

April 23, 2015

At a time when economic inequality is a forefront political issue, it wouldn't seem to make sense to repeal a tax that only affects the wealthiest 0.1 percent of American households—a total of 5,400 in all—but that's exactly what the House of Representatives did just last week in a party line vote to repeal the estate tax, with Republicans in favor and the vast majority of Democrats opposed. President Obama has vowed to veto the bill if it makes its way through the Senate and on to his desk, so it is highly unlikely that the tax will actually be repealed this year. Still, if you were looking to convince the voting public that you only care about the interests of the wealthy, there's one great way to do it: vote to repeal the estate tax.

In defense of Walmart: Why corporations shouldn't be responsible for preventing poverty -- *The Week*

By Ryan Cooper
April 22, 2015

Fast food chains and low-wage retailers are as poorly regarded in pop culture as they are popular among the buying public. Walmart is the epitome: as beloved for its low prices as it is hated for its low wages. But as the largest single private employer in the country, is Walmart really responsible for keeping its workers out of poverty?

In a sort of ideological jujitsu, that's what many left-leaning analysts argue. Walmart, like all low-wage corporations, tends to depend on public assistance for its very existence — both to keep its employees off the street and as a critical source of purchasing power for its target sales demographics. Last April, a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** calculated that Walmart cost the U.S. \$6.2 *billion* in public assistance, from food stamps — sometimes used by its own workers at its own stores — to Medicaid...

Column: The Republican Recipe for Widening Inequality -- *The New York Times*

By Teresa Tritch
April 21, 2015

...Separate from the budget plans, nearly all House Republicans and seven Democrats passed a bill last week to repeal the federal estate tax on inherited wealth. Repeal would benefit the 5,500 wealthiest families in America each year and would do nothing for everyone else, because the estate tax applies only to those at the very top of the wealth ladder. For estates valued at \$50

million and up, for example, repeal would save the heirs about \$20 million per estate, on average, in 2016...

...The role of untaxed inheritances would also be stark. The top 0.1 percent of families — the main beneficiaries of estate tax repeal — possessed 22 percent of the nation's wealth as of 2012, the most recent data available. The top 1 percent controlled 42 percent. Such concentrations of wealth — unseen since the Roaring Twenties — are an anchor on the upward mobility of everyone else, because as wealth becomes more concentrated, a big inheritance becomes ever more important to one's future prospects....

Blog: House GOP Votes to Take Food From the Mouths of Hungry Children to Give Huge Tax Break to Children of Multi-Millionaires -- Really? -- *Huffington Post*

By Robert Creamer
April 21, 2015

Last week the House Republicans took an amazing vote. They literally voted to take food from the mouths of hungry children in order to give a huge tax break to children who were born with a silver spoon in theirs -- the sons and daughters of multi-millionaires...

... The GOP took this vote only weeks after passing a budget that cut SNAP -- the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program -- by 34 percent or almost \$125 billion -- even though there is a crying need for nutrition assistance, especially among children. In fact, almost 16 million kids live in families that are officially categorized as food "insecure" -- that's 19.5 percent of all households with children. It's even more (20.9 percent) for families with children under six.

That's right, the GOP voted to allow more kids to go to bed hungry at the very same time it acted to spend \$270 billion in order to increase the inheritances of the children of the super-rich. Not exactly the version of right and wrong you were taught in Sunday school...

Walmart Heir Does Not Deserve Assets It Would Take a Worker a Million Years to Earn -- *Truth-Out*

By Mark Karlin
April 20, 2015

...Listen closely, because that distinction is a vital one to the majority of people in the nation. Expanded "economic opportunity" is a misleading siren song, because if the idea had any merit, we would have seen a vast expansion of "economic opportunity" in the last 35 years. Instead, we

have seen a growing concentration of wealth in the hands of a few - and stagnant and decreased wages for the vast majority of the rest of the nation.

Don't be fooled by Walmart's announcement that it is raising its lowest wage to \$10 per hour for full-time workers by 2016. As **Frank Clemente of Americans for Tax Fairness** recently wrote on the Huffington Post:

You don't need a Walmart front-door greeter to find the flaw in the company's recently announced boost in worker wages: It's not enough. Not enough to pull its lowest-paid workers out of poverty, and therefore not enough to get American taxpayers off the hook for subsidizing the giant retailer's low-wage payroll.

That's right: Walmart, the world's biggest company, with billions of dollars in profits, relies on you and me to make up the difference between what it pays a large portion of its workforce and what those employees actually need to survive.

The wage increase is just pocket change to the Walmart heirs.

Op-Ed: Ben & Jerry: We don't need this stupid tax cut -- USA TODAY

By Ben Cohen & Jerry Greenfield

April 16, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum; Joint effort between **ATF** and **Patriotic Millionaires**

Good grief, Congress. Are you really going to give another tax break to those of us who need it least?

Yes, we're witty and created a successful global brand. Yes, we're handsome and in demand for selfie shots in malls and village squares around the country. And yes, we're wealthy, thanks to the good fortune of our efforts — but also because of many other societal factors that contributed to our wealth.

But these are not good reasons for the tax cut nutters in Congress to abolish the estate tax, a levy paid exclusively by multi-millionaires and billionaires. In late March, the Senate voted 54-46, basically along party lines, to deep six the tax. The House intends to vote by April 15 to repeal the estate tax, which has been in place for a century to prevent the U.S. from developing an aristocracy.

Okay, who really pays the estate tax? Obviously, a lot of wealthy campaign contributors. Who else could get anything to pass in this pay-to-play Congress?...

Op-Ed: Undermining the American dream -- The Hill

By Arnold Hiatt, president of Stride Rite

April 16, 2015

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Congress's pending vote to abolish the estate tax will make the rich even richer and accelerate the decline of the middle class.

The American dream is slipping out of reach for millions of Americans. Real wages have been declining for decades. 40 million young adults are now saddled with unprecedented amounts of college debt as they enter the workforce. The national homeownership rate is declining for the first time since World War II...

Editorial: Repealing estate tax would reward 0.2%: Our view -- USA TODAY

By The Editorial Board

April 16, 2015

...The roughly \$22 billion a year the tax pulls in is less than 1% of all federal revenue. But here's another way to look at that: It's almost enough to pay the combined annual budgets of the FBI, the Coast Guard and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More important, think of it this way: Repealing the estate tax would mean that other, far less affluent taxpayers would have to take up the slack. And that's unfair, no matter how you look at it...

House Votes 240-179 To Repeal Estate Tax -- Forbes

By Ashlea Ebeling

April 16, 2015

...Arguments in favor of the tax: it helps reduce concentrations of wealth and produces additional revenue. Repealing the tax would cost the Treasury \$270 billion over 10 years. On average, 55% of the value of estates worth more than \$100 million is made up of unrealized capital gains that have never faced income or capital gains tax, according to **Americans For Tax Fairness'** review of Federal Reserve Data...

6 Of The Fastest-Growing Jobs In America Pay Low Wages -- *The Huffington Post*

By Jenny Che
April 16, 2015

...In February, retail giant Walmart increased wages to \$9 for its lowest-paid workers. Rivals such as T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and Target soon followed suit. But many of these low-income workers rely on government assistance programs, and \$9 an hour still forces them to remain tied to Medicaid and food stamps, according to a study by the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

“Workers have been organizing, and they’ve been able to elevate the conversation about wages in this country,” Tung said. “But it’s still a drop in the bucket. Nine dollars an hour is less than \$25,000 a year for full-time workers, and that’s nowhere near enough for them to survive.” ...

Blog: Massive Tax Cut For The Wealthiest 0.2% -- *Down With Tyranny*

April 16, 2015

The status quo that conservatives, by definition, seek to conserve is the status quo of a hereditary aristocracy with a concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a relatively few families. That garbage ideology crossed over the Atlantic and accounts for the third of colonials-- the conservatives-- siding with the British against the Patriots. Today it helps define what the Republican party is. Conservatives-- primarily, but not exclusively, Republicans-- have always opposed the Estate Tax and they are still fighting to abolish it. Tuesday, Dana Milbank skewered the Republicans with this particular mania of theirs...

...The estate tax has been part of American law in some form since 1797, according to the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a shield against the sort of permanent aristocracy our founders fought to rid themselves of...

...Double taxation? **Americans for Tax Fairness**, citing Federal Reserve data, notes that 55 percent of the value of estates worth more than \$100 million comprises unrealized capital gains that have never been taxed...

Republican House votes to repeal the estate tax for the richest 0.2 percent -- *The Daily Kos*

By Paul Hogarth
April 16, 2015

While the GOP accuses Hillary Clinton of being a one-percenter, the Republican-controlled House today voted to eliminate the federal estate tax—a sweetheart deal for the richest 0.2 percent of Americans.

Only households with a net worth of over \$5.4 million pay this estate tax (or 2 out of every 1,000), so it's good to see which taxpayers they truly care about.

It passed the House with all but three Republicans supporting it, and only seven Democrats voted in support. These are the seven Democrats who voted with the richest 0.2 percent.

The Truth About Walmart and Their People Failures -- *The Good Men Project*

By TJ Trent

April 16, 2015

...The facts

- According to the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart cost taxpayers 6.2 billion dollars annually in the form of government subsidies. This might include food stamps as well as government-subsidized health care.
 - The announced wage increase will cost Walmart \$1 billion. In 2014, Walmart saw net sales of \$473 billion and \$16 billion in profits.
 - Walmart's core strategy is "Everyday Low Cost" leadership.
 - Walmart loses 44% of their workforce annually. The cost to replace each worker is \$2,500 dollars. Walmart employs 1.4 million people in the U.S and they lose (turnover) approximately 616,000 employees per year. Walmart spends more money on replacing employees than most companies earn in a year...
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Blog: Repeal of Estate Tax Rewards Billionaires, Punishes Working Americans -- *Huffington Post*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

April 15, 2015

Who deserves a break more these days: a struggling working family, or the heir to a billion-dollar fortune? According to the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, it's the billion-dollar baby.

Recently, the House voted for a budget that would end tax credits for many working families that put \$1,000 a year in their pockets, on average. The Republican budget also would cut \$5 trillion in

funding for benefits and services that make groceries, health care and college more affordable, pay for road improvements, and invest in scientific research.

Adding insult to injury, House conservatives plan to eliminate the estate tax, which is paid only by multi-millionaires and billionaires. An estate has to be worth at least \$5.4 million before a dime in taxes gets paid. If the estate is passed on by a couple, it has to be worth nearly \$11 million...

VIDEO: The Fight Over the Estate Tax Explained in Three Charts -- Bloomberg News

By Alyssa Zahler and Ryo Ikegami
April 15, 2015

WATCH

The wealthiest 0.2 percent of the population would see a big tax break if the estate tax is repealed. With a vote due this week, Bloomberg takes a look at the controversial and political tax.

Blog: 5 Lies About the Estate Tax and the Truth Behind the Lies -- AFL-CIO

By Kenneth Quinnell
April 15, 2015

On Tax Day this year, April 15, the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to introduce legislation that would repeal the estate tax, a policy designed to limit the concentration of wealth in the United States, generate revenue for the federal government by having those most able to pay and encourage charitable giving. The legislation comes as congressional Republican budget plans propose to slash trillions of dollars in money that benefits working families and gives away massive sums to corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) has compiled a series of dishonest and hypocritical quotes from conservatives about the estate tax and related issues. ATF Executive Director **Frank Clemente** explained the Republican tax agenda...

Op-Ed: Keep Downton Abbey on TV -- Newsday

By Morris Pearl, chairman of the **Patriotic Millionaires**
April 15, 2015
Joint effort between **ATF** and Patriotic Millionaires

One thing that makes America great is that we don't have a hereditary aristocracy of wealth and power, like that depicted in Downton Abbey -- the popular British TV show. We fought a revolution to reject that system. But that victory is in jeopardy today, as a vote to repeal the estate tax is planned in Congress.

...This is a good thing. This is the America where hard work, intellect, and a bit of luck can lead to success. That is what enabled me to grow up in a little farming community upstate, go to college with government loans and a few decades later retire at 55 as a managing director with the largest financial management firm in the world. As a result, my children are starting off in their careers unburdened by financial obligations, and they will someday inherit a substantial estate.

...Other American billionaires are people like John, Jacqueline and Forrest Mars who are each worth tens of billions of dollars thanks to a candy business that their grandfather, Frank Mars, started in 1911. Or Christy, Jim, Alice and Rob Walton, who each own tens of billion of dollars worth of stock in Walmart, started by Sam Walton in 1962. But the Mars and Walton heirs are involved neither in day-to-day management nor in active "job creation."...

Column: GOP's estate tax swindle: Carving out a bonus for millionaire heirs while hiding behind farmers -- Salon

By Simon Maloy
April 15, 2015

Congratulations, absurdly wealthy people! You win yet another Tax Day. After exploiting the galaxy of loopholes, deductions, and exclusions that disproportionately benefit people at the very top of the income ladder, America's wealthiest have managed to slash their tax burden by substantial margins. It's great to be rich in America, and it's entirely likely that at some point in the next couple of years, things will only get better for the wealthiest of the wealthy.

Right now, there's a heated competition happening within the Republican Party to see who can come up with the tax policy that is the most generous towards the people who don't actually need that generosity. Case in point: the upcoming votes in the Republican controlled Congress to repeal the estate tax, a policy choice that would accomplish absolutely nothing beyond allowing the wealthy offspring of wealthy people to grow even wealthier...

Blog: On Tax Day, House GOP Set To Vote To Repeal Estate Tax -- Crooks and Liars

By Karoli
April 15, 2015

Happy Tax Day, little people! Our Republican overlords in the United States Congress would like you to know they don't particularly give a damn what you think, no matter what their current crop of 2016 candidates says.

Because you, little peons, did not elect them, and they seek to reward those who elect.

To prove their fealty to the Houses of Walton, Koch, DeVos, Adelson and more, there is a vote planned today in the House to repeal the estate tax law and create a permanent aristocracy. Because what says populism more than repealing a section of the tax code that benefits a teeny, tiny slice of America that holds more wealth than the bottom 50 percent combined?...

Blog: Republicans Want to Mark Tax Day With a Gift to the Top 0.2 Percent -- *The Nation*

By NationAction
April 15, 2015

This week, members of the House of Representatives plan to mark tax day with a vote to repeal the estate tax, potentially giving millionaires and billionaires a huge tax break that will deprive the government of more than \$270 billion over 10 years.

While Republicans want you to think that the estate tax harms small businesses and family farms, it primarily affects the very wealthy. Only individual estates worth more than \$5.4 million pay any estate tax. Just two out of every 1,000 estates are affected.

In the meantime, the House recently passed a budget that cuts \$5 trillion in benefits and services that mostly help working families. While members of Congress question whether or not parents and children in poor households deserve the smallest bit of help, they're voting on yet another huge tax giveaway to the extremely affluent.

The Nation is part of a new coalition defending the importance of progressive taxation. [Join our campaign to preserve the federal estate tax.](#)

Column: Milbank: Republicans push for a permanent aristocracy -- *The Washington Post*

By Dana Milbank
April 14, 2015

ATF brought the estate tax story to the attention of Milbank and urged him to write a column

Give credit to Republicans in Congress.

They've discovered, belatedly, that income inequality is a problem, and they're no longer proposing to give tax breaks to the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans. Now they are proposing to give tax breaks to the wealthiest two-tenths of 1 percent of Americans.

On Tuesday afternoon, the House Rules Committee took up H.R. 1105, the "Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015," with plans to bring it to a vote on the chamber floor Wednesday — Tax Day. It is an extraordinarily candid expression of the majority's priorities: A tax cut costing the treasury \$269 billion over a decade that would exclusively benefit individuals with wealth of more than \$5.4 million and couples with wealth of more than \$10.9 million.

That's a tax break for only the 5,500 wealthiest households in the country each year, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation. Of those, the 318 wealthiest estates each year — those worth \$50 million or more — would see an average windfall of \$20 million each, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

And this at a time when the gap between rich and poor is already worse than it has been since the Great Depression? Never in the history of plutocracy has so much been given away to so few who need it so little.

This is the ultimate perversion of the tea party movement, which began as a populist revolt in 2009 but has since been hijacked by wealthy and corporate interests. The estate tax has been part of American law in some form since 1797, according to the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a shield against the sort of permanent aristocracy our founders fought to rid themselves of...

...Double taxation? **Americans for Tax Fairness**, citing Federal Reserve data, notes that 55 percent of the value of estates worth more than \$100 million comprises unrealized capital gains that have never been taxed...

Column: Fact Checker: Is the estate tax killing small farms and businesses? -- The Washington Post

By Glenn Kessler

April 14, 2015

ATF brought the idea of a fact checker column to Kessler and supplied him with opponents' quotes and data to refute their claims.

The raw facts may not entirely support the case against the estate tax, but increasingly this does not seem to matter. It has become a philosophical issue, even if in the end the data shows that that relatively few small farms or businesses appear to be affected. Ryan said the tax “hits the little guy”—and even if it may be only a handful, that’s apparently all that matters.

Certainly, farmers and ranchers believe they will be hit by the estate tax and do not want to be bothered with paying for lawyers to figure out ways around it. Is that enough to justify throwing out a tax that now mainly affects the very wealthy who are passing on stock portfolios that have never been subject to capital gains taxes? Is that better than an alternative that might require immediate payment of estates with capital gains (as what happens in Canada, where there is no estate tax)?

That’s for the pundits to decide. We are not going to issue a Pinocchio ruling on the grounds that the issue of the estate tax has become so unmoored from the facts that it has moved into the realm of opinion. But we would urge foes of the estate tax to acknowledge that this is a problem that affects very few Americans. With land values increasing, some farmers may have a case. But the vast majority of taxpayers never have to worry about the estate tax.

This CEO Is Taking Minimum Wage Hikes Into His Own Hands — At \$70K Per Year -- News.Mic

By Tom McKay
April 14, 2015

If only everyone had a boss like Dan Price, owner of credit card processor Gravity Payments, maybe income inequality wouldn't be at its worst since 1928.

After reading a study on happiness that suggested extra money makes a big difference in the lives of people who make under \$70,000 a year, Price did something that would never occur to most CEOs. He told his staff that over the next three years, every employee of his company will make at least \$70,000, reports the New York Times.

...Take Wal-Mart, for example. It pays its staff so little money that **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates the government spends about \$7.8 billion a year in food stamps, Medicaid, subsidized housing and other government benefits supporting its low-wage workers...

Taxpayers Spend Billions On Government Help For Low-Wage Workers -- *International Business Times*

By Cole Stangler
April 14, 2015

...Walmart said in February it would boost pay for some 500,000 employees to at least \$9 by April, and McDonald's announced it would raise wages for about 100,000 employees to \$1 above local minimum wages. But employees who earn \$10 an hour and work 34 hours a week still reel in less than \$18,000 in annual income, as a separate report this month from **Americans for Tax Fairness** highlighted. With two or more members in their household, workers at that pay grade would still qualify for Medicaid, food stamps and the earned income tax credit in addition to child care and housing aid programs...

Blog: Massive Tax Break Vote On April 15 For Millionaires And Billionaires -- *Crooks and Liars*

By Susie Madrak
April 10, 2015

...Republicans are voting to further rig the system in favor of the wealthy. The rest of us pay our fair share, but Republicans want tax breaks for rich heirs on money they didn't even earn. That message needs to be heard.

Americans for Tax Fairness drafted a memo that includes a link to a state-by-state list of how few people pay the estate tax, a comparison of conservative falsehoods vs. documented facts, and examples of tax tradeoffs showing how this tax giveaway could instead be used to benefit all Americans.

Quick Links: [ATF's] Estate Tax Editorial Board Memo -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Hillary Flynn
April 8, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness sent out a memo giving background on the federal estate tax before the House votes on whether to repeal it next week. <http://bit.ly/1aHtRqX>

Op-Ed: Walmart's Small Wage Increase Not Enough for Employees, Taxpayers -- The Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

April 7, 2015

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You don't need a Walmart front-door greeter to find the flaw in the company's recently announced boost in worker wages: it's not enough. Not enough to pull its lowest-paid workers out of poverty, and therefore not enough to get American taxpayers off the hook for subsidizing the giant retailer's low-wage payroll.

That's right: Walmart, the world's biggest company, with billions of dollars in profits, relies on you and me to make up the difference between what it pays a large portion of its workforce and what those employees actually need to survive. It's only through public programs like food stamps, Medicaid and the earned income tax credit that hundreds of thousands of Walmart workers are able to make ends meet.

After years of public pressure, Walmart finally decided to grant a modest raise to employees at the bottom of its wage scale. Beginning this month, no worker will earn less than \$9 an hour. By 2016 all workers who have passed a six-month training period will be paid at least \$10 an hour.

This move garnered Walmart some positive headlines. But will these modest wage increases actually lift Walmart workers out of poverty and relieve American taxpayers of our unfair obligation to subsidize the company's payroll?

We know from our [comprehensive 2014 report](#) that Walmart benefits from \$6.2 billion a year in public subsidies that support its employees: food stamps, Medicaid, child care support and five other taxpayer-funded programs. Besides keeping families healthy, some of these programs provide crucial incentives to keep people working despite the low pay.

Americans for Tax Fairness has analyzed the effect of Walmart's new wage policy and found that even after the planned pay hikes are fully implemented, [large taxpayer subsidies will still be required to make up for the company's low wages](#) ...

Despite pay hike, Walmart workers still need help -- CBS News

By Kate Gibson

April 2, 2015

Walmart's highly publicized pay hike is a victory of sorts for its 1.3 million employees, but American taxpayers will foot the bill for the large subsidies that will still be needed to compensate for the discount retailer's low wages.

That's the finding of a report published Wednesday by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which calculated that this month's increase to at least \$9 an hour for Walmart workers won't be enough to get many of them off public assistance.

"Most people think those abusing the system are the poor, and often the undeserving poor, but this report reveals that workers who are actually working full-time and hard, but just can't cut it on these wages, and the rest of us are helping them along," **Frank Clemente**, the ATF's executive director told CBS MoneyWatch. "Ideally, you'd want the companies employing these people to pay the full freight."...

When Wal-Mart Comes To Town, What Does It Mean For Workers? -- National Public Radio

By Jennifer Ludden and Yuki Noguchi
April 2, 2015

...This week, Wal-Mart will raise its minimum pay to \$9 an hour nationwide, and then again to \$10 an hour next year. Jabbie says she's happy about that — she feels it's a response to the efforts of activists like herself. But a report released Thursday by **Americans For Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning advocacy group, finds that a full-time Wal-Mart worker would need to earn at least \$15 an hour in order to stop qualifying for public assistance programs like food stamps...

Workers respond to McDonald's pay increase: we fight on -- The Guardian

By Jana Kasperkevic
April 2, 2015

...Even after Walmart's new wage of at least \$9 an hour is implemented this month, its employees will qualify for public assistance programs like childcare, food stamps and housing assistance, analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness** revealed...

Report: Wal-Mart's Wage Hike Insufficient to Keep Workers Off the Dole -- Newsmax

By Dan Weil
April 2, 2015

Wal-Mart created a big stir with its recent decision to raise wages to at least \$9 an hour for all its workers, but that's not enough to keep many of its employees off public assistance, according to a new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness**...

Blog: Two New Reports Detail How Walmart Keeps Profits High, Wages Down -- AFL-CIO

By Kenneth Quinnell
April 2, 2015

A new report from the AFL-CIO finds Walmart is seeking to cut its costs for higher-paid, U.S. high-tech workers by recruiting temporary foreign tech workers at lower wages. Meanwhile a new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that Walmart's promised raise for its lowest-paid employees to \$9 per hour in 2015 and \$10 per hour in 2016 will still require large taxpayer subsidies to compensate for the lowness of Walmart's wages...

...The study, from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the \$9 per hour standard would still mean that most of those low-wage workers, even working at Walmart's full-time standard of 34 hours a week, would bring home less than \$16,000 a year. Such a low rate would qualify a single worker for at least three government assistance programs. If the worker has one or more children, they would qualify for eight programs...

Column: Republicans have a new plan to cut taxes for the top 0.2 percent -- The Washington Post Wonkblog

By Matt O'Brien
April 1, 2015

A specter is haunting America's super-rich — the specter of progressive taxation.

Don't worry, though, the Republican Party is manning the barricades against this menace. That's been true for the last 35 years, and it's no less so now. Indeed, the Paul Ryan-led House Ways and Means Committee just symbolically voted to end the estate tax entirely. In other words, to stand in solidarity with the heirs of the top 0.2 percent...

...Now in theory, you could get rid of the estate tax, and, as long as you also got rid of step-up basis, it at least wouldn't be a massive giveaway to the top 0.2 percent. But that's not the Republican plan. They don't want to tax heirs at all: neither an estate tax nor step-up basis. In other words, a \$246 billion gift to the Paris Hiltons of the world over the next decade.

At a time when wealth inequality is already at a 70-year high, that'd really be heightening the contradictions.

Following the crowd, McDonald's pledges to raise wages -- *The Washington Post*

By Lydia DePillis

April 1, 2015

...It's true that a dollar raise tends to be too small to make meaningful economic differences in workers' lives. An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that Walmart's raise would be insufficient to move most of its employees off public assistance programs like food stamps; the same is likely true of McDonalds' move...

Seattle's Wage Hike Reminds Us A \$9 Minimum Wage Isn't Enough -- *The Huffington Post*

By Ben Walsh

April 1, 2015

...Unfortunately, for many families, \$9 or \$10 an hour is still not enough to climb out of poverty or get off government assistance programs, noted a report released Wednesday by the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**...

...The **ATF** report singled out Walmart's wages for criticism. The same critique would also apply to any other company paying a minimum of \$9 or \$10 an hour. Still, Walmart's sheer size means its pay policies have a big impact. The company has 2.2 million employees, and an estimated 500,000 will be affected by its pay raise. For comparison, the city of Seattle has 650,000 residents. About 38,000 workers in Seattle will see their wages rise due to the new \$11 minimum wage. Just over 100,000 will be affected once the \$15 wage is fully phased in.

At \$9 an hour, a worker might make \$15,912 a year, **ATF** calculated. At that income, a single worker would qualify for Medicaid, housing aid, and heat assistance. With one or more children and a single income, such a worker would qualify for those programs, along with food stamps, the Earned Income Tax Credit, child care credits, and the national school breakfast and lunch programs, the report said. At \$10 an hour, an employee's annual income rises to \$17,680, but a single-income, two-person household would still qualify for all eight of those aid programs.

The **ATF** report also noted that, because almost half of Walmart's employees quit each year, many workers will continue to earn \$9 an hour when the \$10 wage goes into effect in 2016. (To qualify for \$10 an hour, workers have to complete a six-month training period.)

ATF recommended Walmart raise its wages to \$15 an hour, which "would lift many of its workers above the income level at which they would be eligible" for anti-poverty programs.

Walmart Gave Workers a Raise—But It's Not Enough To Keep Them Off the Dole -- Mother Jones

By Josh Harkinson
April 1, 2015

A typical Walmart Supercenter costs taxpayers more than \$900,000 a year in public assistance doled out to its low-wage workers. This fact, published in a federal study in 2013, galvanized labor protests at Walmart stores across the country last year, leading the retail giant to announce in February that would give some 500,000 workers a raise. And that's something. But according to a report released today by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart's pay is still too far low to wean many "associates" from federal subsidies such as food stamps and Section 8 housing...

...The four Walton heirs, who are collectively worth \$144.7 billion, are Walmart's largest stockholders and constitute the nation's wealthiest family. If they wanted to stop enriching themselves at the expense of taxpayers, they could pay their workers at least \$15 an hour for a 40-hour workweek. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, this would have cost Walmart about \$10.8 billion in 2014, or about half of the increase in the Waltons' net worth that year.

Walmart's Higher Wages Still Not High Enough -- Gawker

By Hamilton Nolan
April 1, 2015

Earlier this year, Walmart announced that it will soon be raising the wages of its employees, so that new workers will be making \$10 an hour by next year. This was the company's response to years of pressure from the labor movement. And how does Walmart's shiny new commitment to higher wages stack up on the "keeping employees off of welfare" front? Not terribly well, when you look at the big picture.

...A new report out today from **Americans for Tax Fairness** analyzes Walmart's new wage paradigm, and the following three bullet points neatly sum up the company's place in the ethical hierarchy...

Blog: Even With Wage Increase, Walmart Workers Will Still Need Public Assistance -- Think Progress

By Bryce Covert
April 1, 2015

...Jones is likely not the only Walmart employee who will still need help from government programs after the wage increase. In a report released on Wednesday, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said that at \$9 an hour working a full-time schedule of 34 hours a week, employees will still make just \$15,912 a year, qualifying a single worker for three public assistance programs and a parent for eight. Even once wages get to \$10 an hour, full-time employees will pull in \$17,680 a year, qualifying a parent or family of two for eight programs...

Blog: Walmart raised its pay. But it's still so low workers qualify for government aid -- The Daily Kos

By Laura Clawson
April 1, 2015

Walmart's low wages have been costing taxpayers a lot of money— around \$900,000 a year for a single Supercenter—as workers are paid so little they're forced to rely on government assistance. But now Walmart is giving 500,000 of its workers a raise, so problem solved, right? Not so fast. A new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** shows that many Walmart workers will continue to be paid so little that they're eligible for programs like food assistance, Medicaid, home energy assistance, and more...

Blog: Walmart's Wage Hike Still Puts Taxpayers on the Hook -- RH Reality Check

By Emily Crockett
April 1, 2015

...Walmart will raise its minimum wage to \$9 an hour starting this month, and \$10 starting in 2016 for workers who have passed a six-month training period.

Even these wages will still force many workers to rely on government programs like Medicaid and food stamps to get by, according to an analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Americans for Tax Fairness noted that the Walton heirs' personal fortune increased by more than \$20 million from March 2014 to March 2015, and that just half of that amount could give all of Walmart's workers a raise of \$5 per hour...

The Estate Tax Isn't Destroying Family Farms -- Al Jazeera America News

By David Cay Johnston
March 27, 2015

...The fact is that any claim that the estate tax is killing family farms is a lie.

How many of America's 2.2 million farms have been sold to pay estate taxes? None.

...That Rep. Paul Ryan, the Wisconsin Republican who chairs the tax writing Ways and Means Committee, could not find a single case of a farm lost to the estate tax for last week's hearing illustrates his willingness to use lies to sell his policies...

...We need to reform the estate tax system. I would start by changing the code to tax capital gains at death, as Canada does, and to limit the estate tax to huge concentrated fortunes — say, of \$1 billion or more. But we should all agree to reform it on the basis of facts, not lies.

Estate tax repeal: Republicans want to cut taxes for rich dead people, again -- Slate

By Jordan Weissmann
March 25, 2015

...And truly, we're just talking about millionaires at this point. Currently, the government only taxes estates worth \$5.43 million in the case of a deceased individual, or \$10.86 million for a married couple—which impacts just the richest 0.2 percent of Americans, according to the Center on Budget Policy and Priorities. Fifteen years ago, when the tax kicked in around \$675,000 per person, it only affected the wealthy. Now it only affects the super-wealthy...

...The bottom line is that the estate tax is already much diminished. But slashing it would still cost the government about \$268 billion over 10 years. Which, again, would be a nice gift to the top 0.2 percent.

Op-Ed: Stark Choices: People's Budget vs. Republican Budget -- The Hill

By Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**

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The annual federal budget debate typically doesn't excite many folks outside the Washington beltway. And with good reason -- the Republican budget process is intended to lull the public to sleep by staying short on details and long on damaging provisions that will hurt low-income and middle-class families.

But folks should pay attention to the debate because budgets have consequences -- and if done right, they can truly move our country forward. The "Peoples Budget," which we both helped prepare, is a bold and responsible alternative to the Republican plans that take from working families while giving more to corporations and the wealthy.

The GOP budgets proposed in Congress would cut about \$5 trillion over the next decade. The overwhelming burden would fall on programs that boost working families: education, Medicare and Medicaid, college aid, job training, medical research and rebuilding roads and bridges. Tens of millions of Americans would lose health insurance and millions more would lose food stamps or be priced out of college...

...Their goal of reducing the top tax rates paid by the rich and corporations by about one-third will cost another \$3 trillion, based on the plan they offered last year. Republicans have proposed no credible plan to pay for those tax breaks. The average millionaire would cut his tax bill by \$200,000. And it would do nothing to end the scandal that hugely profitable corporations -- General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and scores of other companies -- paid no federal income taxes over a recent five-year period.

In stark contrast, the "People's Budget: A Raise for America" -- authored by the Congressional Progressive Caucus with assistance from the Economic Policy Institute Policy Center -- invests in our nation in a robust, straightforward way. It would create millions of jobs, repair our crumbling roads and bridges, make college affordable, improve our schools and other community services, and get us to full employment in two years.

Where does the money come from? No "magic asterisks" here -- wealthy households and big corporations are finally asked to pay their fair share.

Corporations would no longer get a tax break when they shift jobs and hide profits offshore. Income generated from investments primarily owned by the wealthy would no longer be taxed at

a lower rate than income earned from weekly paychecks. Wall Street gamblers would pay a tiny tax on all their wheeler-dealer trading. Millionaires and billionaires would pay somewhat higher tax rates (but still lower than they did during most of the Reagan Administration)...

ALABAMA

Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *The Montgomery Advertiser*

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 16, 2015
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ARIZONA

Op-Ed: U.S. Corporate Tax Rate isn't Threat to Business, but Crumbling Infrastructure is -- *Bullhead City Bee*

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**
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Op-Ed: Corporate Tax Dodges Could Fund Infrastructure Needs -- *The Sedona Red Rocks News (AZ)*

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**
July 1, 2015
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Op-Ed: Congress rewards corporations while punishing the American people -- *The Payson Roundup (AZ)*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
May 29, 2015

Op-Ed: Wal-Mart's small wage increase not enough for employees, taxpayers -- *The Phoenix Reporter & Item (AZ)*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
April 10, 2015
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ARKANSAS

Retailer: Foreign assets fit the rules -- *Arkansas Online (AR)*

By Chris Bahn
June 17, 2015

A report that Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is hiding billions in international assets to avoid paying U.S. taxes was dismissed by the retailer Wednesday as misleading.

Americans for Tax Fairness compiled the report -- distributed by the United Food and Commercial Workers union and its affiliated group Making Change at Walmart -- which alleges that Wal-Mart is hiding at least \$76 billion in 78 subsidiaries established in countries where it has no retail stores. Wal-Mart, according to the report, has an "extensive web of tax-haven subsidiaries" and uses "exotic international tax avoidance strategies."...

...According to the **Americans For Tax Fairness** report, Wal-Mart would be among the companies to benefit from changes to the repatriation laws. Wal-Mart, however, disputed that it would stand to gain from a so-called tax holiday or a reduction in taxes levied on international earnings.

CALIFORNIA

Op-Ed: Pfizer's Latest Deal with Allergan to Lower Taxes is Worst Scam Ever -- *Northern Californian*

By Valentina Wilson
November 26, 2015

President Barack Obama calls the deal unpatriotic and has tried to crack down on practice. In order to defend itself, the US pharmaceutical giant said that it paid 25.5% tax rate on its global income in 2014. But, the real out-of-pocket tax rate for the company was found to be just 7.5% on investigation by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Op-Ed: Congress rewards corporations, punishes American people -- The Lassen County Times (CA)

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
June 9, 2015

Op-Ed: Small businesses and the estate tax -- The Vacaville Reporter (CA)

By Deborah Field
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Column: Milbank: The GOP push for a permanent aristocracy -- The Contra Costa Times (CA)

By Dana Milbank
April 17, 2015

Editorial: A big tax break for billionaires, courtesy of the GOP -- The Los Angeles Times (CA)

By The Editorial Board
April 15, 2015

Why are Republicans so eager to give a tax break to millionaires and billionaires?

To commemorate Tax Day, House Republicans plan to pass a bill Wednesday that would cut taxes by nearly \$270 billion over the coming decade. Don't break out the champagne, however — the money almost certainly isn't going into your bank account. Instead, the tax break would benefit fewer than 5,500 households, or about one out of every 20,000 taxpayers, and the recipients would all be multimillionaires.

Why is the GOP, which has adopted so much of the tea party's populist rhetoric, so eager to cut the elites a break worth an estimated \$3 million on average? Because the tax at issue is the estate tax, which has become a Republican symbol for big government's rapaciousness and Washington's nasty habit of penalizing success...

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CONNECTICUT

Malloy says there is 'consensus' on tax hike rollbacks -- *The CT Mirror*

By Keith Phaneuf and Mark Pazniokas
June 24, 2015

One day after House Democratic leaders said they had just began to discuss Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's last-minute budget proposals, the governor declared Wednesday there already was a "consensus" agreement to roll back two controversial business tax hikes in special session.

The governor told reporters the General Assembly "certainly" would reverse planned increases in the sales tax on data processing and on other online services, and that he also expects the "unitary" reporting requirement within the corporation tax to be delayed one year.

...The governor made his comments as **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of unions and left-leaning advocacy groups, staged a demonstration outside a Walmart in Hartford in support of a

new business tax: a levy on companies like Walmart whose employees are paid so little they qualify for state assistance.

The so-called Walmart bill proposed during the regular session would require companies or franchisors with more than 250 employees to pay the state \$1 for every hour worked by an employee paid less than \$15.

The bill was endorsed by the legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee, but it never came to a vote in either chamber. Its supporters are trying to revive a modified version of the measure in the special session...

Protesters decry 'corporate greed' ahead of Connecticut special legislative session -- CT News Junkie

By Elizabeth Regan
June 25, 2015

A group of approximately 25 people delivered a message, complete with an invoice for \$2.2 billion, to a Hartford Wal-Mart manager Wednesday morning to protest the effect of untaxed corporate assets on the Connecticut economy.

Protest organizer Ann Pratt, of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, said the corporation owes its workers higher wages and it owes the state more taxes. She cited statistics from a report released last week by the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness** that said Wal-Mart is hiding \$76 billion in assets overseas.

The protesters walked in a circle on the sidewalk in front of the building to chants of "low pay is not okay," "beat back the Wal-Mart attack," and "pay your taxes" before several community activists took a turn at the bullhorn...

VIDEO: Walmart Protest in Hartford -- Fox CT News at 10

June 25, 2015

The rally comes amid heated budget negotiations...which are raising taxes on residents. Given Connecticut's budget deficit we want to make sure that they are paying their fair share in taxes for the programs that they use in our state. A recent report by "**Americans for tax Fairness**" says

Walmart has 78 subsidiaries in off-shore tax havens worth \$76 billion in untaxed assets.

Op-Ed: Ben & Jerry: No tax cut for the 0.2 percent -- *The Bristol Press (CT)*

By Ben Cohen & Jerry Greenfield

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Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Saint PetersBlog*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

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By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

January 6, 2016

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LTE: Apple, Pfizer and those Shameful Offshore Tax Dodges -- Tampa Bay Tribune

By Bill Newton, deputy director **Florida Consumer Action Network**

December 30, 2015

What do the world's largest drug maker and the world's biggest tech company have in common? They exploit giant loopholes to dodge billions on their taxes and starve public services in Florida and around the country of much-needed revenue.

This, of course, creates a huge incentive to move all your money out of the U.S. to tax havens. Pfizer holds some \$140 billion offshore and would owe some \$50 billion in taxes on those profits if it weren't for this loophole. And that tax bill will be absolved if it is allowed to declare itself headquartered in Ireland. Apple stashed a record \$50 billion offshore in 2014 while paying a tiny 2.2 percent income tax on those profits.

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- Palm Beach Post

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

December 30, 2015

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LTE: Apple Should Pay Fair Share -- Tampa Bay Tribune

By Susan McGrath, executive director **Florida Consumer Action Network**

December 29, 2015

Apple's use of complicated schemes to shift its profits offshore is well documented. It has now has stashed \$181 billion in offshore accounts — including a record \$50 billion in 2014 while paying a tiny 2.2 percent income tax on those profits. Our local Florida businesses aren't doing this. They don't have dozens of subsidiaries in the Caribbean; they just pay what they owe.

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *The Thornton Review*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
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LTE: Close Tax Loopholes -- *Orlando Sentinel*

By Mark Ferrulo, executive director of **Progress Florida**
December 23, 2015

Multinational corporations use creative accounting to shift their profits all over the globe in order to exploit loopholes in the tax code. Some of the biggest companies pay nothing in corporate income taxes. Meanwhile, our local Florida businesses pay full freight. We should level the playing field so that everyone plays by the same rules.

LTE: Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share -- *Palm Beach Post*

By Eric Paulino, member of **Florida Main Street Alliance**
November 4, 2015

As a small-business owner and taxpayer, I support key public services that strengthen Florida's communities — like schools, hospitals, public transit and highways. But I'm alarmed at how large American corporations are lobbying Congress to avoid paying their fair share in taxes that make these critical services possible.

By taking advantage of a loophole in the U.S. tax code, big companies have ducked paying taxes on more than \$2 trillion in profits they've stashed overseas. They owe the U.S. Treasury about \$600 billion in taxes on these profits.

Now, as part of a deal to pay to fix America's crumbling roads and bridges, big corporations are aggressively lobbying Congress for a massive tax break on this money. If approved, it would reward

them for tax-dodging — and represent a slap in the face to those of us who pay our full taxes every year.

And corporations would have an even greater incentive to ship our jobs overseas. Tax-dodging corporations should pay what they owe.

OP-ED: Raising revenues must be central goal of budget talks -- Palm Beach Post

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
October 31, 2015

The recent federal budget agreement was a missed opportunity. It is good news that conservative ideologues did not force another government shutdown and that some deep cuts to critical services were avoided. But our political leaders missed the chance to create a better budget and a fairer tax system by closing loopholes and using those new revenues to meet our pressing national needs.

For instance, this budget does not close a single tax loophole benefiting corporations or the wealthy. Closing corporate loopholes would not only force them to pay more of their fair share, but it would provide revenue needed for new investments to improve education, repair crumbling roads and bridges, and invest in research for new medical cures.

LTE: Close Overseas Loophole -- Tampa Bay Times

By Mark Ferrulo, executive director of **Progress Florida**
October 21, 2015

There's a problem with our tax system that Washington has a chance to fix, but corporate lobbyists are pulling out all the stops to prevent it. Large corporations have not paid any taxes on more than \$2 trillion in profits they've stashed offshore because our tax system lets them defer paying taxes until that income is brought back to the United States.

This unfair "offshore loophole" is costing the U.S. Treasury roughly \$90 billion dollars a year. That's money that should be available now to reduce the deficit, as well as invest in better schools, infrastructure and community programs.

Some members of Congress are trying to broker a deal that would allow companies that have stashed funds offshore to pay only a tiny fraction of what they actually owe in taxes. I hope Florida Sen. Bill Nelson, who is a member of the Finance Committee, makes it a priority to stand up for

individual taxpayers and rejects any deal that lets tax-dodging corporations off the hook without paying their fair share.

Op-Ed: Collect on tax dodgers, fix our infrastructure -- *Orlando Sentinel*

By Charles McKinney, member of **Main Street Alliance Florida**
October 21, 2015

When my father built the small laundry business I now run, he didn't take out a loan. He literally built it, by hand, on my grandmother's property, doing as much construction as he could by himself. A small business is different from a big corporation, of course, but still I wish our nation's leading multinational firms practiced some of that simple, straightforward approach to business.

Instead, we see mostly the opposite. Take their unethical approach to paying their fair share of taxes. Like most people, I pay what I owe each year. But huge multinational corporations avoid tax bills for decades, sometimes forever. One of their most effective tax-dodging strategies is stashing profits offshore.

President Obama and some congressional leaders want to collect taxes on all that offshore corporate loot — \$2.1 trillion at last count — and use it to fix our roads and bridges. Sounds good, but here's the kicker: They don't propose to collect all the money due, just a small portion of it.

Op-Ed: U.S. corporations leap borders to dodge their taxes -- *Palm Beach Post*

By Karen Woodall, member of **Main Street Alliance Florida**
October 19, 2015

Whether jumping state lines or international boundaries, big corporations know how to use geography to dodge their taxes.

Here in Florida, we are working to ensure Sunshine State companies can't hide their income in other states to avoid our state corporate tax. In Washington, Congress should show the same vigilance and focus on not letting corporations hide profits in foreign countries to dodge federal taxes. But judging by the D.C. debate so far, the corporate shell game will not only go on but be encouraged by a huge tax cut.

Corporate taxes are in the news this fall because the president and Congress have agreed that tapping into the \$2.1 trillion in profits that American corporations have stashed offshore would be

a good way to replenish the nearly bankrupt fund that pays for highway and transit projects.

Op-Ed: Florida's Workers and Services Hurt by Corporate Tax Dodging -- The Bradenton Times

By Andy Madtes, executive director of **AFSCME Florida**
October 16, 2015

Florida's taxpayers deserve smarter investment of our money. We rank near the bottom in education funding. Our roads and bridges cry out for repairs and upgrades. Florida inmates have needlessly died because the state was trying to economize on prison health care. We invest the least in our state services, per capita, in the country at less than half the national average. Many wounds are self-inflicted because, instead of investing in people and communities, the Legislature spends resources on tax cuts to the wealthy and big corporations.

Like all states, Florida relies on a partnership with the federal government for funding many public services, including building highways and maintaining mass transit systems. It's good news that Congress has committed to extending the soon-expiring fund that pays for transportation projects.

What's disturbing is that a major plan under consideration is to pay for it by handing tax-dodging corporations a huge tax cut. Leading proposals would collect only a fraction of the taxes owed by multinational corporations on \$2 trillion in profits they've stashed overseas.

Radio Appearance: Andy Madtes of AFSCME on Schumer-Portman -- WMNF Florida

By Andy Madtes, executive director of **AFSCME Florida**
October 15, 2016

Andy Madtes appeared on WMNF Florida to discuss the Schumer-Portman tax legislation.

Op-Ed: Florida's Workers and Services Hurt by Corporate Tax Dodging -- Tampa Bay Tribune

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LTE: Don't let corporations off the hook in federal highway deal -- Context Florida

By Paul Heroux, member of **Main Street Alliance Florida**
September 29, 2015

Forcing corporations to pay what they owe can be a tough job. But when I worked in the insurance business and was responsible for getting a corporation to provide compensation for causing an accident or injury, I always collected.

That's why I'm disappointed some politicians in Washington are talking about giving up on collecting all the taxes due on the \$2 trillion in corporate profits stashed offshore. It's time to make corporations accountable for their responsibilities. They should pay what they owe.

LTE: Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share -- Palm Beach Post

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By taking advantage of a loophole in the U.S. tax code, big companies have ducked paying taxes on more than \$2 trillion in profits they've stashed overseas. They owe the U.S. Treasury about \$600 billion in taxes on these profits.

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Today on Context Florida: Government dysfunction, Florida's infrastructure and crude oil - Context Florida: Saint Peters Blog (FL)

By Phil Ammann
August 31, 2015

A less-than-Special Session cost citizens nearly 700 grand, Rick Scott's legal bills are now north of \$1.5 million, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has issued more bear hunting permits than there are bears, and there is a big storm aiming for the Gulf of Mexico. Diane Roberts says that in Florida, government dysfunction is the house style.

Florida depends on safe, efficient transportation to accommodate a growing population and about 100 million tourists who flock here annually, **says Mark Ferrulo**, executive director of **Progress Florida**. The National Association of Civil Engineers rates America's infrastructure a "D." More than 250 of Florida's bridges are considered "structurally deficient." Politicians in Washington simply cannot keep kicking this can down the road, Ferrulo writes...

Op-Ed: Fight over infrastructure funding will reverberate in Florida -- Florida Politics (FL)

By Mark Ferrulo, executive director of **Progress Florida**
August 31, 2015

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America's roads and bridges are slowly crumbling and, to make matters worse, the fund that pays to maintain and improve our nation's transportation needs is on the verge of going broke. But as Congress rushes to replenish the fund, it should not make a big mistake that will cost us hundreds of billions of dollars.

Here in Florida, we depend on safe, efficient transportation to accommodate our growing population and about 100 million tourists who flock here annually. America's infrastructure, however, is rated a "D," the National Association of Civil Engineers says. More than 250 of Florida's bridges are considered "structurally deficient."

The politicians in Washington can't keep kicking this can down the road.

The good news is that Congress has the ability to fund the maintenance and restoration of America's transportation system right now by making corporations pay what they owe on the \$2.1 trillion in profits they have stashed offshore, avoiding payment of U.S. taxes. Right now, though, large corporations are fighting tooth and nail in Washington to avoid paying their fair share in taxes on that money...

LTE: Tax Dodge -- Ocala Star Banner (FL)

By David Berglund
August 30, 2015

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I'm a strong advocate for public schools, but I know that students need safe roads, bridges and infrastructure in order to get to and from their campuses. That's why I've been paying close attention to the debate currently underway in Congress that could have a dramatic impact on whether we properly invest in our highways and bridges.

Marion County has its share of dangerous roads, including I-75 and U.S. 441, but right now an opportunity exists to raise vital funds for road and bridge repair by taxing over \$2 trillion in profits American corporations have stockpiled in overseas accounts. Large companies have been stashing these funds offshore in order to delay paying taxes on them — taxes that they should have paid already, except for a loophole in the tax law.

Now politicians are being pressured by lobbyists for the corporations to hand them a “golden parachute” that would sharply drop the tax rate they owe. Such a move would be a disaster, costing the treasury hundreds of billions of dollars while encouraging companies to continue hiding their profits — and sending jobs — overseas.

I hope Florida Sen. Bill Nelson rejects this ploy by large corporations to avoid paying their fair share in taxes. Using those funds to repair American's crumbling infrastructure will help ensure that our investment in other public services — like our schools — pays off.

David Berglund
Ocala

Letter of the Day: A way to fix deficient infrastructure -- *The Tampa Bay Tribune (FL)*

By Mark Ferrulo executive director of **Progress Florida**
August 29, 2015

Funding public projects to maintain and repair roads and bridges has gotten short shrift from our elected officials for too long. Whether you've been stuck in an Interstate 275 traffic jam or thrown off your bike by a pothole, you know our roads and infrastructure need repair.

Our nation's infrastructure is currently graded a “D” by the National Association of Civil Engineers, and it's only getting worse. More than 566 bridges in Florida alone are rated “structurally deficient” or “functionally obsolete,” including one of the Pinellas Bayway bridges bringing thousands of people to and from our beaches.

But there is an abundant source of funds just waiting to be tapped by our representatives in Washington.

Because of a massive loophole in the tax code, there is more than \$2 trillion in untaxed U.S. corporate profits stashed offshore. By simply closing this one corporate tax loophole, Congress can raise the funds needed to address much of our infrastructure needs.

Unfortunately, some politicians in Washington are caving to corporate special interests and are willing to let the tax-dodgers off the hook at a “discount” while our roads and bridges continue to crumble away.

I hope Sen. Bill Nelson continues to stand up to special interests and oppose this bad idea. Our decaying infrastructure is a reminder that if we are to build a better nation and stronger communities, all of us, including corporations, must pay their fair share.

Mark Ferrulo
St. Petersburg

Op-Ed: Crumbling US Infrastructure a Threat to Business -- *The Palm Beach Post (FL)*

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the Center for Effective Government
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By Dana Milbank
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By Dana Milbank
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LTE: Crack down on tax dodging -- *The Tampa Bay Times (FL)*

By Bill Newton, deputy director of **Florida Consumer Action Network**
April 3, 2015

Tampa Bay Brewing Co. co-founder John Doble pointed out in his column that the tax code has gotten a bit out of hand. He has never resented paying his "fair share," but not every company is likewise concerned about fairness. A recent Citizens for Tax Justice report found that Fortune 500 companies are holding more than \$2.1 trillion in profits offshore to dodge \$600 billion in taxes.

If we end tax breaks for companies that ship profits or jobs offshore we can level the playing field for microbreweries, restaurants and other local businesses that create jobs in Florida. It's about time big corporations played by the same rules as Main Street businesses. This is a critical element of tax reform that cannot go overlooked.

Bill Newton, deputy director, **Florida Consumer Action Network**, St. Petersburg

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May 29, 2015

Blog: Report: Despite Walmart's Pay Hike, Employee Wages Will Still Cost Taxpayers Money -- *Progress Illinois (IL)*

By Ellyn Fortino
May 8, 2015

Even though Walmart has moved to increase employee wages, new data shows that the company's workers will still cost U.S. taxpayers a pretty penny to make up for the dismal earnings they bring home from working for the retail giant.

Last year, **Americans for Tax Fairness** issued a report stating that U.S. taxpayers pick up a \$6.2 billion tab annually to cover public aid expenses for Walmart workers earning low wages...

...In light of Walmart's new wage policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness** re-examined the taxpayer subsidy issue.

"Even after Walmart's planned wage increases are fully implemented, large taxpayer subsidies will still be required to compensate for Walmart's low wages," the group concludes in its newest report...

Op-Ed: Ben & Jerry: No tax cut for the 0.2 percent -- *Daily Southtown*

By Ben Cohen & Jerry Greenfield
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Column: GOP panders to the rich -- *The Alton Telegraph (IL)*

By John Dunphy
April 28, 2015

The Republican-dominated U.S. House of Representatives on April 16 of this year voted 240 to 179 to repeal the estate tax on inherited assets worth more than \$5.4 million for individuals and \$10.9

million for couples. Republicans accounted for 233 of the aye votes, while 176 of the 179 no votes came from Democrats. If there was any doubt that the GOP is owned lock, stock and barrel by our nation's most reactionary millionaires and billionaires, these Republican politicians dispelled it by their support for this measure...

...In his column "Repeal of Estate Tax Rewards Billionaires, Punishes Working Americans," **Frank Clemente** berated Republicans for using "all the dirty tricks at their disposal to misinform the public in order to undermine support for the estate tax." For example, GOP politicians and their shills in the right-wing media typically call it the "death tax" to mislead us into believing that every family that loses a loved one pays it – and that's a blatant lie. Clemente reminded us that "99.8 percent of American families are untouched by the estate tax." While giving yet another tax break to the wealthiest Americans, he observed, the budget proposed by House Republicans "also would cut \$5 trillion in funding for benefits and services that make groceries, health care and college more affordable, pay for road improvements, and invest in scientific research."

Editorial: Keep the Estate Tax -- The Chicago Daily Chronicle (IL)

By The Toledo Blade Editorial Board
April 20, 2015

Ohio's repeal of its estate tax more than two years ago has had a disastrous impact on local communities that relied on revenue from the tax to pay for essential public services. Now, Republicans in Congress want to repeal the federal estate tax — a giveaway that would hand \$270 billion in tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires over the next decade — even as they claim to care about rising wealth inequality...

...Revenue from the estate tax goes toward many of the same government functions as income taxes, including health care, national defense, and deficit reduction. But the benefits of the estate tax go well beyond paying for government services.

The tax has been one of the most powerful tools for progressive taxation in the nation's history. Opponents call it a "death tax" that punishes heirs for the hard work of their family members. But such cynical labels misstate the roles of the tax: to limit the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few, and to require wealthy Americans to pay a fair share of taxes on fortunes they did not earn...

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Recent revelations that Walmart, the world's biggest corporation, is maintaining secret subsidiaries in well-known offshore tax havens are outrageous but far from surprising to small business owners. That's because we're used to seeing large corporations abuse the tax system in ways that hurt our businesses, communities and families. Walmart's hidden web of 78 subsidiaries in 15 tax havens, unveiled in a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, is just the latest example. Let's hope it spurs reform.

ATF says Walmart may have skirted U.S. securities law by not properly reporting its tax-haven subsidiaries. But even if hiding them runs afoul of the law, using tax havens to avoid U.S. taxes is perfectly legal. Yet, every time a big corporation uses accounting schemes to avoid paying its full measure of taxes — the typical use of tax havens — small businesses and working families pay the price, either in higher taxes or deteriorating public services...

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By Hunter Hackney
June 18, 2015

The retail giant, Walmart Stores has been accused by a US tax reform advocacy group called '**Americans for Tax Fairness**' of tax evasion. The advocacy group's report released on Wednesday asserts that Walmart has built network of 78 subsidiaries in 15 offshore tax havens in a bid to cut taxes on the foreign units...

Walmart's vast web of offshore subsidiaries help it avoid Maine, U.S. taxes -- *The Maine Beacon (ME)*

June 17, 2015

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Op-Ed: Why is Neal supporting corporate loophole? -- *Berkshire Eagle*

By Nathan Proctor, state director of **Massachusetts Fair Share**
August 29, 2015

It probably won't surprise you that many of the biggest multinational companies pay much lower tax rates than Main Street Massachusetts businesses. In fact some of the world's most profitable companies pay no corporate income tax at all. We've heard about how Apple, Google, Verizon and General Electric use complicated tax dodging schemes to avoid paying their fair share.

What is a bit surprising is that Rep. Richard Neal has co-sponsored a measure that opens up a new loophole in our tax code that would make the problem worse.

Rep. Neal, a Springfield Democrat, has co-sponsored legislation, introduced by Rep. Charles Boustany (R-La.), to tax profits earned by "intellectual property" — like patents, copyrights and trade secrets — at a far lower rate than other kinds of profits. House Budget Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan celebrated the move, and has long support this kind of policy, adding "I applaud Charles and Richie." ...

Op-Ed: Corporations profit; people punished -- *The Taunton Daily Gazette (MA)*

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Op-Ed: Bring Overseas Profits Home -- The Detroit News

By Linda Teeter, executive director of **Michigan Citizen Action**
December 23, 2015

As end of the year budget discussions continue to unfold in Washington and the holiday season gets roaring, we need our elected leaders to look overseas.

In total, U.S. multinational corporations have \$2.1 trillion in profits that are offshore. They owe about \$600 billion on those profits.

That's money owed to the American people that should be used to fund priorities here at home like roads and bridges, public transportation, mental health services and, as is often a contentious debate in Michigan, education funding.

Corporate Tax Avoidance Has Cost Michigan Schools Nearly \$700 Million in the Past Four Years -- Eclecta Blog

December 20, 2015

It's well known that American corporations use off-shore tax havens to shield their profits from taxation...

Americans for Tax Fairness spelled it out in a recent statement:

According to numbers compiled by the National Education Association, over the last four years, Michigan has lost over \$687 million in state dollars for education due to corporations not paying their fair share in taxes.

Educators and Tax Reform Advocates Want Congress to Close Offshore Corporate Tax Loopholes -- Michigan Radio Network

By Dale George
December 18, 2015

Linda Teeter of **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Michigan Citizen Action says each year the state loses billions of dollars in tax dollars because of the loopholes.

“Every year offshore corporate tax loopholes used by U.S. corporations cost Michigan \$3.3 billion in state revenue,” said Teeter.

Op-Ed: Congress must stop Christmas tax giveaways -- Michigan Live

By Andy Koenig
December 8, 2015

Christmas season is here, with Michiganders expected to top their estimated \$5.5 billion in holiday spending from last year. But while families prepare to crowd around their Christmas trees to see what Saint Nick has in store, corporate lobbyists are already circling Washington, D.C., for a goodie season of their own.

The goodies are called "tax extenders," and are one of the worst examples of corporate welfare in America today. Comprised of over 50 separate temporary tax credits, the currently proposed two-year extension will cost taxpayers \$95 billion over the next decade.

Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- Manistee News Advocate

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
December 3, 2015
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Op-Ed: It's Time for Corporations to Pay What They Owe -- The Oakland Press

By Millie Hall, President of **Coalition of Labor Union Women**
November 25, 2015

When we talk about investing in public goods in Michigan, our roads and bridges are the first things that come to mind — and with good reason.

We have some of the worst roads in the nation and they're in desperate need of repair and, in some cases, of needing to be rebuilt completely.

In addition to fixing the roads that we all need to get from place to place, there are other critical public resources that need support as well, including funding for scientific and medical research to encourage innovation and combat disease.

We can support these types of programs by making sure that everyone is paying their fair share, not just ordinary Michiganders and those living paycheck to paycheck.

I've worked extensively with the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association continuously trying to find funding for heart disease and cancer research. Heart disease was the leading cause of death in women and men in 2012 and the number of people who have heart disease is expected to drastically increase in the next 15 years. Ensuring adequate funding to find cures and treatments is critically important.

Column: It's Time for Corporations to Pay What They Owe -- Oakland Press

By Millie Hall
November 25, 2015

Current tax loopholes encouraged 13 Michigan Fortune 500 companies — including Dow Chemical, Stryker, Whirlpool, and Kellogg — to maintain a total of \$54 billion in profits offshore in 2014. These corporations are able to dodge paying any U.S. taxes on those profits until they are brought back to the United States, which may never happen. Every year, offshore tax loopholes used by U.S. corporations cost Michigan \$3.3 billion in state tax revenue. That revenue would go a long way toward funding cancer research and improving our roads.

Tax Fairness WEYI (NBC) - Flint, MI

November 13, 2015

Radio Appearance: Michigan State Rep. Appears on Capitol City Recap to Discuss Tax Fairness -- Capitol City Recap

By State Representative Henry Yanez
October 15, 2015

Radio Appearance: Michigan State Rep. Appears on Capitol City Recap to Discuss Tax Fairness -- Voice of the People

By State Representative Henry Yanez
October 14, 2015

Op-Ed: Rhetoric Aside, Current Corporate Tax Debate Just Isn't Adding Up -- The Mining Journal

October 11, 2015

Stuck in our own multi-year road-repair drama, Michigan is familiar with the kind of transportation-funding crisis facing the federal government. Unlike Lansing, though, Washington has found a source of cash to maintain and improve highways and bridges.

Op-Ed: Don't give in to corporate blackmail to pay for roads -- The Daily Tribune (MI)

By State Representative Henry Yanez

September 30, 2015

When you hit a pothole at 50 m.p.h. in a 20-ton fire truck, the driver struggles to maintain control of the vehicle. Yet firefighters (I was one for 26 years) risk that dangerous jolt every time they race to an emergency down a badly maintained road. That's why I was grateful when I heard that Washington had come up with a way to fund highway and bridge repair. But it was a nasty jolt of another type when I discovered how they planned to do it.

First, the good news. President Obama and leading Republicans in Congress have suggested raising the money by taxing the \$2.1 trillion in profits that American corporations have stashed offshore. The bad news is that none of them plan to tax those earnings at the rate that's on the books. They want to give these big corporations a deep discount. Instead of paying the roughly \$600 billion these corporations owe, the American people will get around \$220 billion — and probably even less.

Op-Ed: Don't give in to corporate blackmail to pay for roads -- The Macomb Daily Tribune (MI)

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Op-Ed: U.S. Corporate Tax Rate isn't Threat to Business, but Crumbling Infrastructure is -- Detroit News

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Op-Ed: Ben & Jerry: No tax cut for the 0.2 percent -- Midland Daily News

By Ben Cohen & Jerry Greenfield
April 23, 2015
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Editorial: Repealing estate tax would reward 0.2%: Our view -- The Detroit Free Press (MI)

By The USA Today Editorial Board
April 16, 2015

...The roughly \$22 billion a year the tax pulls in is less than 1% of all federal revenue. But here's another way to look at that: It's almost enough to pay the combined annual budgets of the FBI, the Coast Guard and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More important, think of it this way: Repealing the estate tax would mean that other, far less

affluent taxpayers would have to take up the slack. And that's unfair, no matter how you look at it...

Op-Ed: Stark Choices: People's Budget vs. Republican Budget -- *The Michigan Chronicle (MI)*

By Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**

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MINNESOTA

Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *Grant County Herald*

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**

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By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**

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Op-Ed: The US Corporate Tax Rate Isn't a Threat to Business, But Crumbling Infrastructure Is -- *The Crookston Daily Times (MN)*

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**
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Column: Milbank: The GOP push for a permanent aristocracy -- *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MO)*

By Dana Milbank

April 19, 2015

MONTANA

LTE: Another view on the inheritance tax -- *The Lewistown News-Argus (MT)*

By Clay Dunlap, Lewistown
May 6, 2015

Please permit me to respond to Bob Stallman's recent guest opinion in the News-Argus of April 29, 2015.

Mr. Stallman stated that with the "passage of the death tax... we are one step closer to tax reform..." His opinion piece would make one believe that the inheritance tax, aka the "death tax," is affecting virtually every farm and ranch family in Montana. In fact, according to the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, only one out of every 700 deaths results in the federal estate tax. The vast majority of estates -- 99.9 percent -- do not pay the tax because assets less than \$5.3 million are exempt. In the entire country, only 20 estates owed this tax in the year 2013!

Moreover, the **Americans for Tax Fairness** remind us that "the federal estate tax, also known as the inheritance tax is primarily paid by the estates of multi-millionaires and billionaires before their assets are passed to their heirs. It was created nearly 100 years ago to raise revenue from those with the greatest ability to pay, encourage charitable giving, and put a brake on the concentration of wealth and power. Conservatives call it the "death tax" in order to mislead people to believe that all Americans pay the tax.

Nevertheless, the Republican-dominated United States House of Representative recently voted overwhelmingly to abolish this inheritance tax. In my opinion, what the repeal of this tax would do is further contribute to the ever-growing chasm between the very rich and the rest of America.

Column: Milbank: GOP push for a permanent aristocracy -- *The Montana Standard (MT)*

By Dana Milbank
April 17, 2015

NEBRASKA

Column: Robert J. Samuelson: Multinational tax muddle perplexes -- *Omaha World Herald*

By Robert J. Samuelson
December 7, 2015

Op-Ed: Small business laden by income inequality, not estate tax -- *The Lincoln Journal Star (NE)*

By Deborah Field

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As a small business owner, I am watching with bewilderment the efforts in Congress to repeal the federal estate tax in order to “help out small businesses.”

This is just one more instance in which the cover of small businesses is being used by special interest lobbyists in Washington who are rigging the system for the wealthy. Only 20 small businesses and small family farms paid any estate taxes in 2013, a typical year. That’s across the entire country — not just here in Oregon...

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *Laconia Citizen*

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**

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By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**

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NEW JERSEY

Editorial: Estate tax repeal / Not much help -- *Press of Atlantic City (NJ)*

By The Editorial Board
April 22, 2015

...Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-2nd, who was among the majority in the 240-to-179 vote largely along party lines, was quick to proclaim repeal of this tax on inherited wealth as an attempt to save "South Jersey business owners and farmers" from a "reprehensible" tax burden.

But the federal estate tax is hardly much of a burden anymore on the vast majority of even well-off families, and exceedingly few South Jersey families are or will be subject to it...

...Inherited wealth is an issue that is central to the growing disparity in income and wealth among Americans, one of U.S. society's chief concerns heading into this century. The nation may have a legitimate interest in how much a person's financial ease is determined by their birth...

Column: Milbank: The GOP push for a permanent aristocracy -- *The Burlington County Times (NJ)*

By Dana Milbank
April 17, 2015

Editorial: Federal estate tax repeal an elitist scheme -- *The Daily Record (NJ)*

By The Editorial Board
April 17, 2015

Just what America needs — another tax break for the wealthy. Might as well try to funnel an even higher percentage of the nation's income into the hands of a precious few, right? That's better for ... well, the precious few.

That's what the House told us last week by approving a repeal of the federal estate tax. This is a very different animal from New Jersey's own estate tax, which has a much lower income threshold — \$675,000 — before the taxes kick in. On the federal level, the exemption is more than \$5 million for an individual and \$10 million for couples.

In other words, a small number of people — about two of every 1,000 people who die — are affected by the federal version, and they're all very rich. So they need a tax break on their estates why, exactly?...

Editorial: Federal estate tax repeal an elitist scheme -- *The Courier Post (NJ)*

By The Editorial Board
April 20, 2015

Editorial: Federal estate tax repeal an elitist scheme -- *The Asbury Park Press (NJ)*

By The Editorial Board
April 19, 2015

NEW MEXICO

Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- *Las Cruces Sun-News*

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**

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Op-Ed: R&D tax break puts companies above taxpayers -- *The Las Cruces Sun-News (NM)*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
May 31, 2015
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Op-Ed: R&D tax breaks put companies above taxpayers -- *Silver City Sun News (NM)*

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Column: Milbank: \$269 billion tax cut for the very rich -- *The Albuquerque Journal (NM)*

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Op-Ed: Walmart's critics say minimum wage increase not enough to help taxpayers -- *The Mountain View Telegraph (NM)*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
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Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Caribbean Life News*

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December 15, 2015
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Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
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Elmira Mayor Calls on Federal Leaders to Extend Tax Credits -- *Time Warner Cable News*

December 3, 2015

Elmira's mayor is joining local advocates calling on federal leaders to extend the earned income and child tax credits, both set to expire at the end of next year.

Mayor Sue Skidmore says those credits make a big difference in her city, where many families are living in poverty.

Skidmore, Others Push to Keep Earned Income Tax Credit -- *Elmira Star Gazette*

By Jeff Murray
December 3, 2015

Mayor Susan Skidmore, who was at a Thursday news conference alongside representatives from the Economic Opportunity Program, Catholic Charities and other organizations, said that at the same time Congress is considering dropping those tax credits, it is poised to give tax breaks to corporations.

Locals Discuss Earned Income Tax Credit -- *Binghamton Homepage*

December 3, 2015

Kristin Fiacco is a mother of three and says hard working Americans deserve a reward for working.

"You feel good and you feel proud when you work and you pay your bills but it's disheartening sometimes when there's nothing left or not enough to cover that. I think it's nice to have something to look forward to and hope for rather than filing your taxes and getting nothing back," said Fiacco.

Residents say if Congress doesn't act, nearly 28,000 families in our region could lose their credit by 2017.

Less Tax Credits for Families on the Horizon? -- *WBNG*

By David Hermanovitch
December 2, 2015

Local organizations are speaking out against Congress allowing parts of important tax breaks to expire while proposing more for corporations.

Members of **Citizen Action of New York**, Catholic Charities of Broome County and the Religion Labor Coalition met Wednesday to denounce letting provisions of the Earned Income and Child Tax Credits to expire in 2017.

These provisions have been in place since 2009. When put in place, they expanded the number of people eligible for the tax breaks and the amount of money those people could receive.

Local Residents Speak Out On Proposed Cuts To Earned Income Tax Credits -- WICZ

December 2, 2015

"We live in a country where the wealthy are becoming more wealthy," said Ordained Minister of the United Methodist Church, Fred Brooks.

This point was echoed tonight by a variety of local agencies who say they are against an upcoming tax break for large corporations proposed by Congress.

Unless Congress decides to give them a tax break as well.

OP-ED: Raising revenues must be central goal of budget talks -- Caribbean Life News

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

October 31, 2015

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Op-Ed: All Businesses, Large and Small, Should Pay Their Taxes -- Utica Observer Dispatch

By Matt Grove

October 18, 2015

Like most families and businesses, we pay all the taxes we owe every year. I wish more big corporations followed our example.

However, multinational corporations have stashed over \$2 trillion in untaxed profits offshore. Thanks to a gaping loophole, giant firms can indefinitely put off paying what they owe on earnings they keep overseas. By one estimate, their unpaid tax bill now totals \$600 billion and is still climbing.

Op-Ed: Corporate tax dodgers deserve a crackdown -- *Elmira Star-Gazette*

By Jim Carr, president of the **New York State Public Employees Federation Retirees**
November 13, 2015

As a life-skills teacher in state prisons, I tried to help inmates make more ethical choices by teaching them moral reasoning. I wish I could teach corporate CEOs some of the same lessons, starting with their obligation to pay taxes. Big corporations dodge tens of billions of dollars in taxes every year, sticking the rest of us with the consequences.

One of the most popular tax avoidance methods is stashing profits offshore. At last count, there was \$2.1 trillion in American corporate earnings overseas, on which U.S. taxes are owed but have not been paid.

President Barack Obama, New York Sen. Charles Schumer and other Congressional leaders want to collect some of those unpaid taxes — about a third of what's due — to pay for road and bridge repairs. Wise move, but here's the problem: they want to forget about the rest.

LTE: Schumer tax proposal would hurt -- *Press and Sun Bulletin*

By Freda Murray, member of **Citizen Action New York**
November 6, 2015

I just heard a story on the news about a General Electric plant in Wisconsin shutting down, laying off over 300 workers. I'm afraid that if Sen. Rob Portman and our own Charles Schumer get their way, there'll be more stories like this.

Sens. Portman and Schumer are proposing to shift the U.S. to a territorial tax system. What this means is that U.S. corporations would pay a much lower rate on their offshore profits.

If they were to pay the full rate on profits, the U.S. would reap \$620 billion. When corporations use shell games and dodge taxes, the public ends up paying. From 2008 to 2012, GE paid zero federal tax. I can think of no better way to gut what's left of the American manufacturing base.

LTE: Bill would mean more jobs shipped away -- *Press and Sun Bulletin*

By Patricia Donohue
November 3, 2015

Are you as sick and tired of seeing “Made In China” on everything, as I am? Well, get used to it. If a new proposal by Senators Rob Portman and, of all people, Chuck Schumer becomes law, a lot more of our jobs are going to get shipped overseas.

Under the cynically named “Bipartisan Framework For International Tax Reform,” corporate tax rates for offshore profits would be significantly lower than for domestic ones. Collectively, Fortune 500 companies booked \$2.1 trillion offshore.

Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 4, 2015
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LTE: Stop Giving Big Companies Sweet Tax Deals -- *Press and Sun Bulletin*

By Bonnie Mando, member of **Citizen Action New York**
October 28, 2015

It is not about tax-and-spend. It is about being hoodwinked by Wall Street bullies, Morgan Stanley and Bank of America, and corporations like GE, Verizon, Boeing, Apple, Wal-Mart, Pfizer, Google who park their money in offshore subsidiaries to avoid U.S. taxes, get special loopholes and, in addition, get tax incentives. You are left paying their bills while your own bills go up.

The simple answer to all of our revenue problems is to simply make everyone pay their fair share. For those who profess “one nation,” why is that such a strange idea?

This is money desperately needed to make classrooms less crowded, rebuild roads and bridges, find new medical cures, make America energy-independent, and much more.

Op-Ed: All businesses, large and small, should pay their taxes -- *Utica Daily*

By Matt Grove, member of **Citizen Action New York**
October 18, 2015

Like most families and businesses, we pay all the taxes we owe every year. I wish more big corporations followed our example.

However, multinational corporations have stashed over \$2 trillion in untaxed profits offshore. Thanks to a gaping loophole, giant firms can indefinitely put off paying what they owe on earnings they keep overseas. By one estimate, their unpaid tax bill now totals \$600 billion and is still climbing.

President Obama has proposed reducing the tax rate on these offshore profits from the regular 35 percent all the way down to 14 percent. Some in Congress want to set the rate even lower. Those deeply discounted rates would only raise about \$200 billion, rewarding corporate tax dodging with a \$400 billion prize and depriving the American people of money we are rightly owed and certainly could use.

LTE: Legislators Out of Touch with Taxpayers -- *Press Connects*

By Judith Arnold, member of **Citizen Action New York**
August 6, 2015

Because of the carried interest loophole, the top marginal tax rate on hedge fund manager investment earnings is 20 percent, instead of the top tax rate of 39.6 percent on ordinary income — earnings from labor.

Now, the Schumer-Portman tax reform framework is a new giveaway to big corporations, many of whom do not pay any taxes. A deemed repatriation tax rate of only 14 percent on the current \$2.1 trillion in U.S. corporate offshore profits that have not been taxed here at home is again way too low.

Op-Ed: Walmart's tax havens hurt small businesses -- *Caribbean Life News (NY)*

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THE ISSUE:

The working poor rely on government funded anti-poverty programs to get by.

THE STAKES:

A functional free market must take responsibility for its workforce.

Major U.S. corporations are racking up billions in profits while taxpayers are providing Medicaid, food assistance and other publicly-funded anti-poverty programs to sustain their low-wage workers, who do not earn enough to live on.

According to a report released by the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, government programs for the poor provide \$6.2 billion annually just for employees of Walmart, the nation's largest private employer. The coalition of 400 state and national progressive organizations based its estimates on data from a 2013 study by Democratic staff of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Walmart, which ranked first on the 2014 Fortune 500 list of the world's largest companies by revenue, made \$16 billion in profits last year, according to its own website. Yet its workers, including 37,000 in New York state, are among the lowest paid. The market-research firm IBISWorld found that, as of 2011, the average pay for an "associate" at Walmart was the poverty-level wage of \$8.81 per hour.

Americans for Tax Fairness points out another irony — Walmart is a major beneficiary of the government's programs to help the working poor, who are eligible for the federal SNAP program, which replaced food stamps. Many of those same low-paid workers who are eligible for food assistance spend billions buying their groceries at Walmart...

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Ohio’s repeal of its estate tax more than two years ago has had a disastrous impact on local communities that relied on revenue from the tax to pay for essential public services. Now, Republicans in Congress want to repeal the federal estate tax — a giveaway that would hand \$270 billion in tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires over the next decade — even as they claim to care about rising wealth inequality...

...Revenue from the estate tax goes toward many of the same government functions as income taxes, including health care, national defense, and deficit reduction. But the benefits of the estate tax go well beyond paying for government services.

The tax has been one of the most powerful tools for progressive taxation in the nation’s history. Opponents call it a “death tax” that punishes heirs for the hard work of their family members. But such cynical labels misstate the roles of the tax: to limit the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few, and to require wealthy Americans to pay a fair share of taxes on fortunes they did not earn...

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LTE: Corporate tax initiative in Oregon -- *Oregon Live*

By Brittany Cronin

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Corporate tax initiative: As Oregon begins a debate over the proper way to assess corporate taxes, let's remember that Congress could act this month to close more than 50 loopholes that allow most of the Fortune 500 to use offshore tax havens to avoid paying billions of dollars a year in state and federal tax revenue. The rest of us — without the benefit of an army of accountants and lawyers — end up picking up the tab in the form of higher taxes, reduced public services and bigger deficits. According to Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation, these loopholes, also known as "tax extenders," collectively will cost \$12.7 billion over the next two years. Our leaders in Congress, particularly Sen. Ron Wyden, should vote to end these loopholes when it comes up for a vote later this month.

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USA Companies Hold \$2.1 Trillion Offshore -- *Forex Report Daily*

By Mike Dooley
October 7, 2015

The study, by two left-leaning non-profit groups, found that almost three-quarters of the firms on the Fortune 500 list of biggest American companies operate tax efficient subsidiaries in countries like Bermuda, Ireland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development estimates that tax loopholes allow companies around the world to legally dodge as much as \$240 billion in taxes per year.

OSPIRG: Nike uses offshore tax havens -- *KOIN 6 Portland (OR)*

By KOIN 6 news staff
October 6, 2015

PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) — More than 72% of Fortune 500 companies have subsidiaries in offshore tax havens to take advantage of tax loopholes, a new study by **the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group** showed.

Oregon-based companies in the Fortune 500 are Nike, Precision Castparts and Lithia Motors. Intel is actually based in California.

"When corporations use tax havens to avoid paying U.S. taxes, the public ends up paying," Brittany Cronin of the OSPIRG Foundation said in a statement.

The OSPIRG study found "Nike officially holds \$8.3 billion offshore for tax purposes, on which it would otherwise owe \$2.7 billion in U.S. taxes."

Other companies highlighted in the study include American Express and Walmart.

New Report: Tax Loopholes -- *The News Guard (OR)*

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Collectively, the companies reported booking nearly \$2 trillion offshore for tax purposes, with just 30 companies accounting for 65 percent of the total, or \$1.35 trillion.

"When corporations use tax havens to avoid paying U.S. taxes, the public ends up paying," OSPIRG Foundation's Brittany Cronin said. "The American multinationals that take advantage of tax havens use Oregonian roads, benefit from our education system and large consumer market, and enjoy the security we have here, but are ultimately taking a free ride at the expense of other taxpayers."

"All too often, corporations' offshore cash isn't offshore at all—it's right here in the United States," Citizens for Tax Justice Director Robert McIntyre said. "Corporations are using skilled tax attorneys to make it appear on paper that their U.S. profits, and their U.S.-based cash, are being earned, and kept, in foreign tax havens. The tax code makes this scam possible. Incredibly, Congress is considering pouring salt on the wound by giving companies a special low tax rate to 'repatriate' profits that, in many cases, are likely already here."

Column: Milbank: The GOP push for a permanent aristocracy -- *The Oregonian (OR)*

By Dana Milbank
April 18, 2015

Editorial: Purchased politicians still betraying American principles -- *The Daily Astorian (OR)*

By The Editorial Board
April 16, 2015

...Meanwhile moving ahead to cut taxes on America's wealthiest individuals and families, House Republicans planned a Wednesday vote to eliminate the last bits of the federal estate tax, which only applies to estates larger than \$5.4 million. If this effort succeeds, the 318 richest estates each year — worth \$50 million or more — will save an average of \$20 million each that would otherwise go to help balancing the books in the nation that helped make them rich in the first place.

As noted by Washington Post writer Dana Milbank, "This is the ultimate perversion of the tea party movement, which began as a populist revolt in 2009 but has since been hijacked by wealthy and corporate interests. The estate tax has been part of American law in some form since 1797, according to the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a shield against the sort of permanent aristocracy our founders fought to rid themselves of."

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Five of Region's Biggest Companies Holding Millions of Dollars in Tax-Friendly Countries -- Pittsburgh Business Times

By Patty Tascarella
October 7, 2015

Five of Pittsburgh's largest companies have subsidiaries in countries considered tax havens, meaning they're not subject to the hefty U.S. toll that can go as high as 35 percent.

It's not unusual: About three-fourths of Fortune 500 companies operated one or more subsidiaries in tax haven jurisdictions, according to a new study based on 2014 data. **Citizens for Tax Justice** and the **U.S. PIRG Education Fund's** study, titled "Offshore Shell Games," said at least 358 Fortune 500 companies collectively maintain 7,622 tax haven subsidiaries and hold \$2.1 trillion offshore, avoiding as much as \$620 billion in U.S. taxes.

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Editorial: Needless giveaway: Now is not the time to expand the federal deficit -- *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (PA)*

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April 24, 2015

Republicans in Congress want to repeal the federal estate tax — a giveaway that would hand \$270 billion in tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires over the next decade — at a time that the federal budget, with its yawning deficit, can ill afford it.

The measure, which the House passed last week, is unlikely to gain approval in the Senate, and certainly not from President Barack Obama. But it reflects the extreme anti-tax agenda that has come to characterize many in the GOP Congress.

Revenue from the estate tax, like that from the income tax, goes toward the same essential government functions including national defense, deficit reduction and health care. But the benefits of the estate tax go well beyond that.

The tax has been one of the most powerful tools for progressive taxation. Opponents call it a “death tax” that punishes heirs for the hard work of their family members. But such a label misstates the roles of the tax: to limit the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few and to require wealthy Americans to pay a fair share of taxes on fortunes they did not earn...

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Giant hikes minimum wage to \$9 -- The Daily Item (PA)

By Joe Sylvester

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Giant Food Stores, which operates two supermarkets in the Valley with another under construction, is joining a growing list of companies that are boosting the wages of their lowest-paid employees...

...In February, Wal-Mart increased wages to \$9 for its lowest-paid workers. Rivals such as T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and Target followed. But many of these low-income workers rely on government assistance programs, and \$9 an hour still forces them to remain tied to Medicaid and food stamps, according to a study by the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**...

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Editorial: Super-rich can pay their own taxes -- *The Pocono Record (PA)*

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If you're like most people, you work hard for a living and pay your obligations, including your taxes.

But Republicans in Congress are hell-bent on making it just a bit harder on most people. They plan to vote next week to end the estate tax. That's the tax that only the very wealthiest Americans pay when they inherit money or property that someone else earned. The tax that, if eliminated, will let a lucky few gain millions in unearned wealth without paying the tax.

These are folks who are already well-heeled enough to hire tax lawyers to find tax dodges for them. These are the folks like the Walton family heirs, who have so little public conscience that even their charitable contributions are miniscule....

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Op-Ed: Corporations Avoid Doing Their Part -- *The Virginian Pilot*

By Johnny Mayo, board member of **Virginia Organizing**

January 12, 2015

Duke Energy may have set a new record for bad corporate behavior — it polluted a river while dodging its taxes.

Duke was fined more than \$100 million for dumping toxic coal ash into the Dan River over a five-year period. But it has so far faced no consequences for avoiding all federal income taxes over a similar span. While earning \$9 billion in profits.

Op-Ed: Congress Needs to End Corporate Tax Dodging -- Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star

By Ray Scher, board member of **Virginia Organizing**
December 30, 2015

The new budget deal in Washington is an example of that failure. Although we're all glad agreement was reached to avoid a government shutdown—and even more glad that tax credits to keep families out of poverty were made permanent—that agreement does nothing to ensure corporations and the wealthy start paying their fair share of taxes.

Not a single corporate tax break was repealed and some were made permanent. Not a single tax loophole was plugged. Big corporations got exactly what they wanted.

LTE: Warner Should Close Tax Loopholes -- Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star

By Catherine Lloyd, board member of **Virginia Organizing**
December 29, 2015

Each and every month, American small business owners pay more taxes than some large corporations pay in an entire year.

According to a study commissioned by the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the S Corporation Association, some companies even walk away paying negative tax rates after federal tax benefits are applied.

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Op-Ed: Healthy Compensation Demanding Corporations Pay Their Taxes -- *The Progress-Index*

By Sandra A. Cook, chairperson of **Virginia Organizing**
December 3, 2015

We can relieve some of that economic pressure on working families with the right taxing and spending policies.

There was general celebration in Washington, D.C. recently when the federal government adopted a budget without the unnecessary pain of a government shutdown. But that budget did nothing to correct another kind of unhealthy compensation: asking too much of working people in cuts to important services because politicians are demanding too little in taxes from big corporations and the wealthy.

Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- *Mecklenburg Sun*

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Hiding from the Taxman? -- *WVTF Public Radio*

By Sandy Hausman
October 16, 2015

Revenues for the state's general fund are up nearly ten percent from last year, according to the governor's office. Terry McAuliffe cites an improving economy, but critics say Virginia would be doing far better if corporations paid their fair share of taxes.

A progressive interest group called **Virginia Organizing** claims seven Fortune 500 companies based in this state have \$9 billion dollars in untaxed profits, sitting in bank accounts in foreign countries.

Study: Virginia Corporations stashing profits offshore to avoid taxes -- The Augusta Free Press (VA)

October 6, 2015

Tax loopholes allowed seven Virginia Fortune 500 companies—led by Computer Sciences Corporation—to maintain a total of \$9 billion in profits offshore in 2014, much of the money in tax havens, according to a report released today by the **U.S. Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG)**.

These seven companies had a total of 71 subsidiaries in offshore tax havens last year. The corporations are able to dodge paying any U.S. taxes on these profits until they are brought back to the United States, which may never happen.

“This report shows that **Virginia Organizing** is on the right track organizing for tax fairness,” said Sandra A. Cook, Virginia Organizing Board Chairperson. “When corporations dodge taxes, the people are left with the bill. These same corporations benefit from our excellent public schools and universities, safety services, and infrastructure that our tax dollars support. It’s time for these multinational corporations to pay what they owe.”

Nationally, the report found that 72 percent of Fortune 500 companies used tax havens in 2014 and reported booking \$2.1 trillion offshore for tax purposes, with just 30 companies accounting for 65 percent of the total, or \$1.4 trillion.

“Virginia Organizing is asking U.S. Senator Mark Warner and U.S. Senator Tim Kaine to take a stand against corporate tax dodging and hold these corporations accountable for what they owe,” said Cook. “The current system is a shame and a disgrace.”...

Op-Ed: Maintain Our Roads and Tax Fairness -- The Roanoke Times

By Denise Smith, board member of **Virginia Organizing**
September 26, 2015

Now the federal fund that helps build and maintain our highways, bridges and other transportation infrastructure is about to go broke. We've got to replenish it, but we've got to do it the right way. Some in Washington want to use our highway budget crisis as an excuse to give multinational corporations another huge tax cut. That's a wrong turn.

The fact is, America's big corporations are already failing to pay their fair share of taxes. Despite all the bellyaching by CEOs and their lobbyists about the official corporate tax rate, most companies pay much less. A few years ago, a government report found that profitable U.S. corporations were on average paying only 13 percent, which is a lower rate than a lot of middle-class families pay.

Op-Ed: Walmart's tax havens hurt small businesses -- *Augusta Free Press (VA)*

By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**

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By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**

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By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
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How Microsoft Moves Profits Offshore to Cut its Tax Bill -- *The Seattle Times*

By Matt Day
December 12, 2015

This story was proposed by **Main Street Alliance Washington**.

When someone buys a copy of Office at the Microsoft Store in Bellevue Square, that cash doesn't take the short route to the company's Redmond headquarters four miles up the road.

Instead, after accounting for state taxes, the profit goes to a Microsoft sales subsidiary in Nevada.

From there, much of that money begins a complicated global trek that ultimately leads across the Atlantic, with two stops on the island tax haven of Bermuda.

Microsoft in the past 20 years built that network of subsidiaries in part to minimize the taxes it pays to governments worldwide.

The company is hardly alone. Many multinational corporations have set up similar structures, in some cases reducing their tax burden to near zero.

LTE: Big corporation's evasive ways -- *Auburn Reporter*

By Ken Lurie
November 27, 2015

As a former homeless person who still relies on food stamps to get by, I am outraged that Fortune 500 companies in Washington are taking advantage of tax havens to stash money overseas and avoid paying their fair share.

Reports say more than \$2 trillion are being stowed in bank accounts outside of the United States, and \$60 billion of that money is taxable. Taxes on that amount are vital to the American people and could be used to fund services such as food stamps and other important programs to help Americans in hard times.

'Clean reader' app or just good ol' censorship -- *The Sunday Herald (WA)*

By Carol Macpherson
April 19, 2015

Have we hit a low point with high tech? Let's scan some of the headlines...

"Ben & Jerry: We don't need this stupid tax cut": Congress, listen to the super wealthy ice cream guys. Like the B&J ice cream flavor, the proposal to get rid of the estate tax is "half baked." Those of us not worth at least \$5.4 million, or \$10.8 million for a couple, will retreat to our bowls of B&J "chocolate therapy," "americone dream," and "what a cluster" ice cream. Will someone invent an app that will add more swear words to a book?

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By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
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LTE: Corporate tax should increase, not decrease -- *The Charleston Gazette (WV)*

February 4, 2015

Editor:

Sen. Shelley Capito is mistaken to propose lowering U.S. corporate tax rates (“Capito talks politics with county commissioners,” Jan. 26). The problem isn’t that big corporations are taxed too much; they are paying too little.

Over a recent five-year period, dozens of big, profitable corporations — familiar names like General Electric, Priceline.com and Verizon — paid zero federal income taxes, according to the respected research organization **Citizens for Tax Justice**. Most of the Fortune 500 companies paid only a little over half the official 35 percent tax rate.

I share Sen. Capito’s disappointment that American corporations are leaving home to cut their tax bills to the bone. She basically says “don’t blame them.” But to me they are turning their backs on America to dodge their taxes, setting up phony headquarters in offshore tax havens. The answer isn’t to reward these “Benedict Arnold” companies with lower tax rates, but to block them from doing this.

With many of West Virginia’s working families still struggling, this is no time for more tax giveaways to wealthy multinational corporations. Instead, it’s time to close huge loopholes in the tax code that encourage companies to hide profits and ship jobs offshore. America’s biggest corporations need to start paying their fair share.

Sincerely,

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