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| **National** | 120 | 6 |  | 10 |  | 17 | 1 | **154** |
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| **State** | 107 | 26 | 176 |  | 5 | 4 | 16 | **328** |
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## [Gilead greed protests continue at AIDS conference in wake of tax-cutting report](http://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/gilead-greed-protests-continue-at-aids-conference-wake-tax-cutting-report) – *Fierce Pharma*

By Carly Helfand

July 20, 2016

Gilead may have won the patent manipulation suit thrown its way earlier this year by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. But outrage over its pricing practices and IP tactics have hardly died down.

Protestors took to the 21st International AIDS Conference in South Africa with chants of “Gilead kills” and “shame shame,” local news service *BDlive* reports. And this time, they had some new ammo, thanks to a report by Americans for Tax Fairness published last week. According to the group, the Big Biotech dodged $9.7 billion in U.S. taxes by shifting intellectual assets to Ireland--even as it raked in billions from sales of high-priced meds, including $84,000-per-treatment-course Sovaldi for hep C.

## [The Drug Costs $95K. Its Maker 'Dodged' $10B in Taxes](http://www.newser.com/story/228042/the-drug-costs-95k-its-maker-dodged-10b-in-taxes.html) – *Newser*

By Luke Roney

July 17, 2016

A pharmaceutical company that has in recent years made billions of dollars on hepatitis C treatments—the three the FDA has approved range from $75,000 to $94,500—has been named a "price gouger" and "tax dodger" in a new report. Gilead Sciences, the sixth richest drugmaker in the world, "is making a fortune selling essential drugs to the very government and taxpayers that helped pay to develop them, and then dodging taxes on the resulting profits," says Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which issued the report this month. Gilead has avoided some $10 billion in taxes by moving assets to Ireland, where there is a lower tax rate, and then not bringing some $28.5 billion in profits back into the US. Per the *Washington Post*, the California-based company's revenues in 2015 hit $32.6 billion, up three times from 2012.

## [Drug Company Makes a Killing with Monopoly on Hep C Cure – Dodges $10Billion in Taxes Too](http://whistleblowwallstreet.com/blog/gilead-price-gouger-tax-dodger/) – *Whistleblow Wall Street*

By Frank Clemente

July 15, 2016

If you think the pharmaceutical industry has stolen all it can from the American people through its price gouging, think again. Even as they’re pricing medications as high as the market can bear and beyond, drug corporations are getting big taxpayer subsidies and then dodging taxes on the resulting huge profits.

They are robbing us blind of the vital revenues we need to hire teachers, fix roads, protect the environment and shift into a clean and renewable energy economy.

A recent report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** reveals a particularly blatant example of this triple theft. Gilead Sciences, maker of hepatitis drugs that debuted at a thousand dollars a pill – and partly discovered through federal research grants – has paid little in U.S. taxes as its profits have soared.

## Frank Clemente on Background Briefing – *KPFK 90.7 Los Angeles*

July 14, 2016

ATF Executive director Frank Clemente appeared on the Background Briefing with Ian Masters, a radio program broadcast on 160 stations, to discuss Gilead’s tax dodging

## [Op-ed: Release your tax returns now, Mr. Trump](http://www.crainsnewyork.com/article/20160714/OPINION/160719936) – *Crain’s New York Business*

By Morris Pearl and Karen Scharff

July 14, 2016

Earlier this week we visited Trump Tower to deliver a petition from 400,000 Americans asking Donald Trump to release his recent federal tax returns.

With the Republican National Convention rules committee meeting today and Friday and the event itself starting Monday, the issue of the presumptive party nominee's tax returns is crucial.

Americans want to see Trump’s returns not only because they have seen the returns of every presidential nominee for the last 40 years, but because they will show if Trump is committed to a key premise and principle of our democracy: that economic freedom and economic fairness go hand in hand, and that paying your fair share in taxes assures that all of us can prosper, together.

## [Prescription Drug Prices in America Are Rising Like No Other Industry](http://time.com/money/4406167/prescription-drug-prices-increase-why/) – *TIME*

By Brad Tuttle

July 14, 2016

The high cost of prescription drugs has been causing pain and hardships for millions of Americans for years. And the situation appears to only be getting worse: Drug prices have risen an average of nearly 10% over the 12-month period ending in May 2016—a time when the overall inflation rate was just 1% in the U.S.

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Meanwhile, a new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** says that Gilead Sciences, the world’s sixth most valuable pharmaceutical company, has been gouging consumers, raking in billions in profits, and dodging U.S. taxes—all based on medications that were developed by taxpayer dollars.

In an op-ed on Huffington Post, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders called attention to the study, and the fact that “a lifesaving product does no one any good if a patient cannot buy the medicine they need, and that is now happening far too often in the richest nation in the world.”

## [Gilead Seen Cutting Taxes by $10 Billion as Pricey Drug Took](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-07-13/gilead-seen-cutting-taxes-by-10-billion-as-pricey-drug-took-off) Off -- *Bloomberg*

By David Kocieniewski

July 13, 2016

Gilead Sciences Inc.’s profit margin has soared and its tax rate has plummeted since the drugmaker introduced its controversial $1,000-a-day medication for hepatitis C, according to a report by an advocacy group that accuses the company of using accounting gimmicks to stash billions in earnings in tax havens offshore.

By moving some of its intellectual property to Ireland, Gilead was able to employ a common strategy that cut its U.S. tax bill by $10 billion since 2013, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning think tank. Two-thirds of Gilead’s sales of the breakthrough hepatitis C drug Sovaldi are in the U.S., but the Foster City, California-based company books only about 37 percent of its profits domestically and assigns the rest to places with lower or no taxes, according to ATF’s report. Gilead’s avoidance of U.S. federal taxes was particularly galling, the report says, because federal research grants helped lead to Sovaldi’s development.

## [Gilead avoided nearly $10 billion in taxes last year thanks to tax dodges](https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2016/07/13/gilead-hepatitis-c-taxes/) – *STAT*

By Ed Silverman

July 13, 2016

Thanks to a pair of pricey hepatitis C treatments, Gilead Sciences has become one of the world’s largest drug makers. Since 2013, revenues have tripled to more than $32 billion and profits grew sixfold, exceeding $18 billion. But beyond successful marketing of lifesaving medicines, the company has excelled in another way — using loopholes to avoid paying billions of dollars in taxes.

By transferring certain key assets to Ireland, Gilead was able to take advantage of tax laws that allowed some US sales to be shifted overseas and yield a significantly lower tax rate. Those overseas profits, meanwhile, mushroomed to $28.5 billion, and Gilead was able to escape paying $9.7 billion in US taxes last year, according to a new report published on Wednesday by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy organization.

## [Gilead cut U.S. tax rate even as U.S. sales soared, report says](http://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/gilead-cut-u-s-tax-rate-even-as-u-s-sales-soared-report-says) – *FiercePharma*

By Eric Palmer

July 13,2016

Gilead Sciences has to be galling to Pfizer CEO Ian Read. While Read had his own tax inversion plans deep-sixed by U.S. Treasury rules changes this year, Gilead has managed to cut its U.S. tax bill dramatically even as its U.S. profits soared.

That is the indication of a report released today **from Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group largely supported by labor. It shows that by moving the intellectual assets for hep C cure Sovaldi to Ireland, it was able to record $28.5 billion in profits overseas in 2015, a move that allowed it to avoid $9.7 billion in U.S. taxes it reported to the SEC, the report says.

## [Gilead Sciences: One of the Many Price Gougers and Tax Dodgers](http://www.taxjusticeblog.org/archive/2016/07/gilead_sciences_one_of_the_man.php%22%20%5Cl%20%22.V4e2CrgrLIU) – *Tax Justice Blog*

July 13, 2016

Gilead Sciences has been the subject of lawsuits, political rebuke and public ire for the last few years as health advocates have called out the drug maker for price gouging after it purchased a smaller pharmaceutical firm and hiked the price of Sovaldi, a cure for Hepatitis C.

Now, a new report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that not only is the company charging U.S. consumers an exorbitant amount for a critical, life-changing drug, it is shifting the profits it earns in the United States to offshore tax havens and avoiding taxes on a massive scale.

## [Sen. Bernie Sanders Blog: Taxpayers Funded A Lifesaving Drug And Guess What Happened Next](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rep-bernie-sanders/taxpayers-funded-a-lifesa_b_10968542.html) – *Huffington Post*

By Sen. Bernie Sanders

July 13, 2016

The pharmaceutical industry has become a major health hazard to the American people.

Our nation pays - by far - the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs. As a result of these outrageous prices, nearly one in five Americans cannot afford to fill their prescriptions. Meanwhile, the five largest prescription drug companies made a combined $50 billion in profits last year. That is unacceptable. A lifesaving product does no one any good if a patient cannot buy the medicine they need, and that is now happening far too often in the richest nation in the world.

A new report out today from **Americans for Tax Fairness** explains how a pharmaceutical company, Gilead Sciences, games the system to charge high prices, shift profits offshore and avoid billions in U.S. taxes.

## [Take the Money and Run: How Gilead Sciences Dodged $10 Billion in US Taxes](http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/2016/07/13/Take-Money-and-Run-How-Gilead-Sciences-Dodged-10-Billion-US-Taxes) – *The Fiscal Times*

By Eric Pianin

July 13, 2016

Members of Congress, consumer advocates and government watchdogs have denounced Gilead as a poster child for drug industry price gouging, especially since the company’s prices are far lower in many other countries.

Now comes a new report asserting that Gilead has moved a substantial portion of its assets to a tax shelter in Ireland, allowing income from some of its U.S. drug sales to be shifted abroad and taxed at a much lower rate than the top corporate rate of 35 percent in this country. And, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning advocacy group and watchdog, Gilead has also avoided paying nearly $10 billion in taxes by refusing to bring some of its foreign profits back to the U.S.

## [Drugmaker Gilead Dodging Taxes, Report Finds](https://morningconsult.com/alert/drugmaker-gilead-dodging-taxes-report-finds/) – *Morning Consult*

By Mary Ellen McIntire

July 13, 2016

Gilead Sciences, a pharmaceutical company that has come under scrutiny for its high-cost hepatitis C drugs, shifted profits from its products offshore in order to doge U.S. taxes, an investigation by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found.

The [report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/ATF-Gilead-Report-Finalv3-for-Web.pdf), released today, found the drugmaker avoided paying taxes on its profits after using taxpayer dollars to fund the development of its drugs. The group that released the report, a left-leaning advocacy group, used the report as an opportunity to call for certain loopholes to be closed as part of tax reform.

## [Drug company has avoided billions in taxes, report finds](http://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/287565-drug-company-has-avoided-billions-in-taxes-report-finds) – *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda

July 13, 2016

A U.S. pharmaceutical company that makes expensive hepatitis C medications was able to avoid almost $10 billion in U.S. taxes by the end of 2015 by shifting profits to offshore tax havens, a report released Wednesday by the liberal-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found.

As profits at Gilead Sciences Inc. have skyrocketed in recent years, its tax rate has dropped steeply, according to the report.

## [Gilead’s Use Of Patents For $10B Tax Dodge Could Ignite Move For Policy Change](http://www.ip-watch.org/2016/07/13/gileads-use-of-patents-for-10b-tax-dodge-could-ignite-move-for-policy-change/) – *Intellectual Propery Watch*

By William New

July 13, 2016

Gilead is the US company whose use of patents to charge $1000 per pill for a hepatitis C medicine in the United States helped make high drug prices a developed country household issue and fodder for elected officials seeking change. Now the company has come under further fire after being found to have moved some US$10 billion overseas to avoid US taxes – even after having received US taxpayer support for its activities – which it orchestrated by moving its patent rights overseas. A new report detailing the company’s tax dodge includes a proposal for a way to clamp down on this type of patent activity.

“Prescription drug maker Gilead Sciences is raking in billions of dollars a year in windfall profits from public health programs and consumers for exorbitantly priced hepatitis C (HCV) medications developed with taxpayer dollars,” the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** said in its report released today. “It then shifts those profits to offshore tax havens, allowing it to dodge nearly $10 billion in U.S. taxes by the end of 2015.”

## [Gilead Avoided $10 Billion In Taxes On Over Priced Hepatitis C Drugs](http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=16083) – *CorpWatch*

By Richard Smalteacher

July 13, 2016

Gilead Sciences Inc., a California based pharmaceutical company, has avoided paying $10 billion in taxes by moving its patents to Ireland. This is despite the fact that one of its most profitable drugs was developed with U.S. taxpayer money, according to a new report from Americans for Tax Fairness.

"It’s a stunning example of what’s wrong with the U.S. tax system," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** told Bloomberg. "Congress should stop this assault on the American people’s health and pocketbooks."

## [Gilead Used Legal Loopholes to Avoid Paying $10 Billion in Taxes Last Year](http://www.biospace.com/News/gilead-used-legal-loopholes-to-avoid-paying-10/426102/source%3DTopBreaking?intcid=homepage-seekernewssection-tabtopbreakingnews) -- *Biospace*

By Alex Keown

July 13, 2016

Two hepatitis C drugs generated more than $20 billion in revenue for Gilead Sciences ([GILD](http://investor.biospace.com/biospace/quote?Symbol=GILD)) in 2015, but the company was able to avoid paying billions in taxes thanks to loopholes in the law, StatNews reported late Wednesday.

The company was able to avoid paying the taxes due to the ability to transfer key assets to Ireland and take advantage of lower tax rates, StatNews said. A report by the progressive advocacy organization Americans for Tax Fairness said Gilead avoided paying nearly $10 billion in taxes last year. The organization said Gilead is avoiding paying its “fair share” of taxes on revenues generated by drugs developed in part through tax dollars. The group said the patents held for Harvoni and Sovaldi, Gilead’s two blockbuster hepatitis C drugs, have been shifted to subsidiaries in “tax havens” such as Ireland, where the company pays a much lower rate. However**, Americans for Tax Fairness** said the vast majority of the California-based company’s profits off the two drugs were made in the United States.

## [The drug company that shocked the world with its prices dodged $10 billion in taxes, report says](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/07/13/maker-of-84000-drug-avoided-10-billion-in-u-s-taxes-report-says/) – *Washington Post*

By Renae Merle and Carolyn Y. Johnson

July 13, 2016

Over the last few years, Gilead Sciences has grown into one of the world’s largest pharmaceutical companies, fueled by the sales of expensive specialty treatments for hepatitis C. The company’s revenue has tripled since 2012, to $32.6 billion last year.

According to a [report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/new-report-taxpayer-supported-gilead-sciences-is-price-gouging-the-public-then-dodging-taxes-on-the-huge-profits/) to be released Wednesday, Gilead has also developed another specialty: Avoiding billions in taxes.

The California-based pharmaceutical giant moved some of its assets to Ireland, apparently allowing income from some U.S. drug sales to be shifted abroad and taxed at a lower rate, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group. It has also avoided nearly $10 billion in taxes by not bringing some of its foreign profits back to the United States, the group says.

## [Activists to deliver petition urging Trump to release tax returns](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/287356-activists-to-deliver-petition-urging-trump-to-release-his-tax-returns) – *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda

July 12, 2016

Activists on Tuesday will deliver a petition signed by more than 400,000 people urging presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump to release his tax returns.

At an event outside Trump Tower in New York, leaders of liberal-leaning groups and community members will press Trump to make his returns public. Speakers will include representatives from **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund** and The Patriotic Millionaires.

## [Speaking out on Section 385](http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-tax/2016/07/speaking-out-on-section-385-215248) – *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Toby Eckert

July 11, 2016

The liberal advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in its formal comments, called Treasury’s proposal “a solid first step to limit the shifting by foreign parent multinationals of corporate profits from the United States to foreign countries through the use of deductible interest on debt. At the same time, we believe that there is much more that can and should be done to address earnings stripping through the use of deductible interest, royalties, rents, premiums and management fees. For example, Treasury should expand the bifurcation approach of the proposed regulations to limit the amount of an instrument that may be characterized as debt based on well-established metrics that are regularly used in the marketplace, such as interest expense to EBITDA [earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization].

## [GOP Senators: Treasury rules could erode tax base](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/286502-gop-senators-treasury-rules-could-erode-tax-base) – *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda

July 5, 2016

A group of Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee said that proposed Treasury Department rules aimed at curbing offshore tax deals "threaten to further exacerbate our current economic woes."

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A Treasury spokesperson said last week that the comment deadline was not being changed. Treasury officials are scheduled to discuss the proposed rules with congressional tax-writers on Wednesday.

Not all comments on the rules have been negative. Members and supporters of liberal organizations **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Daily Kos have sent Treasury comments in support of them.

## [New Business Voices Applauding Debt-Equity Rules](http://www.bna.com/new-business-voices-n57982076515/) – *Bloomberg BNA*

By Alison Bennett, Aaron E. Lorenzo and Kaustuv Basu

July 5, 2016

Thousands of U.S. businesses and taxpayers are raising their voices to support the Treasury Department's controversial rules to stop companies from stripping income out of the U.S., in sharp contrast to the growing pressure from multinational corporations to drop the rules.

Just days ahead of a July 6 meeting between Treasury officials and lawmakers and a July 7 comment deadline, the Main Street Alliance and **Americans for Tax Fairness** are urging the government not only to keep the rules as proposed, but to expand their reach.

## [Liberals urge Treasury to forge ahead with tax rules](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/286265-liberals-send-comments-supporting-treasury-inversion-rules) – *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda

July 1, 2016

Members and supporters of the liberal organizations **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) and Daily Kos submitted almost 60,000 comments to the Treasury Department in favor of rules to curb offshore tax deals.

Treasury in April released a package of guidance aimed at deterring "inversions," or transactions in which U.S. companies reincorporate overseas after merging with foreign companies in order to lower their taxes. The package included temporary rules aimed at limiting serial inversions and proposed rules to curb a common tax-avoidance strategy used by inverted companies called "earnings stripping."

## [The comments are flowing](http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-tax/2016/06/calling-treasury-up-the-hill-215101) – *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Bernie Becker

July 1, 2016

Don’t look now, but there’s less than a week left on the comment period for those Obama administration earnings stripping regulations — and we’re guessing the printer is doing overtime at both Treasury and the IRS.

For starters, both the New York and D.C. bar associations just weighed in, adding to the flak that the rules allowing Treasury to recharacterize some debt as equity are getting from the business community. In all, the two bar associations sent about 350 pages worth of comments to the administration, though D.C. was a little harsher than their New York brethren.
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But that doesn’t mean the rules are without supporters. On the left, **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Daily Kos are delivering almost 60,000 comments backing the new rules, according to a release to be sent out today. “We hope these comments from average taxpayers convince the Treasury Department to stand firm despite the heavy pressure they are getting from corporate lobbyists and their friends on Capitol Hill,” said ATF’s Frank Clemente.

## [First Look](http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-tax/2016/06/the-brexit-fallout-215081) – *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Bernie Becker

June 29, 2016

The liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness** is out with fulsome praise for the newest Democratic platform, which it says contains the strongest support of any major party platform yet for “a fair and progressive tax system.”

“For too long we’ve been operating under a rigged tax system. This platform begins the process of changing that,” said the group’s Frank Clemente. With what, you might ask? A surtax on millionaires and billionaires, a financial transactions tax and expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit.

## [Blog: Tax Reform Proposals In Approved Draft Of Democratic Platform Are Most Progressive In Modern History](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/tax-reform-proposals-in-a_b_10742712.html) – *Huffington Post*

By Frank Clemente

June 29, 2016

The draft 2016 Democratic Platform contains the strongest language in support of a fair and progressive tax system of any party platform crafted in the modern era, according to analysis by Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund (ATFAF).

“This is a major victory for working families and Main Street businesses that pay their fair of taxes,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund. “The platform language on taxes represents a win for all those citizens and organizations that have been fighting tirelessly for a tax system that works for all of us—not just the rich and powerful. For too long we’ve been operating under a rigged tax system. This platform begins the process of changing that.”

The 2016 DNC Drafting Committee approved the platform language with amendments in St. Louis on June 25, and ATFAF compared this year’s draft language with all of the previous Democratic platforms since 1960.

## [Here's how Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's tax plans add up](http://www.dailydot.com/layer8/trump-vs-clinton-taxes/) – *The Daily Dot*

By Aaron Sankin

June 28, 2016

Trump's plan attracted different, albeit no less vociferous, criticism from experts on the other side of political spectrum. The primary goal of Trump's tax was to pay down the national debt, but, in 2000, the national debt was already in the process of being paid down as a result of a government budget surplus. That surplus would soon be erased by a tax cut targeted primarily at the wealthy and pair of foreign wars, but Trump had no way of knowing that at the time.

For Frank Clemente, executive director of the left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Trump's insistence that, once the national debt was entirely paid down, the country would stop issuing debt similarly indicated an ignorance of government finance. The current “level of interest rates and Treasury bond rates” makes it a “phenomenal” time for the U.S. government to “borrow money to make the economy more productive and create a hell of a lot more,” Clemente said. “He's a business person who borrows money all the time to make investments, for crying out loud. He, more than anybody, knows the value of borrowing money to make you more productive.”

## [After much tax reform talk, House GOP finally agrees on a plan](http://www.politico.com/story/2016/06/house-republicans-tax-reform-224749) – *POLITICO*

By Brian Faler

Jun 24, 2016

Even before the plan was released, the left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** was trashing it as a sop to the rich.

“House Speaker Paul Ryan and Donald Trump may disagree on some issues, but they are united when it comes to giving huge tax breaks to the wealthy and big corporations,” the group said.

## [House GOP To Unveil Tax Code Reform Plan](http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/GOP-House-Unveil-Tax-Code/2016/06/24/id/735444/) – *Newsmax*

By Joe Crowe

June 24, 2016

The left-leaning group **Americans for Tax Fairness** slammed the plan, saying in a statement, "House Speaker Paul Ryan and Donald Trump may agree on some issues, but they are united when it comes to giving huge tax breaks to the wealthy and big corporations."

## [Blog: We Can Pay For Zika Response — And More — With Corporate Tax Reform](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/we-can-pay-for-zika-respo_b_10463304.html) – *Huffington Post*

By Frank Clemente

June 14, 2016

There’s no good excuse for Congress’s disgraceful delay in responding to the dangerous Zika virus. But the worst excuse of all is that we can’t afford to act. In fact, we can easily pay for a comprehensive response to this public health threat simply by closing a single corporate tax loophole.

The House and Senate adjourned for its Memorial Day recess without providing the $1.9 billion President Obama urgently requested three months ago to fight Zika, which can cause crippling birth defects. The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently warned that there is only a “narrow window of opportunity” to effectively fight the disease. Hundreds of cases have already been reported in the continental United States.

## [Walmart sells more than Apple, Amazon and Microsoft, combined](http://qz.com/700687/walmart-sells-more-than-apple-amazon-and-microsoft-combined/) -- *Quartz*

By Oliver Staley

June 7, 2016

Much has been written about the destructive power of Walmart on small towns and salary growth. Its obsession with low prices squeezes its thousands of suppliers, who in turn hold down their wages. And the low wages Walmart pays its associates force many of its employees to rely on public assistance, costing taxpayers an estimated $6.2 billion annually, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

## [Dems see political gold in fight over Trump's taxes](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/domestic-taxes/281564-dems-see-political-gold-in-fight-over-trumps-taxes) -- *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda

May 30, 2016

A petition on the matter sponsored by groups including the AFL-CIO, **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund**, CREDO Action and Democracy for America had more than 75,000 signers as of Friday afternoon. A separate petition from CREDO had more than 54,000 signers.

## [How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens](http://world.einnews.com/article__detail/country/congokinshasa/324498032-how-the-u-s-promotes-secret-tax-havens?vcode=ePg_) – *EIN News Desk – World News Report*

By Mark Hays
May 4, 2016

There are two important lessons from the secret international financial dealings of the corrupt and powerful revealed by the Panama Papers.

The first is that the creation of anonymous corporations often used to hide illicit and illegal activities isn't restricted to Panama or other tax havens. In fact, America is one of the most popular places in the world to set up the kind of shell companies used by princes and presidents, gangsters and terrorists to shield shady money dealings.

Second, we can do more about the problem than express outrage. Legislation in Congress would tear the mask off these anonymous U.S. corporations and allow law enforcement to effectively pursue criminal activities ranging from tax evasion to drug dealing, money laundering to human trafficking.

## Op-ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens – *World News Network*

By Mark Hays
April 25, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [This Regulatory Move Stopped $35 Billion in Tax Avoidance from One Merger Alone](http://fpif.org/regulatory-move-stopped-35-billion-tax-avoidance-one-merger-alone/) -- *Foreign Policy in Focus*

By Josh Hoxie

April 14, 2016

President Obama recently announced new rules from the Treasury Department designed to close what he called one of the most “insidious tax loopholes out there.” The rule targets corporate inversions, a maneuver in which an American firm merges with a foreign firm in order to avoid paying taxes in the United States — without actually moving their operations overseas.

**Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, called the move great news for American taxpayers. “Treasury has taken an important step to improve the overall corporate tax system,” he said. “These rules move in the right direction to level the playing field for domestic companies competing with multinationals.”

## [Blog: It’s Tax Time, But Corporations Aren’t Paying](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/its-tax-time-but-corporat_b_9681444.html) – *Huffington Post*

By Frank Clemente

April 13, 2016

Tax Day offers a stark reminder of the difference between those of us who pay all our taxes every year and the big corporations that don’t. While families and small businesses scramble to file their returns each April, multinational corporations are free to indefinitely ignore a $700 billion U.S. tax bill they owe on $2.4 trillion in profits stashed offshore.

American corporations owe U.S. taxes on all their income wherever made, but thanks to a loophole called “deferral,” they don’t have to pay the bill on offshore profits until they bring the money home. Not surprisingly, this special tax break has encouraged companies to hold more and more of their profits overseas.

## [Taxes Proving to Be Campaign Dud So Far](http://www.taxnotes.com/tax-notes-today/politics-taxation/taxes-proving-be-campaign-dud-so-far/2016/04/11/18452401) -- *Tax Notes*

By Paul C. Barton

April 11, 2016

"It is interesting, isn't it, that many of the candidates have detailed tax plans, but the public just isn't paying attention," Karlyn Bowman, who specializes in analyzing public opinion at the American Enterprise Institute, told Tax Analysts.

Ron Eckstein, spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said polling on an issue like corporate inversions "would require like three different levels of explanation. I can understand why you can't find much polling on taxes. It's very hard to do."

## [The Treasury Department Disrupts Pfizer-Allergan Inversion!](http://sputniknews.com/radio_thom_hartmann_show/20160411/1037749217/pfizer-allergan-inversion.html%22%20%5Cl%20%22ixzz45XXFQ3TD) -- *Sputnik News*

By Thom Hartmann

April 11, 2016

**Frank Clemente** of the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** said, “If our analysis is correct, this is a major victory for taxpayers who pay their fair share and who should expect no less from one of America's biggest and most profitable corporations.”

## [Capitalist Deserter Pfizer Just Got a Spanking](http://www.thenation.com/article/capitalist-deserter-pfizer-just-got-a-spanking/) -- *The Nation*

By William Greider

April 8, 2016

Tax law is not sexy, but Pfizer’s loss is a potent win for small-d democracy. It can provide a starting point for reinvigorating reform politics. Among Washington’s myriad scandals, the drug industry is the Goliath of our corrupted politics. Pfizer and its brethren in Big Pharma spread millions around the halls of Congress, and they always seem to get their way. The David throwing stones at Pfizer & Co. is a small but feisty reform group called **Americans for Tax Fairness**. It rallied support and argued that Treasury could stop the looting… and this time little David won.

The US Chamber of Commerce was not happy. “It’s punitive, it’s paranoia,” the boss lobbyist complained. Whenever the Chamber whines, we know something good has happened for the people.

Here is why I think this episode has great potential for inspiring a broader movement to confront the corporate dominance of American politics: Pfizer’s CEO, Ian Read, was stupid enough to announce that the company was abandoning US citizenship right in the middle of a tumultuous presidential campaign—one in which voters have expressed alarm and anger about their lost prosperity and continuing economic troubles.

## [Americans for Tax Fairness on BBC Newshour](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03pfxk4)

April 6, 2016

**Americans for Tax** Fairness was cited during a BBC Newshour report on corporate tax evasion, highlighting Pfizer’s $35 billion tax bill. The segment appeared on hundreds of public radio stations across the country, including WNYC in New York City, KPCC and KCRW in Los Angeles, and WAMU in Washington, D.C.

## [Obama’s New Limits On Corporate Tax Dodging Don’t Go Far Enough](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/tax-inversion-rules_us_570559aae4b0a506064dfa9a) -- *Huffington Post*

By Alexander C. Kaufman

April 6, 2016

In that sense, the regulations worked. Pfizer on Wednesday called off the $160 billion deal that would have saved the company as much as $35 billion in taxes owed to the U.S.

“We’re very pleased that these rules appear to kill the Pfizer-Allergan merger,” said Ron Eckstein, a spokesman for the nonprofit **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “We hope it’s gone for good. But Pfizer has tried three of four different inversion attempts over the last few years, so it’s almost naive to think they won’t try again.”

## [Pfizer, Allergan call off $160 billion merger after U.S. moves to block inversions](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/pfizer-allergan-call-off-160-billion-merger-after-us-moves-to-block-inversions/2016/04/06/4fd55446-fc11-11e5-80e4-c381214de1a3_story.html) -- *Washington Post*

By Renae Merle and Carolyn Y. Johnson

April 6, 2016

Some lawmakers believe companies should be paying less, while others believe they should be paying more. Lowering the tax rate without plugging the abundance of tax loopholes could be a fiscal disaster, while harmonizing the U.S. tax system with the rest of the world could take years, legislative staffers say.

“Fundamentally, it all comes down to how do you pay for it,” said **Frank Clemente**, executive director of the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

## [New Inversion Rules Stop Pfizer’s Merger With Allergan](http://www.legalreader.com/new-inversion-rules-stops-pfizers-merger-with-allergan/) -- *Legal Reader*

By Consuella Pachico

April 6, 2016

Pfizer would have been in a position to eliminate nearly $35 billion from its U.S. tax bill over the course of a decade through its merger with Allergan, according to a report put out by advocacy group, **Americans For Tax Fairness**.

The Treasury prevented Pfizer’s plans by not only stopping the inversion, but also by implementing a proposal that would block a practice known as “earnings-stripping.”

## [How fury over tax havens moved from the margins to the mainstream](http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/ebbf9556-fa72-11e5-8f41-df5bda8beb40.html%22%20%5Cl%20%22axzz454W38rLX) -- *Financial Times*

By Tom Burgis

April 6, 2016

Across the Atlantic, tax dodging has become an emblem of what has left so many Americans infuriated with the business and political elite, says **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

“Americans are really upset about Washington. They think it is a cesspool filled with special deals. The place they can see this most clearly, with the politicians enriching the rich corporations, is in the tax system,” says Mr Clemente.

## [The Panama Papers Show it’s Time for ‘No Representation Without Taxation’](http://www.politicususa.com/2016/04/06/panama-papers-show-time-no-representation-taxation.html) -- *Politics USA*

By Hrafnkell Haraldsson

April 6, 2016

The 1 Percent have shown how much they object to being taxed, while perfectly willing to levy taxes on people they deny representation by obstructing their voting rights. All the while, they accuse these people of shirking their obligation to pay taxes. That’s a little counter to the Founding Fathers’ expressed goals, isn’t it?

Gordon ignores some facts. Forget for a moment the evidence of the Panama Papers; as **Americans for Tax Fairness** point out,

Corporate share of federal tax revenue has dropped by two-thirds in 60 years — from 32% in 1952 to 10% in 2013.

General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012.

## [Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director Frank Clemente Discusses Inversion Regulation on NPR’s Marketplace](http://feeds.americanpublicmedia.org/~r/MarketplacePodcast/~5/H0Zikw8SYJA/pm_20160405_pod_64.mp3?siteplayer=true&dl=1)

April 5, 2016

**ATF** Executive Director **Frank Clemente** was interviewed about the Treasury Department's new inversion regulations for National Public Radio's "Marketplace" show. The interview appeared on nearly 800 public radio stations across the country, including WNYC in New York City, KPCC and KCRW in Los Angeles, and WAMU in Washington, D.C.

## [Obama Just Struck A Blow Against Corporate Tax Dodging](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/obama-tax-inversion_us_57044e42e4b05376618815a7) -- *Huffington Post*

By Daniel Marans

April 5, 2016

The U.S. Treasury Department’s new rules making it harder for U.S. companies to perform “corporate inversions” that allow them to escape taxes were hailed Tuesday by Democratic politicians, including President Barack Obama, and liberal groups.

The rules announced Monday could save money for American taxpayers over the long term, since they shoulder a larger share of taxes when corporations find ways to avoid paying. Already, the announcement has cast doubt on the largest corporate tax-inversion scheme yet: the planned purchase by New York-based Pfizer, the world’s largest drugmaker, of Irish competitor Allergan, the maker of Botox. The fusion of the two companies would allow Pfizer to move its headquarters outside the U.S. and benefit from Ireland’s lower corporate tax rate.

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal tax reform advocacy group, estimates that under the rules Treasury announced on Monday, Pfizer’s American shareholders would now exceed Treasury’s American ownership threshold, making it subject to U.S. corporate taxes — and eliminating the motivation for the “corporate inversion.” Treasury will likely not count a significant percentage of shares in Allergan as those of the foreign-owned target company, because Allergan is a “serial inverter” that has already merged with several American companies in recent years.

## Blog: [New Anti-Inversion Rules Block Pfizer’s $35 Billion Tax Dodge](https://ourfuture.org/20160405/new-anti-inversion-rules-prevent-pfizer-from-grabbing-35-billion) -- *Campaign for America’s Future*

By Dave Johnson

April 5, 2016

Giant, mega-profitable companies like the drug maker Pfizer engage in complicated, tricky schemes to dodge paying the taxes they owe. The result is that there is not enough money for bridge repair, better schools, and other public goods.

The Treasury Department caught up to Pfizer and others this week, issuing new rules that will help address the problem.

Those online petitions you signed and those letters and calls to members of Congress helped make this happen. They put pressure on those responsible for fixing this, and they responded.

**Frank Clemen**te, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, made the following statement in response.

“Pfizer cleverly structured its inversion with Allergan so that it would not be considered an inversion, allowing it to receive all the tax breaks that corporate deserters get when they change their legal address to a tax haven.

## [Why a corporation's "inversion" matters to taxpayers](http://www.marketplace.org/2016/04/05/world/stop-inversion-mania) – *National Public Radio’s Marketplace*

By Annie Baxter

April 5, 2016

“The drug or the computer software may be invented here in America, but the ownership gets shifted offshore to a tax haven,” said **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “And then the U.S company starts paying a licensing fee to rent the use of those patents that now exist in a tax haven.”

## [The Panama Papers Expose the Hidden Wealth of the World’s Super-Rich](http://www.thenation.com/article/panama-papers-expose-the-hidden-wealth-of-the-worlds-super-rich/) -- *The Nation*

By Chuck Collins

April 5, 2016

﻿This publicity will hopefully bolster the global movement against tax haven abuse, including the work of US networks such as **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT). The FACT Coalition has been advocating for transparency reforms such as disclosure of “beneficial ownership” of shell corporations and entities. It is pressing for passage of “The Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act” (H.R. 4450 and S. 2489) that would require all American companies, with a number of exceptions, to disclose the real people who own or control them when they are formed, and to keep that information updated.

## [Obama calls for Congress to close corporate tax loopholes](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/275205-obama-calls-for-congress-to-close-corporate-tax-loopholes) -- *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda

April 5, 2016

The president’s comments come the day after the Treasury Department announced new actions designed to limit corporate inversions. Inversions are transactions in which a U.S. company merges with a foreign company and reincorporates the combined company overseas to lower its tax burden. This practice has frequently been criticized by lawmakers and presidential candidates.

The liberal-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** said Tuesday the new guidance would deny tax breaks to U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, which it had expected to get through its planned acquisition of Ireland-based Allergan. The $160 billion deal would be the largest inversion to date.

## [Obama criticizes companies that leave U.S. for lower taxes](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/obama-companies-that-denounce-us-citizenship-for-lower-taxes-are-insidious/2016/04/05/cf43a2bc-fb41-11e5-886f-a037dba38301_story.html) -- *The Washington Post*

By Renae Merle

April 5, 2016

Obama praised regulations issued the day before by the Treasury Department aimed at making more difficult these so-called inversions, in which U.S. companies combine with foreign firms to reduce U.S. taxes.

Applying the new Treasury Department rule, **Americans for Tax Fairnes**s estimates that Pfizer shareholders could own about 70 percent of the new foreign company, well above the 60 percent threshold, said Frank Clemente, executive director of the advocacy group.

## [Pfizer's Dublin plans are dubious amid new regs and Allergan's](http://www.bizjournals.com/newyork/news/2016/04/05/pfizers-dublin-plans-are-dubious-amid-new-regs-and.html) nosedive -- *New York Business Journal*

By Anthony Noto

April 5, 2016

The deal currently doubles as a ploy for Pfizer (NYSE: PFE) to not only buy Allergan (NYSE: AGN), but switch its headquarters to Dublin to lower its tax rate. Such a move would help it avoid a $35 billion tax bill, according to a recent report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

## [Walmart Just Suffered a Huge Loss](http://www.attn.com/stories/7065/supreme-court-rejects-walmarts-appeal-employee-wages-case) -- *Attn*

By Thor Benson

April 4, 2016

Walmart and Sam's Club employees demanding compensation for unpaid wages just scored a huge victory on Monday after the U.S. Supreme Court denied the multi-billion dollar corporation's appeal of an expensive class action lawsuit

The lawsuit was brought by Michelle Braun, a former employee who claimed she was forced to work through breaks and at other times when she was not being paid. The suit is over 10 years old, and it made its way up to Pennsylvania's Supreme Court before U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear the case on Monday.

Walmart has also been under fire due to low wages — and the fact that many of its workers rely on taxpayer funded government assistance, according to a 2014 report from **Americans for Tax Fairness**. The company raised its wages in January of 2016; the average part time worker will now make $10 per hour, and the average full time worker will make $13.38 per hour. Labor rights advocates are pushing for a $15 per hour minimum wage.

## [Treasury’s New Rules on Tax Inversions Raise Questions About Pfizer-Allergan Deal](https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2016/04/04/treasury-pfizer-allergan-tax-inversions/) -- *Stat News*

By Ed Silverman

April 4, 2016

After months of anticipation, the US Department of Treasury issued new rules about so-called tax inversions that raised uncertainty about the $160 billion merger deal between Pfizer and Allergan.

The rules are designed to curb inversions, which effectively reduce federal revenue and, as a result, have been widely criticized as unpatriotic and detrimental. In these deals, a US company buys a foreign company and reincorporates headquarters overseas where corporate taxes are lower. The acquiring company can reduce taxes by adding debt to its US unit and shifting profits overseas.

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, a non-profit advocacy group, estimates that Pfizer is attempting to dodge approximately $35 billion by merging with Allergan.

## [Walmart Avoids Paying Fair Share In Tax Dispute](http://www.opposingviews.com/i/society/judge-wrong-shut-down-puerto-ricos-walmart-tax) -- *Opposing Views*

By Nik Bonopartis

March 30, 2016

When it comes to hiding revenue, exploiting tax loopholes, and finding creative ways to understate profits, Walmart and its army of lawyers makes other companies look like amateurs.

A 2015 report by **Americans For Tax Fairness** found the Walmart hid $76 billion in subsidiaries set up in tax havens. The company hid the existence of those subsidiaries, the report concluded, keeping them a secret from the public and the IRS. Walmart's network included 78 subsidiaries scattered throughout the world's tax havens, the report said, including 22 subsidiaries hiding some $45 billion in Luxembourg, a country that doesn't have a single Walmart store.

## [Fifty-five liberal groups urge Treasury to crack down on “hopscotch” loans, a key benefit of inversions](http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-tax) -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Bernie Becker

March 22, 2016

**Americans for Tax Fairness’** recent letter to Jack Lew urging the Treasury Department to crack down on hopscotch loans was featured in Morning Tax today. The letter was signed by over 50 interest groups and delivery to the Treasury yesterday.

## [People & Power](http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/peopleandpower/) -- *Al Jazeera*

March 24, 2016

**Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director **Frank Clemente** was featured in Al Jazeera’s People & Power program. The segment focused on corporate influence on Congress, the tax code, and the potential consequences for our democracy.

## [Blog: Obama Can Stop Pfizer’s Tax Rip-Off](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/obama-can-stop-pfizers-ta_b_9547794.html) – *Huffington Post*

By Frank Clemente

March 25, 2016

You already know big pharmaceutical companies are ripping you off by charging too much for their medicines. But did you know they’re also hurting you by dodging their fair share of taxes? A new report shows how one company pulls off this double whammy—and how there’s still time to prevent its biggest tax dodge yet.

Pfizer—maker of Lipitor, Lyrica, Viagra, and many other prescription drugs—wants to turn its back on America by claiming to be an Irish company through an offshore merger, giving it access to Ireland’s low tax rates. The change would only be on paper. The company would still be run from the United States, enjoying all the benefits of being based in America—such as our taxpayer-supported roads, public colleges, and patent protections—without paying its part to support them.

## [Sanders Tells Treasury to Block Pfizer Inversion Using Existing Law](http://www.accountingtoday.com/news/tax-practice/sanders-tells-treasury-to-block-pfizer-inversion-using-existing-law-77552-1.html) -- *Accounting Today*

By Roger Russell

March 21, 2016

Democratic Presidential hopeful and U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders has urged the Treasury to block Pfizer’s planned corporate inversion.

Sanders, ranking member on the Senate Budget Committee, said in a letter dated March 18, 2016, that he has serious concerns about the fiscal impacts of a failure to act.

He cited a recent study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** which estimates that preventing the inversion of Pfizer alone could save as much as $35 billion in revenue.

“The Pfizer-Allergan merger, which has not yet been finalized, is structured to result in a company that is technically based in Ireland for tax purposes. This is nothing less than a tax scam,” he wrote. “The allegedly newly formed Irish company would continue to be managed from its headquarters in the U.S. and 56 percent of the company would still be owned by Pfizer’s shareholders.”

## [Pfizer’s Eager to Go, but the Market Has Doubts](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/13/your-money/pfizers-eager-to-go-but-the-market-has-doubts.html) -- *The New York Times*

By Jeff Sommer

March 12, 2016

But the billions in tax dollars up for grabs in this merger — and in further tax inversions that might follow — have turned the Pfizer-Allergan deal into a political flash point. In a report last month, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy organization affiliated with labor unions, urged the Obama administration to stop Pfizer.

**Frank Clemente**, the group’s executive director, said, “In the company’s biggest insult to America yet, Pfizer’s merger would allow it to go on enjoying all the benefits of being based here — everything from a publicly educated work force, to an excellent communications infrastructure, to a reliable patent system — without adequately paying to support them.”

## [Senate Bill Targets Corporations Moving Overseas to Dodge Taxes](http://prospect.org/blog/tapped/senate-bill-targets-corporations-moving-overseas-dodge-taxes) -- *The American Prospect*

By Rachel M. Cohen

March 9, 2016

Brown says his bill would prevent corporations “from sticking middle-class working people with their tab.” He calls it a “commonsense step” to increasing domestic investment and leveling the playing field for all American companies. The long-term solution, he says, will be to pass international corporate tax reform.

**Frank Clemente**, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** calls Brown’s bill “a victory for tax fairness.”

## [Op-ed: Pfizer rips off America](http://www.biopharmadive.com/news/report-pfizer-attempting-to-dodge-35-billion-in-taxes-through-merger-with/414718/) -- The Hill

By Richard Kirsch

March 8, 2016

One issue that unites the three leading vote-getters for president — Donald Trump (R), Hillary Clinton (D) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) — is pledging to do something about the high cost of prescription drugs. They are each responding to the complaints they hear on the campaign trail from families forced to pay more out of their pockets for prescriptions that are vital for their health. Now Pfizer wants to compound the damage done by its soaring drug prices by pretending to desert the United States in order to avoid paying taxes on the huge profits those high prices reap.

The combination of Pfizer's actions to avoid paying taxes on the money it makes in America and the high prices for those drugs is a powerful example of the anger driving the Trump and Sanders campaigns, an anger Clinton is tying to latch onto. Americans understand that the reason we pay such high prices for drugs is because of lobbying and campaign cash from Pfizer and rest of PhRMA. Meanwhile, President Obama and Congress sit on their hands.

As The Hill reported, **Americans for Tax** Fairness (AFT) lays out the story of Pfizer's double-barreled ripoff of Americans in an excellent new report titled "Pfizer: Price Gouger, Tax Dodger.

## [Democrats and Republicans Are Quietly Planning a Corporate Giveaway—to the Tune of $400 Billion](http://www.thenation.com/article/democrats-and-republicans-are-quietly-planning-a-corporate-giveaway-to-the-tune-of-400-billion/) -- *The Nation*

By William Greider

March 4, 2016

﻿Taxation is complicated stuff, and a fog of deceitful propaganda already envelops the subject. To get straight facts, I recommend two tough-minded, truth-telling organizations: Citizens for Tax Justice, led by Robert McIntyre, and **Americans for Tax Fairness**, run by **Frank Clemente**, are rallying opponents of this royal scam.

## [Report: Pfizer attempting to dodge $35 billion in taxes through merger with Allergan](http://www.biopharmadive.com/news/report-pfizer-attempting-to-dodge-35-billion-in-taxes-through-merger-with/414718/) -- *BioPharma Dive*

By Nicole Gray

February 29, 2016

The pending reverse merger with Allergan could allow Pfizer to lower its tax rate from about 25% to roughly 17% or 18% by moving its tax domicile from the U.S. to Ireland. Althought the Obama administration has made efforts to prevent U.S. companies from moving their tax base oversease, the Pfizer-Allergan team is confident the pending merger will clear regulatory authorities.

Recently, a $40.5 billion divestment of Allergan's generics portfolio to Teva cleared one regulatory hurdle in the E.U. This will likely aid Pfizer and Allergan in their merger's regulatory review.

In the report, the national coalition**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) criticizes Pfizer for aggressively raising prescription drug prices while concurrently aiming to lower the amount of taxes it pays to the U.S.

## Pfizer Inc. Tries to Dodge $35bn in Taxes, Analysts Bullish *-- Learn Bonds*

By Helen Mehta

February 27, 2016

Pfizer Inc. [(NYSE:PFE)](http://learnbonds.com/quote?symbol=PFE&m=%28NYSE%3APFE%29&ctext=PFIZER)‘s obsession with lowering its payable taxes is not new. The activist group ‘**Americans for Tax Fairness’** has said in a new report that the firm would enjoy lower tax rates in Ireland while still being able to take advantage of having operations in the US market. The $160bn deal with Botox-manufacturer Allergan was announced in November and has shaken up a storm in the pharma industry.

## [Here's How Much More Pfizer Could Save in Taxes With Allergan Deal](http://fortune.com/2016/02/26/pfizer-allergan-deal-taxes/) *-- Fortune*

By Jen Wieczner

February 26, 2016

Pfizer won’t have to pay a $35 billion tax bill once it completes its pending merger with Ireland-based drugmaker Allergan, according to a new [report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizer-report-FINAL-for-WEB.pdf) by **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) urging the White House to prevent the “tax dodge.”

That calculation is a lot higher than the $1.2 billion in taxes that Pfizer [PFE](http://fortune.com/fortune500/pfizer-56/) 0.27%  estimates it will [save](http://fortune.com/2015/11/24/pfizer-allergan-taxes/) next year as a result of the $160 billion deal with Allergan [AGN](http://fortune.com/company/agn/) -0.10% , expected to close later this year.

## Pfizer Seen As Avoiding Tax Bill of $35 Billion with Merger *-- Financial Market News*

By Doug Madson

February 26, 2016

Pfizer, Inc would avoid paying permanently a $35 billion tax bill through its merger with Allergan, according to a Thursday report by a group, which advocates tax fairness, though an accounting and tax consultant said that the number had been misleading.

Four members of the U.S. Congress who are all Democrats joined the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** that is affiliated with different labor unions, at a news conference and urged the White House administration to use its executive authority and deny the tax benefits of U.S. corporations if they change their tax domicile to overseas.

## [Allergan deal to help Pfizer save $35 bn in annual taxes: report](http://www.domain-b.com/industry/pharma/20160226_annual_taxes.html) *-- Domain-B*

February 26, 2016

Global pharmaceuticals major Pfizer Inc is expected to save an estimated $35 billion in annual taxes if it pushes through a merger with Allergan and shifts its base to Dublin in Ireland from the United States.

Pfizer, the world's top pharmaceutical company, is merging with smaller Dublin-based Allergan, in a reverse merger (better known as an ''inversion'' in the US), in which companies are bought by or merge with foreign firms in order to reduce the burden of US corporate tax.

The Pfizer-Allergan deal is the largest inversion ever, which would potentially lower the merged entity's annual tax bill by $35 billion in the United States, according to a report published on Thursday by consumer group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

## [Report: Pfizer dodging $35B in taxes](http://www.cnbc.com/2016/02/26/report-pfizer-dodging-35b-in-taxes.html) *-- CNBC*

By Kevin McCoy

February 26, 2016

U.S. pharmaceutical giant [Pfizer](http://data.cnbc.com/quotes/PFE) (PFE) is trying to dodge an estimated $35 billion in taxes by merging with Ireland-based rival Allergan and shifting its headquarters overseas, a coalition of labor and consumer groups charged Thursday.

In a new report, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said the New York-based maker of Lipitor, Viagra and other well-known drugs would take advantage of lower tax rates in Ireland while reaping the benefits of having its operations in the U.S. under a $160 billion corporate tax inversion deal announced with Allergan in November.

## [Giving up its U.S. citizenship could save Pfizer $35 billion in taxes](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/business/wp/2016/02/25/giving-up-its-u-s-citizenship-could-save-pfizer-35-billion-in-taxes/) *– The Washington Post*

By Renae Merle

February 25, 2016

When Pfizer announced its plan last year to merge with Botox-maker Allergan and move its headquarters to Ireland the company said the deal would lower its tax rate to about 17 percent to 18 percent, saving it about $2 billion over three years.

But in a report published Thursday, **Americans for Tax Fairness** say the New York-based pharma giant will actually save much more by giving up its U.S. citizenship: $35 billion.

## Liberals Say White House Should Stop Pfizer Tax Avoidance *-- POLITICO*

By Sarah Karlin and Brett Normin

February 25, 2016

**Americans for Tax Fairness** urged the Obama administration to cut off tax benefits that would flow from a proposed merger of Pfizer and Allergan. The deal would relocate the company’s headquarters to Dublin and allow Pfizer to save $35 billion in taxes, according to a report the group released Thursday. Four House Democrats — including Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut and Lloyd Doggett of Texas — joined the group in calling for more action out of the White House and faulted the Treasury Department for concluding that the merger was not a “tax inversion.” The [report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizer-report-FINAL-for-WEB.pdf).

## Returns, Attacks, and Impacts -- *Tax Vox*

By Renu Zaretsky

February 25, 2016

Did Pfizer make choices that don’t add up? In [their new report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/reports/pfizer-price-gouger-tax-dodger/), **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Pfizer-Allergan merger allows Pfizer to keep $35 billion in profits offshore, and thus pay no taxes on them. At the same time, a Medicare user in the US pays an average of 12 times as much for the firm’s top-selling drugs as a buyer in Ireland.

## [Pfizer-Allergan Merger: Tax Inversion Deal Would Help US Pharma Giant Dodge $35B In Taxes, Report Says](http://www.ibtimes.com/pfizer-allergan-merger-tax-inversion-deal-would-help-us-pharma-giant-dodge-35b-taxes-2324552) – *International Business Times*

By Avaneesh Pandy

February 25, 2016

U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer will be able to avoid an estimated $35 billion in taxes by merging with Botox-maker Allergan and shifting its headquarters to Ireland, **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) — an advocacy group — alleged in a [report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizer-report-FINAL-for-WEB.pdf)released Thursday.

The figure is based on two of Pfizer’s disclosures — the first one stating that as of 2014, the company had a deferred tax liability of $21.2 billion on unrepatriated foreign earnings, and a second one revealing that it has about $74 billion in overseas earnings that it plans to hold there indefinitely.

## Report: Merger Would Help Pfizer Avoid $35 Billion in Taxes – *Morning Consult*

By Mary Ellen MacIntyre

February 25, 2016

Pfizer could avoid paying $35 billion in taxes on an estimated $148 billion in profits it currently maintains offshore if its merger with the Irish drugmaker Allergan is approved, according to a [report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizer-report-FINAL-for-WEB.pdf) from**Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that advocates for progressive tax reforms that require “big corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share in taxes, not to live by their own set of rules.”

The $35 billion in taxes could fund the National Cancer Institute for almost seven years, the group said in its report, adding that Pfizer should charge the same prices for prescription drugs in the U.S. as it does in Ireland if the merged company is going to pay Irish takes.

## Pfizer Said To Save $35B In Taxes With Move To Ireland -- *Law360*

By Eric Kroh

February 25, 2016

Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc. will save nearly $35 billion in U.S. taxes over a decade through its merger with Irish drugmaker Allergan PLC because it will avoid paying tax on $148 billion in earnings stashed offshore, according to a report by **Americans for Tax Fairnes**s released on Thursday.

U.S. lawmakers have said that the $160 billion Pfizer-Allergan deal, the largest so-called inversion transaction to date, shows an urgent need to take action to dissuade companies from moving overseas

## Report: Pfizer dodging $35B in taxes -- *USA Today*

By Kevin McCoy

February 25, 2016

U.S. pharmaceutical giant [Pfizer](http://www.pfizer.com/) ([PFE](http://www.usatoday.com/money/lookup/stocks/PFE/)) is trying to dodge an estimated $35 billion in taxes by merging with Ireland-based rival Allergan and shifting its headquarters overseas, a coalition of labor and consumer groups charged Thursday.

In a new [report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizers-Tax-Dodging-Rx-Stash-Profits-Offshore-Final1.pdf), [**Americans for Tax Fairness**](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/) said the New York-based maker of Lipitor, Viagra and other well-known drugs would take advantage of lower tax rates in Ireland while reaping the benefits of having its operations in the U.S. under a $160 billion corporate tax inversion deal announced with Allergan in November.

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CATF%20Frank%5CDownloads%5CLINK) -- *ABC News*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal *– The New York Times*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## Liberal group, House Dems slam Pfizer for tax dodging -- *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda

February 25, 2016

A report released Thursday by a liberal-leaning group and several House Democrats attacks pharmaceutical giant Pfizer for dodging taxes while raising prescription drug prices.

Pfizer announced in November that it would merge with Ireland-based Allergan in what is viewed as the largest corporate tax inversion to date. The merged company would have an Irish legal residence, which would allow Pfizer to lower its tax burden. But the combined company would continue to be managed in the United States.

The report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found that by merging with Allergan, Pfizer may be able to avoid paying an estimated $35 billion in taxes on profits held offshore. That money could fund the National Cancer Institute for nearly seven years.

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal/2016/02/25/0dc6dc74-dbea-11e5-8210-f0bd8de915f6_story.html) – *The Washington Post*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Dodging Taxes Through Corporate “Inversions”](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CATF%20Frank%5CDownloads%5CLINK) -- *The American Prospect*

By Roger Bybee

February 25, 2016

In 2014, Wisconsin-based manufacturing giant Johnson Controls rose to 66th place on the Fortune 500. The company’s soaring profits came thanks in no small part to a string of bailouts, tax breaks, and subsidies from the federal government.

But in January, Johnson announced that it would merge with overseas manufacturer Tyco International and transfer its official corporate headquarters to Cork, Ireland, where Tyco is already based. Johnson called the merger a chance for both companies to leverage the emerging home products market. But the move conveniently saves the new company $150 million a year in U.S. taxes. That’s because Ireland has a corporate tax rate of [12.5 percent,](http://www.jsonline.com/business/after-getting-taxpayers-help-johnson-controls-packs-its-bags-b99660610z1-367111901.html) while Johnson Controls paid a rate of about 19 percent in the U.S. last year.

In the meantime, public anger over corporate inversions is mounting, as household incomes continue to fall for tens of millions of Americans. An [August 2014 poll](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/tax-fairness-coalition-sees-poll-results-on-corporate-inversions-as-a-sign-that-the-issue-will-be-hot-this-election-season/press/2014/08/05/tax-fairness-coalition-sees-poll-results-on-corporate-inversions-as-a-sign-that-the-issue-will-be-hot-this-election-season/) by **Americans for Tax Fairnes**s revealed that more than two-thirds of likely voters disapprove of corporate inversions—86 percent of Democrats, 80 percent of independents, and 69 percent of Republicans.

## U.S. reps push for Pfizer penalties on report that it's dodging $35B in U.S. taxes -- *Fierce Pharma*

By Carly Helfand

February 25, 2016

A new report from a tax fairness group claims Pfizer's ([$PFE](http://www.fiercepharma.com/tags/pfizer)) Allergan ([$AGN](http://www.fiercepharma.com/tags/allergan)) merger will help it dodge $35 billion in U.S. taxes--and while some experts doubt that figure's accuracy, it's spurred some members of Congress to urge a further crackdown on companies that shift their tax bases abroad.

Four members of the U.S. House of Representatives are using a report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** as a platform to push for the Obama administration to withhold tax benefits to corporations who move their tax addresses overseas, *Bloomberg* reports. While the U.S. Treasury has already tightened the reins twice on tax inversions, their proposal would envelop Pfizer as well; as part of its plan to bypass governmental hurdles, the company structured its transaction so that smaller, Ireland-based Allergan will technically be the one buying it.

## Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Christian Science Monitor*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## Pfizer Inc. Seen Avoiding $35 Billion in Tax Via Allergan Merger, according to a report -- *MicroCap Magazine*

By Kevin B. Atencio

February 25, 2016

Pfizer Inc. will be able to permanently avoid paying $35 billion in U.S. taxes by merging with Allergan Plc, according to a report released Thursday by a group that advocates for tax fairness — though a tax and accounting consultant called the number “a little misleading.”

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## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.dddmag.com/news/2016/03/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-its-tax-cutting-deal) -- *Drug Discovery and Development*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://townhall.com/news/politics-elections/2016/02/25/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-taxcutting-deal-n2124746) -- *Townhall*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://federalnewsradio.com/government-news/2016/02/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal/) -- *Federal News Radio*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Pfizer "Tax Dodging": Worth $35 Billion, Says New Report](http://www.valuewalk.com/2016/02/pfizer-tax-dodging/) -- *Value Walk*

February 25, 2016

## [Pfizer seen avoiding US$35b in tax via Allergan merger](http://www.businesstimes.com.sg/consumer/pfizer-seen-avoiding-us35b-in-tax-via-allergan-merger) -- *The Business Times*

By Lynnley Browning

February 25, 2016

## Blog: [Pfizer's Tax Dodge and the Implications for Human Needs](http://www.chn.org/2016/02/25/pfizers-tax-dodge-and-the-implications-for-human-needs/#.Vt31T5wrLIU) -- *Coalition on Human Needs*

By David Elliot

February 25, 2016

One hundred and sixty-six years after its founding in New York City, one of the world’s largest pharmaceutical companies is about to renounce its American identity.

But not its American profits.

Pfizer, which makes the popular drugs Celebrex, Lipitor, Lyrica and Viagra, among others, wants to merge with fellow drug firm Allergan, which is based in the tax haven of Ireland.

On Thursday, joined at a Capitol Hill news conference by five members of Congress, **Americans for Tax Fairness** released its report, [*Pfizer: Price Gouger, Tax Dodger*](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/pfizers-tax-dodging-rx-stash-profits-offshore/). (Full disclosure: Coalition on Human Needs is a proud member of the ATF coalition, which boasts[425 national and state endorsing organizations](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/about/endorsements/).)

## Blog: [How Pfizer Could Get Away With Avoiding $35 Billion in Taxes](http://www.taxjusticeblog.org/archive/2016/02/how_pfizer_could_get_away_with.php#.Vt3zNZwrLIU) -- *Tax Justice Blog*

By Richard Phillips

February 25, 2015

Last year Citizens for Tax Justice (CTJ) published [a report](http://ctj.org/ctjreports/2015/10/offshore_shell_games_2015.php) showing that the drug manufacturer Pfizer was holding (on paper) $74 billion of its profits offshore, declaring that these profits would be “permanently reinvested” abroad to avoid incurring even a dime of U.S. tax on those profits. Now a [new report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/reports/pfizer-price-gouger-tax-dodger/) from **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), based in part on CTJ research, finds that Pfizer has likely understated the size of its untaxed offshore stash by a factor of two. In fact, Pfizer may avoid paying as much as $35 billion on its offshore profits, if its proposed inversion goes ahead as planned.

How is this possible? The ATF report shows that Pfizer has been using accounting gimmicks [for many years](http://www.taxjusticeblog.org/archive/2015/11/congress_must_act_now_to_stop.php) to systematically shift its profits to its offshore subsidiaries. While Pfizer officially declares that it has $74 billion in earnings offshore for tax purposes, its real offshore cash could be as much as $148 billion based on its deferred tax liabilities declared in the company’s annual financial report. This means that Pfizer could get away without paying an estimated $35 billion in taxes on this enormous stash of offshore earnings if it is allowed to complete its planned inversion. Pfizer’s planned inversion will allow it to permanently shift this enormous stash of offshore earnings out of the US tax system and therefore allow it to avoid the $35 billion in taxes that it currently owes.

## [Pfizer Inc. (NYSE:PFE) Merger with Allergan Being Viewed as a Way to Evade $35 billion in Taxes](http://www.journaltranscript.com/2016/02/pfizer-inc-nysepfe-merger-with-allergan-being-viewed-as-a-way-to-evade-35-billion-in-taxes/) -- *The Journal Transcript*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Pfizer Seen Avoiding $35 Billion in Tax Via Allergan Merger](http://www.newsmax.com/Finance/Companies/pfizer-allergan-tax-merger/2016/02/26/id/716264/) *-- Newsmax*

By Lynnley Browning

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://bigstory.ap.org/article/86d89df7484141c281e773cdc20dbadf/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-its-tax-cutting-deal) -- *Associated Press*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

A consumer group is accusing Pfizer of seeking to avoid $35 billion in U.S. taxes with its plan to buy fellow drugmaker Allergan in a deal structured to nominally move Pfizer's address to lower-tax Ireland, Allergan's home.

In a report released Thursday, **Americans for Tax Fairness** says that would also slash future U.S. taxes paid by Pfizer Inc., which will keep its operational headquarters at its New York City base. Pfizer would still have to pay U.S. taxes on income earned in the country, but not overseas.

The group has been urging federal regulation changes to block not just the Pfizer deal, but a surge of other companies in various industries doing deals termed "tax inversions" to slash their U.S. tax bills. That lost revenue ultimately comes out of the pockets of consumers and other taxpayers.

## [Pfizer Seen Avoiding $35 Billion in Tax Via Allergan Merger](http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-02-25/pfizer-seen-as-avoiding-35-billion-in-tax-via-allergan-merger) -- *Bloomberg*

By Lynnley Browning

February 25, 2016

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Four Democratic members of Congress joined **Americans for Tax Fairness,** which is affiliated with labor unions, in a news conference urging President Barack Obama’s administration to use executive authority to deny U.S. corporations tax benefits if they move their tax addresses overseas.

The call comes after Obama’s administration has announced some action to limit the benefits of corporate inversions, in which U.S. companies merge with offshore firms to establish a tax address in lower-tax countries. But those new rules would not affect the Pfizer-Allergan transaction, which would move the new company’s tax address to Dublin but doesn’t meet the technical definition of an inversion.

## [Why wage hikes are actually good news for Wal-Mart](http://www.csmonitor.com/Business/new-economy/2016/0217/Why-wage-hikes-are-actually-good-news-for-Wal-Mart) -- *Christian Science Monitor*

By Olivia Lowenberg

February 17, 2016

Wal-Mart's wages are higher than the federal minimum, but lower than the $12.96  national average for full-time hourly wage work. Many Wal-Mart employees rely on federal assistance programs like food stamps and Medicaid to subsidize their small wages.

This has invited criticism that contends the government is footing the bill for large retail chains to pay their employees less than a living wage. A 2014 [report](http://www.forbes.com/sites/clareoconnor/2014/04/15/report-walmart-workers-cost-taxpayers-6-2-billion-in-public-assistance/#77a7c39a7cd8) by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that it costs taxpayers between $904,542 and $1.75 million to provide federal assistance programs for employees at just one Walmart Supercenter.

## [Election 2016: Hillary Clinton Pledges To End Tax Move Her Donors Have Used](http://www.ibtimes.com/political-capital/election-2016-hillary-clinton-pledges-end-tax-move-her-donors-have-used-2293636) -- *International Business Times*

By Andrew Perez and David Sirota

February 2, 2016

In 2014, Buffett’s investment conglomerate, Berkshire Hathaway, helped [finance](http://www.ibtimes.com/warren-buffett-may-have-just-become-anti-inversion-poster-boy-1669480) Burger King’s high-profile move to relocate itself to Canada and avoid U.S. taxes. One left-leaning watchdog group, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, [estimated](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/burger-king-inversion-report/) that the inversion would allow the company to dodge between $400 million and $1.2 billion in U.S. taxes over the next few years.

## [US lawmakers slam ‘hostile’ EU tax climate](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/a40e4b34-c9c7-11e5-be0b-b7ece4e953a0.html) -- *Financial Times*

By Barney Jopson and Christian Oliver

February 2, 2016

Brussels is also dismissive of the Obama administration's argument that EU states have no right to tax income from US multinationals.

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group, said it was “pathetic” to last week see Robert Stack, a US Treasury official, [complaining](http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/c63db5c8-c6b1-11e5-808f-8231cd71622e.html#axzz3z1mVkKfM) about the commission’s probes.

## [The new Walmart effect: Store closures are leaving food deserts in their wake](http://www.aol.com/article/2016/02/02/the-new-walmart-effect-store-closures-are-leaving-food-deserts/21306733/) -- *AOL Finance*

By Willy Blackmore

February 2, 2016

Furthermore, according to [**Americans for Tax Fairness**](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Walmart-on-Tax-Day-Americans-for-Tax-Fairness-1.pdf)**,** a coalition of progressive political groups, low-wage workers at [Walmart](http://walmart.com/) cost taxpayers $6.2 billion in government assistance—including SNAP benefits that Walmart employees often spend at the same [Walmart](http://walmart.com/) location where they work. The USDA doesn't collect data on where food stamp recipients spend their benefits, but it's estimated that 18 percent of SNAP dollars are spent at Walmart.

## [Liberals to Obama](http://social.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-tax/2016/02/treasury-calls-out-european-investigations-212455) -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Bernie Becker

February 1, 2016

Get moving on inversions. **Americans for Tax Fairness** made the case in a recent release that the administration could be doing more to take away the benefits to corporations, like Pfizer and Johnson Controls, that head to the exits. Reuven Avi-Yonah, an international tax expert at Michigan, said that Treasury could follow through on a 2014 notice saying it would strip key tax breaks from inverted companies. "This remedy would result in U.S. taxes on any distributions of the offshore profits to the newly formed foreign parent company,” Avi-Yonah said in a statement released by Americans for Tax Fairness. “That would probably stop these inversions in their tracks.” <http://bit.ly/1nHclcY>

## [The New Walmart Effect: Store Closures Are Leaving Food Deserts in Their](http://www.takepart.com/article/2016/01/31/walmart-new-food-deserts) Wake -- *Take Part*

By Willy Blackmore

January 31, 2016

Furthermore, according to [Americans for Tax Fairness](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Walmart-on-Tax-Day-Americans-for-Tax-Fairness-1.pdf), a coalition of progressive political groups, low-wage workers at Walmart cost taxpayers $6.2 billion in government assistance—including SNAP benefits that Walmart employees often spend at the same Walmart location where they work. The USDA doesn’t collect data on where food stamp recipients spend their benefits, but it’s estimated that 18 percent of SNAP dollars are spent at Walmart. The chain itself has even suggested that its business depends on the nutrition assistance program to a certain a degree. According to a 2014 Securities and Exchange Commission [filing](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/104169/000010416914000019/wmtform10-kx13114.htm), Walmart noted that “changes in the amount of payments made under the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Plan and other public assistance plans” and “changes in the eligibility requirements of public assistance plans” could put a dent in its profits—some $16 billion in 2015.

## [Op-Ed: Start Corporate Tax Reform by Stopping Tax-Dodging Merger](http://www.insidesources.com/start-corporate-tax-reform-by-stopping-tax-dodging-merger/) -- *InsideSources*

By Don Kusler

January 27, 2016

Congressional action could even be bipartisan, since the Republican chairman of the Senate Finance Committee has said he is open to reform that would block the kind of deal Pfizer is trying to pull off.

And if Congress fails to act, President Obama should step in and have his Treasury Department close the loophole that Pfizer is planning to exploit to avoid the tens of billions dollars in taxes it owes on its offshore profits, as recommended by **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

## [Blog: Tax-Dodging Microsoft Should Not Be Honored at SOTU](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/tax-dodging-microsoft-sho_b_8961990.html) – *Huffington Post*

By Frank Clemente

January 12, 2016

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella will be sitting in the House gallery as an honored guest at the State of the Union (SOTU) address tonight. By all rights, he be should sitting before a Congressional committee instead, answering for his company’s blatant tax avoidance.

Microsoft is playing a game called “Global Tax Dodge.” But don’t look for it on the company’s Xbox video system. It’s only available to Microsoft’s accountants and high-priced lawyers. Even though the rest of us can’t play, we all foot the company’s $34 billion price tag.

## [Blog: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/families-advance-with-rec_b_8861986.html) -- *Huffington Post*

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

December 22, 2015

Surprisingly, Congress's [$680 billion holiday-season tax deal](http://www.latimes.com/nation/politics/la-na-congress-budget-20151218-story.html) 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."](http://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2015/10/congress-85-billion-extenders-tax-breaks-000283) 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](http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/senate-panel-advances-96-billion-package-of-tax-breaks/article/2568674)--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](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/21/opinion/avoiding-us-corporate-taxes.html) -- *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](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/14/opinion/how-to-stop-turning-us-corporations-into-tax-exiles.html?ref=international),” 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](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizers-Tax-Dodging-Rx-Stash-Profits-Offshore-Final1.pdf), and [The Times confirmed](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/15/your-money/a-tax-cutting-move-that-pfizer-can-hardly-resist.html?_r=1), 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](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Tax-Analysts-Scholars-Criticize-Internl-Tax-Reform-Proposals-10-5-15.pdf) 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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## [Americans for Tax Fairness Report Cited by Conservative Talk Radio Host Mark Levin](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=31181242&id=480979&dt=12%2f14%2f2015+19%3a17%3a50&u=403384)

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](http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2015/12/10/christmas-corporate-welfare-tax-loopholes-column/76976620/) -- *USA Today*

By Tim Phillips

December 11, 2015

The pre-Thanksgiving news was that [fewer than one in five Americans trust Washington, D.C](http://www.people-press.org/2015/11/23/1-trust-in-government-1958-2015/). 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](http://theintercept.com/2015/12/03/tax-extenders-bill-swells-massively-under-lobbyist-onslaught/) -- *The Intercept*

By David Dayen

December 3, 2015

[LINK](http://theintercept.com/2015/12/03/tax-extenders-bill-swells-massively-under-lobbyist-onslaught/)

For lobbyists, what is known in Washington as the “tax extenders” bill is like Christmas and a birthday wrapped into one. A [2013 report](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/report-on-lobbying-on-tax-extenders/) 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](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/want-to-stop-corporate-tax-deserters-start-with-this/2015/12/02/18bffab6-9932-11e5-94f0-9eeaff906ef3_story.html) -- *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](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-multinational-tax-muddle/2015/12/02/e0998d2a-990c-11e5-b499-76cbec161973_story.html) -- *Washington Post*

By Robert J. Samuelson

December 2, 2015

The tax switch is called an “inversion.” Here’s how [**Americans for Tax Fairness characterizes**](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizers-Tax-Dodging-Rx-Stash-Profits-Offshore-Final1.pdf) 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](http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-budget/261540-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](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/24/business/dealbook/pfizer-allergan-merger-inversion.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=first-column-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&_r=0), which is located in Ireland, a tax haven, to further reduce its already bargain-basement tax bill.

[It’s not the first time](http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/04/28/pfizer-proposes-a-marriage-and-a-move-to-britain-easing-taxes/) 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](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/comment/tax-avoidance-is-the-corporate-american-way-so-spare-us-the-pfizer-hypocrisy-a6752416.html) [hypocrisy](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/comment/tax-avoidance-is-the-corporate-american-way-so-spare-us-the-pfizer-hypocrisy-a6752416.html) -- *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](http://observerleader.com/2015/11/hillary-clinton-criticizes-pfizer-allergan-merger/) -- *Observer Leader*

By Jeannette Daniel

November 26, 2015

But an [investigation by **Americans for Tax Fairness**](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/pfizers-tax-dodging-rx-stash-profits-offshore/) 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](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/bad-medicine-pfizers-offs_b_8648052.html) -- *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](http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/11/23/pfizer-allergan-merger/76248478/) - 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](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a4h7V5lc_xXM) 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](http://mmc-news.com/news-pfizerallergan-deal-boon-to-shareholders-blow-to-r-and-amp;d-337527.dbv) [Merger](http://mmc-news.com/news-pfizerallergan-deal-boon-to-shareholders-blow-to-r-and-amp;d-337527.dbv) -- *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](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=8135&DateTime=11%2F23%2F2015+8%3A38%3A07+PM&Term=Americans+for+Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) -- *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](http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-budget/260995-an-opportunity-for-sen-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'](http://www.latimes.com/business/hiltzik/la-fi-mh-pfizer-s-creative-merger-20151116-column.html) -- *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](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizers-Tax-Dodging-Rx-Stash-Profits-Offshore-Final1.pdf) 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](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/15/your-money/a-tax-cutting-move-that-pfizer-can-hardly-resist.html) -- *New York Times*

By Jeff Sommer

November 15, 2015

Give [Pfizer](http://dealbook.on.nytimes.com/public/overview?symbol=PFE&inline=nyt-org), 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](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/pfizers-tax-dodging-rx-stash-profits-offshore/) 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](http://www.bna.com/treasury-earnings-stripping-n57982063217/) ways to further tighten rules that discourage them.

## [Americans for Tax Fairness on 64 Sinclair Broadcasting television stations](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=35320244&id=480978&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+10%3a46%3a43+PM&u=403384http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=35320244&id=480978&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+10%3a46%3a43+PM&u=403384" \t "_blank)

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](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=10489247&id=480979&dt=11%2f16%2f2015+04%3a51%3a50+AM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on WICD (ABC) - Champaign, IL](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=13676823&id=480979&dt=11%2f16%2f2015+06%3a17%3a21+AM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on KATU-POR (ABC) - Portland, OR](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=19399809&id=480979&dt=11%2f14%2f2015+08%3a25%3a29+AM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on KHQA (CBS) - Quincy, IL](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=30300042&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+05%3a10%3a04+PM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on KTVO (ABC) - Ottumwa, IA](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=30309269&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+05%3a10%3a25+PM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on WNWO (NBC) - Toledo, OH](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=30553558&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+06%3a18%3a50+PM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on WRSP (FOX) - Champaign, IL](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=34912852&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+09%3a24%3a49+PM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on KFXA-IOW (FOX) - Iowa City, IA](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=34916735&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+09%3a25%3a01+PM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on WFXL (FOX) - Albany, GA](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=34972167&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+10%3a27%3a52+PM&u=403384), [Tax Fairness on WVAH (FOX) - Charleston, WV](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=35212883&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+10%3a40%3a01+PM&u=403384), and [Tax Fairness on WEYI (NBC) - Flint, MI](http://mms.tveyes.com/Expand.asp?aln=36023819&id=480979&dt=11%2f13%2f2015+11%3a15%3a42+PM&u=403384).

## [Pfizer's Tax Rate 'Fiction' Exposed: Pays Less Than Everyone You Know](http://www.commondreams.org/news/2015/11/10/pfizers-tax-rate-fiction-exposed-pays-less-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](http://www.wsj.com/articles/pfizer-ceo-says-u-s-tax-regime-pushing-him-to-seek-alternative-1446140269) 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*](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Pfizers-Tax-Dodging-Rx-Stash-Profits-Offshore-Final1.pdf) (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](http://www.politico.com/newsletters/morningtax) -- *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](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/carl-icahns-latest-invest_b_8419220.html) -- *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](http://carlicahn.com/needed-legislation-letter/) -- 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](http://www.taxjusticeblog.org/archive/2015/09/fortune_500_corporations_are_l.php#.VjEnm3iHbNr), 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](https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/10/26/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](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/about/principles/) — **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](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-clemente/raising-revenues-must-be_b_8370586.html) -- *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](http://www.cbpp.org/research/presidents-sequestration-relief-would-ease-austerity-without-raising-deficits) 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](http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/13/politics/mitch-mcconnell-entitlement-changes-fiscal-talks/index.html).

## [52 Organizations Blast Senate With Call To End Carried Interest](http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-tax/2015/10/if-ryan-becomes-speaker-what-happens-at-ways-and-means-boehner-looks-to-move-debt-ceiling-soon-210743) -- *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](http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/presidential-campaign/256130-trump-tax-plan-proves-billionaire-populist-really) -- *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](http://investorplace.com/2015/10/walmart-wmt-stock-tgt-kr/) -- *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](http://live.huffingtonpost.com/r/segment/donald-trump-tax-plan/56041e2a8795a2a28f000082) -- *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](http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-tax/2015/09/2015-09-28-pro-morning-tax-210420) -- *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](http://seekingalpha.com/article/3510776-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?](http://www.fool.com/investing/general/2015/09/12/could-etsy-lose-this-beneficial-competitive-advant.aspx) -- *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](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frida-berrigan/this-labor-day-stand-with_b_8096014.html) -- *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](http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/29302-how-half-a-million-walmart-workers-won-a-raise) to $9 and then $10 an hour. This is great, but **Americans for Tax Fairness** [found](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Taxpayers-and-Walmart-ATF.pdf) that even with these increases, Walmart will continue to benefit from billions in federal subsidies...

## [Etsy under Pressure from Tax Fairness Group](http://www.accountingtoday.com/news/tax-practice/etsy-under-fire-from-tax-fairness-group-75713-1.html) -- *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](https://www.bcorporation.net/what-are-b-corps/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](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/ATF-Letter-to-B-Lab-re-Etsy-8-28-15.pdf) 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](http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/02/etsy-s-b-corp-status-challenged-2015090/) -- *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](http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2015-09-02/bubbles-and-b-corporations) -- *Bloomberg Review*

By Matt Levine

September 2, 2015

I love [this story](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-09-01/etsy-s-b-corp-status-challenged-by-tax-group-over-irish-haven) 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](http://www.bcorporation.net/what-are-b-corps/the-non-profit-behind-b-corps) 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](http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/fighting_words/2003/10/mommie_dearest.html) 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](https://www.internetretailer.com/2015/09/02/etsys-offshore-tax-haven-agitates-policy-advocacy-group) -- *Internet Retailer*

September 2, 2015

A tax policy advocacy group called for [online retailer Etsy Inc](https://www.internetretailer.com/2015/08/05/mobile-growth-drives-etsys-sales-nearly-25-higher-q2). 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.

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## [Etsy in first public spat over its 'socially responsible' mantra since IPO](http://diginomica.com/2015/09/02/etsy-in-first-public-spat-over-its-socally-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](http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/74db0a52-50da-11e5-8642-453585f2cfcd.html#axzz3kWPsTCq2) under fire over Irish tax practices -- *The Financial Times*

By Leslie Hook

September 1, 2015

[Link to PDF](http://www.americansfortaxfairness.org/files/Financial-Times-Etsy-Article.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](http://www.thestreet.com/story/13272876/1/etsy-faces-risky-challenge-to-its-socially-responsible-b-corp-status.html) -- *The Street*

By Rebecca Borison

September 1, 2015

Following criticism for an offshore strategy that allows it to minimize its taxes, Etsy ([ETSY](http://www.thestreet.com/quote/ETSY.html)) 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](http://www.wsj.com/articles/etsy-faces-pressure-to-abandon-irish-tax-strategy-1441080008), 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](http://www.wsj.com/articles/etsy-faces-pressure-to-abandon-irish-tax-strategy-1441080008) -- *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](http://quotes.wsj.com/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](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-09-01/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](http://www.irishtimes.com/business/technology/etsy-facing-renewed-pressure-over-irish-tax-strategy-1.2335992) -- *The Irish Times*

Bloomberg News
September 1, 2015

A leading tax policy advocacy group has called for online retailer [Etsy](http://www.irishtimes.com/search/search-7.1213540?tag_company=Etsy&article=true) 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.

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## [Deutsche Bank reportedly under  investigation for emerging markets currency manipulation](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/deutsche-bank-reportedly-under-investigation-for-emerging-markets-currency-manipulation-2015-09-01) -- *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](http://www.taxjusticeblog.org/archive/2015/08/will_etsys_brazen_tax_avoidanc.php#.VeWVf_lVhaE) B Lab, is “on the case.” Tax expert Robert Willens was [quoted in the Wall Street Journal saying](http://www.wsj.com/articles/how-etsy-crafted-a-tax-strategy-in-ireland-1439765858), “[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](https://blog.etsy.com/news/2015/etsy-and-tax-setting-the-record-straight/) where it defends its Urish 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](http://www.nasdaq.com/article/etsy-faces-pressure-to-abandon-irish-tax-strategy-20150901-00011) -- *Dow Jones News*

By Suzanne Kapner
Dow Jones Business News -- reprint from WSJ
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## [Daily Press Digest](http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/01/press-digest-wsj-idUSL4N11723Y20150901) -- *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](http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-budget/248375-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.

At 3 Squares Cafe our commitment to our community doesn’t stop at meeting our tax obligations. We hire new employees at a minimum wage of 10 dollars an hour and offer paid sick and vacation time. These are the kind of investments that yield an immediate return. These policies allow us to attract talented upstart chefs and service team members that help us to provide the best quality food and service to our customers... A quick “how to” for best tax-evasion practices, compliments of the one percent.

## [VIDEO: How to Avoid Paying your Taxes](https://www.facebook.com/ajplusenglish/videos/587621064712738/) -- *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](http://www.forbes.com/sites/clareoconnor/2015/07/01/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](http://www.forbes.com/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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFV24g0b0Ec)

The ad, above, paid for by the **United Food And Commercial Workers union**, uses data from a June [investigation](http://www.forbes.com/sites/clareoconnor/2015/06/18/walmart-report-on-76-billion-hidden-in-tax-havens-flawed/) into Walmart’s international assets by advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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…The ad will be shown in 10 markets over the holiday, including Walmart’s hometown of Bentonville, Ark., [Washington](http://www.forbes.com/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](http://www.forbes.com/profile/walton-1/?list=families), 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.

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# INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

## [Drug maker Gilead the target of activists’ ire at AIDS conference](http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2016/07/20/drug-maker-gilead-the-target-of-activists-ire-at-aids-conference) – *Business Day (SA)*

By Tamar Kahn

July 20, 2016

Chants of "Gilead kills" and "Shame shame" filled the air of the exhibition hall at the 21st International AIDS Conference as activists protested against the price of Gilead Sciences’ HIV and hepatitis drugs earlier on Wednesday.

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Gilead came under fire from the activists, including local lobbyists Section 27 and the Treatment Action Campaign, not only for the price of Solvadi, but also for tax avoidance.

The US-based pharmaceutical company moved some of its assets to Ireland in order to shift some US drug sales revenue offshore to benefit from lower tax rates, according to a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** published last week.

By not repatriating its foreign profits, Gilead avoided nearly $10bn in taxes, the group said.

## [Apple’s hometown mayor: firm ‘abuses us’ by not paying taxes](http://www.irishtimes.com/business/technology/apple-s-hometown-mayor-firm-abuses-us-by-not-paying-taxes-1.2636749) -- *Irish Times*

May 5, 2016

The last time the mayor of Cupertino walked into Apple - the largest company in his small Californian town and, it so happens, the most valuable company in the world - he hoped to have a meeting to talk about traffic congestion.

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## [Cupertino's mayor: Apple 'abuses us' by not paying taxes](https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2016/may/05/apple-taxes-cupertino-mayor-infrastructure-plan) -- *The Guardian*

By Nellie Bowles

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## ['You're not providing for your family... I am!' The shocking moment a Walmart customer launches a foul-mouthed tirade at a man in front of his young son for paying with food stamps](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3574150/You-not-providing-family-Woman-goes-berserk-Walmart-man-paying-food-stamps-young-son-looks-on.html) -- *Daily Mail*

By Kiri Blakeley

May 4, 2016

A 2014 report found that Walmart, where the video subjects were shopping, costs taxpayers $6.2billion a year in food stamps, subsidized housing, Medicaid, and other forms of public assistance because of the low wages it pays its employees, according to the group **Americans for Tax Fairness.**

## [If you're rich, you can avoid paying taxes. That's got to change](http://www.theguardian.com/news/commentisfree/2016/apr/07/rich-avoid-tax-panama-papers) -- *The Guardian*

By Jan Schakowsky

April 7, 2016

Pfizer apparently tried to structure one such inversion deal with the Irish company Allergan, shifting its headquarters from the US to Ireland. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Pfizer would loan $150bn in untaxed profits to Allergan and then avoid paying $35m in taxes owed in the United States.

## [Ireland -- U.S. firms' favorite new home](http://blouinnews.com/90851/story/feature-ireland-us-firms-favorite-new-home) -- *Blouin News*

By Michael Lerner

March 3, 2016

Last November, U.S. pharmaceutical firm Pfizer and Irish firm Allergan confirmed their $160 billion merger in the largest corporate inversion ever. The companies said they expect the company to have an effective tax rate of 17-18% in the first full year after closing, compared to the 25% Pfizer had been paying. They said the merger would save about $2 billion over three years. (The real savings may be much higher – last week advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote that through its proposed merger with Allergan, Pfizer would be able to permanently dodge an estimated $35 billion in U.S. taxes owed on about $148 billion in profits it currently maintains offshore.)

## Pfizer in tax haven row over merger *-- The Sunday Times*

By Gavin Daly

February 28, 2016

An American lobby group has claimed drug group Pfizer will avoid $35bn (€32bn) in American taxes by merging with Ireland-based Allergan, in a new report that refers to Ireland as a “tax haven”.

Washington-based **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), which represents 425 local and national organisations in the US, has called on US president Barack Obama to take executive action to block the $160bn merger, which is due to be completed later this year. Its report, titled Pfizer: Price Gouger, Tax Dodger, claims Pfizer is “attempting to permanently dodge tens of billions of dollars of US taxes it currently owes, through a merger with fellow drug firm Allergan, based in the tax haven of Ireland”.

## Pfizer seen in $48 billion tax coup -- *The Sydney Morning Herald*

By Lynnley Browning

February 26, 2016

## Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Winnipeg Free Press*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11595799) -- *NZ Herald News*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *The Province*

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February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-3464299/Tax-group-blasts-Pfizer-urges-stop-tax-cutting-deal.html) -- *Daily Mail*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Ottawa Citizen*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.canadianbusiness.com/business-news/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal/) -- *Canadian Business*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Montreal Gazette*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0002774732) -- *The Japan News*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

# ALABAMA

## [Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/PearlMontgomery.pdf) -- *The Montgomery Advertiser*

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

October 16, 2015

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# ARIZONA

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By Lina A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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

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## [Tax group singles out Rx-maker](http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2016/jul/14/tax-group-singles-out-rx-maker-20160714/?latest) – *Arkansas Online*

By Renae Merle and Carolyn Y. Johnson

July 14, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time again, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeJonesboro.pdf) – *Jonesboro Sun (AR)*

By Frank Clemente
April 12, 2016

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## [Americans for Tax Fairness on KCBS in San Francisco](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=6485&DateTime=6%2F8%2F2016+8%3A57%3A11+AM&Term=Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE)

June 8, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/Clementetaxtimelassen.pdf) – *Lassen County Times (CA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 19, 2016

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## [Americans are Being Screwed By Drug Companies](http://sandiegofreepress.org/2016/03/americans-are-being-screwed-by-drug-companies/) -- *San Diego Free Press*

By John Lawrence

March 1, 2016

You can blame lobbyists from the health insurance and pharmaceutical industry in conjunction with Republican lawmakers who lobbied the Affordable Care Act to death making it in the long run unaffordable and probably untenable. Why? Because there are no cost containment features in the Act. None. Nada. Zippo.

Now Pfizer, maker of Viagra and Celebrex, wants to pull the same crap: first price gouge, then move to Ireland to avoid US taxes. [Pfizer intends to save $35 billion in taxes](http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-02-25/pfizer-seen-as-avoiding-35-billion-in-tax-via-allergan-merger) by merging with Allergan. A group called **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) is urging the US government to block the merger which would let Pfizer do a “tax inversion” but keep its offices in New York City where they are now. The group also accuses Pfizer of gouging Americans with frequent and excessive price hikes while benefiting from multiple loopholes and deductions which effectively reduce its global tax rate to 6.4%.

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.sacbee.com/news/article62422747.html) -- *Sacramento Bee*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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February 25, 2016

## Op-Ed: [Pfizer’s Latest Deal with Allergan to Lower Taxes is Worst Scam Ever -- *Northern Californian*](http://northerncalifornian.com/content/54858-pfizer%E2%80%99s-latest-deal-allergan-lower-taxes-worst-scam-ever)

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**.

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: Tax Day for only some](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimePensacola.pdf) – *Pensacola News Journal (FL)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Tax bill helps families a little, corporations a lot](http://contextflorida.com/12560/frank-clemente-tax-bill-helps-families-a-little-corporations-a-lot/) -- *Context Florida*

By Frank Clemente

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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*](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/opinion/commentary-families-advance-with-tax-bill-but-corp/npsnt/)

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

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## [LTE: Apple Should Pay Fair Share](http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/letters/tuesdays-letters-column-didnt-address-court-case/2259246) -- *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.

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

December 28, 2015

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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](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/opinion/letters-make-boyntons-cra-independent/nnkC5/) -- *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](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/opinion/commentary-raising-revenues-must-be-central-goal-o/npB2p/) -- *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](http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/letters/thursdays-letters-guns-hazardous-in-anyones-hands/2250722) -- *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](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-corporate-tax-dodging-102115-20151020-story.html) -- *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](http://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/news/news/opinion/commentary-us-corporations-leap-borders-to-dodge-t/nn4FF/) -- *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](http://thebradentontimes.com/guest-oped-floridas-workers-and-services-hurt-by-corporate-tax-dodging-p13916-137.htm) -- *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](http://sound.wmnf.org/sound/wmnf_151015_110617_radioactivityR1_191.MP3) *-- WMNF Florida*

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October 15, 2016

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October 12, 2015

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October 12, 2015

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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](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-03-04/u-s-companies-are-stashing-2-1-trillion-overseas-to-avoid-taxes) stashed offshore. It’s time to make corporations accountable for their responsibilities.  They should pay what they owe.

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September 22, 2015

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.

## [Today on Context Florida: Government dysfunction, Florida’s infrastructure and crude oil](http://www.saintpetersblog.com/archives/238944) -- *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](http://contextflorida.com/11578/diane-roberts-absence-makes-the-guv-grow-fonder/)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**](http://contextflorida.com/11571/mark-ferrulo-fight-over-infrastructure-funding-will-reverberate-in-florida/)**,** 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](http://floridapolitics.com/archives/189371-fight-over-infrastructure-funding-will-reverberate-in-florida) -- *Florida Politics (FL)*

By Mark Ferrulo,executive director of **Progress Florida**
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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](http://www.ocala.com/article/20150830/OPINION02/150829732/1024/OPINION?p=all&tc=pgallhttp://www.ocala.com/article/20150830/OPINION02/150829732/1024/OPINION?p=all&tc=pgall&tc=ar) *-- Ocala Star Banner (FL)*

By David Berglund
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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](http://www.tbo.com/list/news-opinion-letterday/letter-of-the-day-a-way-to-fix-deficient-infrastructure-20150829/) -- *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

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

December 24, 2015

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Renae Merle and Carolyn Y. Johnson

July 14, 2016

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May 30, 2016

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February 25, 2016

As more and more corporations are announcing intentions to shirk their tax responsibility, seven U.S. Senators today said that more needs to be done to stop corporate tax dodgers.  In a letter to Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, they urged the department to expedite rules to limit the use of earnings stripping and other tax avoidance schemes that are often used by foreign-controlled U.S. corporations following an inversion.

Earlier today, the **Americans for Tax Fairness** released a report finding that in its proposed merger with Irish pharmaceutical company Allergan, Pfizer – a drug maker based in the U.S. – would be able to dodge $35 billion in U.S. taxes that it currently owes on its offshore profits.  If successful, Pfizer’s inversion would be the largest deal to date.  The report also finds that while Pfizer has aggressively raised prescription drug prices – making it more difficult for patients to obtain the medicines they need while straining family budgets and the nation’s health care system – Pfizer has depended on U.S. government spending to succeed raking in $5.3 billion in federal contracts from 2010 to 2014 for its pharmaceutical products.  The report also calls on Treasury and Congress to work together on closing the earnings stripping loophole.

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By Robert Samuelson

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November 13, 2015

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November 13, 2015

## [Op-Ed : Walmart’s Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinSWNews.pdf) -- *Southwest News-Herald*

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

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By Linda A. Johnson

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

December 9, 2015

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November 13, 2015

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

November 4, 2015

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## Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *The Newton Daily News*

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

October 14, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Walmart’s tax havens hurt small businesses](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinNewton.pdf) -- *Newton Daily News (IA)*

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

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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...

## [Op-Ed: Walmart’s tax havens hurt small businesses](http://timesrepublican.com/page/content.detail/id/589874/Walmart-s-use-of-tax-havens-hurts-small-businesses.html) -- *The Marshalltown Times-Republican (IA)*

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

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Mark Hays
May 2, 2016

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By Mark Hays
May 2, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeMiddlesboro.pdf) – *Middlesboro Daily News (KY)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://harlandaily.com/opinion/columns/8827/its-tax-time-but-corporations-arent-paying) – *Harlan Daily Enterprise (KY)*

By Frank Clemente
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By Linda A. Johnson

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

January 2, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://floydcountytimes.com/opinion/2944/families-advance-with-recent-tax-bill-but-corporations-got-a-lot-more) -- *Floyd County Times*

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

December 29, 2015

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

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

October 22, 2015

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

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## Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response with corporate tax reform – *Houma Courier (LA)*

By Frank Clemente
June 25, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time; corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeThibodaux.pdf) – *Thibodaux Daily Comet (LA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

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November 11, 2015

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

July 16, 2015

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July 16, 2015

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

December 15, 2015

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## Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response--and more--with corporate tax reform – *Crookston Daily Times (MD)*

By Frank Clemente
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## Op-Ed: The public deserves to see Donald Trump's tax returns –*Dorchester Banner (MD)*

By Frank Clemente
May 30, 2016

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By Mark Hays
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Syndicated by American Forum

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

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

December 28, 2015

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November 4, 2015

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# MASSACHUSETTS

## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeWickedFall.pdf) – *Wicked Local Fall River (MA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 19, 2016

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By Frank Clemente
April 19, 2016

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By Frank Clemente
April 18, 2016

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By Frank Clemente
April 18, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens](http://www.southcoasttoday.com/article/20160417/OPINION/160419577) – *South Coast Today (MA)*

By Mark Hays
April 17, 2016

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April 17, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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

December 30, 2015

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December 28, 2015

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December 28, 2015

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## [Column: Robert J. Samuelson: Multinational tax muddle perplexes](http://www.telegram.com/article/20151202/NEWS/151209854) -- *Worcester Telegram*

By Robert J. Samuelson

December 7, 2015

## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.southcoasttoday.com/article/20151203/OPINION/151209857) -- *New Bedford South Coast Today*

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

December 3, 2015

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

December 3, 2015

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October 29, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeSouthCoast.pdf) Talks -- *New Bedford South Coast Today*

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

October 29, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Why is Neal supporting corporate loophole?](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/columnists/ci_28724881/nathan-proctor-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." ...

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## [Op-Ed: Obama can stop Pfizer's tax rip-off](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeBattleCreekObama.pdf) – *Battle Creek Enquirer (MI)*

By Frank Clemente
March 29, 2016

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

January 6, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: Bring Overseas Profits Home](http://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2015/12/23/corporations-offshore-tax-loopholes/77867266/) -- T*he 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](http://www.eclectablog.com/2015/12/corporate-tax-avoidance-has-cost-michigan-schools-nearly-700-million-in-the-pas-four-years.html) -- *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](http://michiganradionetwork.com/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](http://www.mlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/12/congress_must_stop_christmas_t.html) -- *Michigan Live*

By Andy Koenig

December 8, 2015

Christmas season is here, with Michiganders expected to top their estimated [$5.5 billion](http://www.gallup.com/poll/186620/americans-plan-spending-lot-christmas.aspx) 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,"](http://www.mlive.com/news/us-world/index.ssf/2015/11/congress_faces_budget_deadline.html) and are one of the worst examples of corporate welfare in America today. Comprised of over [50 separate temporary tax credits](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2014/01/02/from-nascar-to-wind-power-congress-just-let-55-tax-breaks-expire/), the currently proposed two-year extension will cost taxpayers [$95 billion](http://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/JCX10415.pdf) over the next decade.

## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/MishelManistee.pdf) -- *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 --](http://www.theoaklandpress.com/opinion/20151125/column-its-time-for-corporations-to-pay-what-they-owe) *[The Oakland Press](http://www.theoaklandpress.com/opinion/20151125/column-its-time-for-corporations-to-pay-what-they-owe)*

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.

## [Op-Ed: It’s Time for Corporations to Pay What They Owe](http://www.theoaklandpress.com/opinion/20151125/column-its-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.

## [Americans for Tax Fairness on WEYI (NBC)](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=2990&DateTime=11%2F13%2F2015+11%3A15%3A43+PM&Term=Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) - Flint, MI

November 13, 2015

## [Radio Appearance: Michigan State Rep. Appears on Capitol City Recap to Discuss Tax Fairness](http://1320wils.com/assets/files/10-14-15%20Henry%20Yanez.mp3http%3A/1320wils.com/assets/files/10-14-15%20Henry%20Yanez.mp3) -- *Capitol City Recap*

By State Representative Henry Yanez

October 15, 2015

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October 14, 2015

## [Op-Ed: Rhetoric Aside, Current Corporate Tax Debate Just Isn’t Adding Up](http://www.miningjournal.net/page/content.detail/id/627558/Rhetoric-aside--current-corporate-tax-debate-just-isn-t-adding-up.html) *-- 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](http://www.dailytribune.com/opinion/20150930/dont-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](http://www.macombdaily.com/opinion/20150930/dont-give-in-to-corporate-blackmail-to-pay-for-roads) -- *The Macomb Daily Tribune (MI)*

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

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## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeGrantCounty.pdf) *-- Grant County Herald*

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## [Op-Ed: Walmart’s Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinDetroitLakes.pdf) -- *Detroit Lakes Tribune*

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

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## [Drug firm Gilead avoided billions in U.S. taxes, group says](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/drug-firm-gilead-avoided-billions-in-u-s-taxes-group/article_b8caa761-ae2d-51cf-84bb-694c18d6a9d2.html) – *St. Louis Post Dispatch*

By Renae Merle and Carolyn Y. Johnson

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## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.stltoday.com/business/national-and-international/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting/article_6d9724be-dc01-5556-86e3-d04a2e2ce64c.html) *-- St. Louis Today*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.kansascity.com/news/article62422747.html) *-- The Kansas City Star*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Grant City Times Tribune*](http://timestribune.rvrapid.com/?iid=134441&startpage=page0000002#folio=2)

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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## [New rules may complicate Pfizer move for tax savings](http://www.omaha.com/money/new-rules-may-complicate-pfizer-move-for-tax-savings/article_36c1ed6a-c54f-527b-8120-11bffc3169b9.html)-- *Omaha World-Herald*

By Renae Merle

April 6, 2016

## [Column: Robert J. Samuelson: Multinational tax muddle perplexes --](http://www.omaha.com/opinion/robert-j-samuelson-multinational-tax-muddle-perplexes/article_63412683-20d1-5503-9201-5b270044baf9.html) *[Omaha World Herald](http://www.omaha.com/opinion/robert-j-samuelson-multinational-tax-muddle-perplexes/article_63412683-20d1-5503-9201-5b270044baf9.html)*

By Robert J. Samuelson

December 7, 2015

# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## [Op-Ed: Time to declare independence from corporate tax dodging](http://www.citizen.com/news/2016-07-01/Opinion/Time_to_declare_independence_from_corporate_tax_do.html) – *Laconia Citizen*

By Frank Clemente

July 1, 2016

Marchers in this year’s 4th of July parades in small towns across America will pass a variety of Main Street businesses: barber shops, restaurants, computer repair services. What all these small businesses have in common is that none of them use unpatriotic offshore tax dodges to avoid paying their fair share of U.S. taxes. Unfortunately, the same can’t be said for America’s multinational corporations.

Huge U.S. firms are avoiding almost $700 billion in U.S. taxes on $2.4 trillion in profits they hold overseas, according to a study by Citizens for Tax Justice. This massive, ongoing tax dodge hurts American families, small businesses and hometown communities in several ways at once.

First, it’s just not fair. Why should working Americans pay all their taxes every year, while big corporations don’t? The only winners from this tax avoidance scheme are corporate CEOs and wealthy shareholders, whose payouts are inflated with the taxes not paid. (Oh, and the lobbyists who swarm Capitol Hill convincing Congress to open the tax-dodging loopholes in the first place.) Those tax-dodge bonanzas further widen our nation’s already yawning income and wealth gaps.

## [Obama Criticizes Companies That Leave U.S. for Lower Taxes](http://www.vnews.com/News/Nation-World/Obama-criticizes-companies-that-leave-U-S-for-lower-taxes-1361700) -- *Valley News*

By Renae Merle

April 6, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Public deserves to see Trump's tax returns](http://www.citizen.com/news/2016-06-01/Opinion/Public_deserves_to_see_Trumps_tax_returns.html) – *Laconia Citizen (NH)*

By Frank Clemente
June 1, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: How the U.S. promotes secret tax havens](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/HaysLaconia.pdf) – *Laconia Citizen (NH)*

By Mark Hays
May 4, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeLaconia.pdf) – *Laconia Citizen (NH)*

By Frank Clemente
April 12, 2016

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## Pfizer will save more money by shifting its headquarters from United States: Report *-- NH Voice*

By Emma Tiller

February 26, 2016

A new report by **Americans for Tax Fairnes**s has said that pharmaceutical major Pfizer will be able to save much more than it has quoted by shifting its headquarters from United States to low tax regime in Ireland. The figure has been estimated at $35 billion. Last year, the New York-based pharmaceutical giant announced its plans to merge with Allergan and move its base to Ireland.

Pfizer said that the measure would lower its tax rate to around 17 to 18%, which is around $2 billion over three years. The merger is known as ‘inversion’ in which US companies are bought or merges with foreign firms with an aim to reduce US corporate tax burdens. This deal is the biggest ever and has left lawmakers in the United States furious.

## [Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/PearlLaconiaCitizen.pdf) -- *Laconia Citizen*

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

January 4, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/MishelClaremont.pdf) -- *Claremont Eagle Times*

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

December 14, 2015

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December 3, 2015

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# NEW JERSEY

## Op-ed: [Declare independence from corporate tax dodging](http://www.northjersey.com/news/politics/big-corporations-still-dodging-the-tax-bullet-1.1631701) *– The North Jersey Record*

By Frank Clemente

July 17, 2016

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## [How N.J.'s largest corporations dodge paying U.S. taxes](http://www.nj.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/04/how_njs_largest_corporations_legally_dodge_us_taxes_opinion.html) -- *New Jersey Star-Ledger*

By Linda Stamato

April 10, 2016

Some corporations are simply not good citizens. Not only do they engage in aggressive tax-avoidance schemes — lobbying and infusing political campaigns with cash to curry favor — they work hard and spend big to create them, as well. As a result, the costs of the nation's infrastructure, technology, research facilities, higher education, homeland security and defense fall to others — namely the rest of us — while the corporations continue to benefit from what they do not help to support.

Four New Jersey companies make the top ten list of corporate tax dodgers reported by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. They include Honeywell, Merck, Pfizer and Verizon.

## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but big corporations aren't paying their share](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeSuburban.pdf) – *Suburban Trends (NJ)*

By Frank Clemente
April 17, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Offshore mergers let corporations rip off U.S. taxpayers](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeHackensack.pdf) – *Hackensack Record (NJ)*

By Frank Clemente
March 30, 2016

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## Op-Ed: Obama can stop Pfizer's tax rip-off – *Bergen Record (NJ)*

By Frank Clemente
March 29, 2016

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## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting/article_ad3ee05f-b463-5ea4-83c1-c2376b9c9704.html) *-- Press of Atlantic City*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

# NEW MEXICO

## [Op-Ed: The public deserves to see Donald Trump's tax returns](http://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/my_view/reader-view-the-public-deserves-to-see-donald-trump-s/article_2ca6695f-fbb9-58d3-8e75-76279b49fea8.html) – *Santa Fe New Mexican (NM)*

By Frank Clemente
June 6, 2016

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## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.kob.com/business-news/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal/4058838/) -- *KOB4 (NM)*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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

December 12, 2015

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July 28, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Trump must release tax returns](http://www.timesunion.com/tuplus-opinion/article/Commentary-Trump-must-release-tax-returns-7952483.php) – *Albany Times-Union (NY)*

By Frank Clemente
May 29, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's Tax Time, but Corporations Aren't Paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeBrooklyn.pdf) – *Brooklyn Daily Eagle (NY)*

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeWayne.pdf) – *Wayne County Mail (NY)*

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016

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## [Americans for Tax Fairness on WXXA (FOX)](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=2705&DateTime=2%2F26%2F2016+5%3A06%3A13+AM&Term=Americans+for+Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) -- *Albany, NY*

February 26, 2016

## [Americans for Tax Fairness on WSYT (FOX)](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=3355&DateTime=2%2F26%2F2016+6%3A36%3A13+AM&Term=Americans+for+Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) -- *Syracuse, NY*

February 26, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.newsday.com/business/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal-1.11509546) -- *Newsday*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/Tax-group-blasts-Pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-6854007.php) -- *Albany Times Union*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://www.caribbeanlifenews.com/sections/viewpoints/) -- *Caribbean Life News*

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

December 28, 2015

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

December 15, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/MishelLockport.pdf) -- *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*

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

December 5, 2015

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## [Elmira Mayor Calls on Federal Leaders to Extend Tax Credits](http://www.twcnews.com/nys/binghamton/politics/2015/12/3/elmira-mayor-calls-on-federal-leaders-to-extend-tax-credits.html) -- *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](http://www.stargazette.com/story/news/2015/12/03/elmira-mayor-others-push-keep-earned-income-tax-credit/76740054/) -- *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](http://www.binghamtonhomepage.com/news/local-news/locals-discuss-earned-income-tax-credit) -- *Binghampton 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?](http://www.wbng.com/news/local/Less-tax-credits-for-familes-on-the-horizon-360249731.html) -- *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](http://www.wicz.com/news2005/viewarticle.asp?a=41313) -- *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](http://www.caribbeanlifenews.com/stories/2015/11/2015-10-30-oped-raising-revenues-cl.html) -- *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](http://www.uticaod.com/article/20151018/OPINION/151019537) -- *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](http://elmirastargazette.ny.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=0ad1d81a5) -- *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](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeBrooklynDailyEagle.pdf) -- *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](http://www.uticaod.com/article/20151018/OPINION/151019537) -- *Utica Daily*

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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](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinNewton.pdf) -- *Caribbean Life News (NY)*

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

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## [Op-Ed: Corporations avoid tax time](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeSpringHope.pdf) – *Spring Hope Enterprise (NC)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

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## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/article62422747.html) -- *Charlotte Observer*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.heraldonline.com/news/article62422747.html) -- *Rock Hill Herald*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTideland.pdf) -- *Tideland News*

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

November 4, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeOxford.pdf) -- *Oxford Public Ledger*

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

November 2, 2015

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## [Op-Ed : Walmart’s Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinTideland.pdf) -- *Tideland News*

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

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# NORTH DAKOTA

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Rapid City Journal*](http://rapidcityjournal.com/eedition/page-a/page_7488677e-266d-576f-9f2c-2b33fdc6dfe5.html)

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

December 29, 2015

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# OHIO

## Op-Ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens – *Willoughby News-Herald (OH)*

By Mark Hays
April 19, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but the big corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeBryan.pdf) – *Bryan Times (OH)*

By Frank Clemente
April 18, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeEnglewood.pdf) – *Englewood Independent (OH)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but multinational corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeCleveland.pdf) – *Cleveland Call & Post (OH)*

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016

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## [Americans for Tax Fairness on WLW-AM](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=6585&DateTime=3%2F21%2F2016+9%3A41%3A11+AM&Term=Americans+for+Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) -- *Cincinnati, OH*

March 21, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness was discussed on local radio in Ohio, specifically focusing on the Johnson Controls merger and other inversions.

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/apexchange/2016/02/25/us--pfizer-inversion-taxes.html) -- *WBNS TV (OH)*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.columbusceo.com/content/stories/apexchange/2016/02/25/us--pfizer-inversion-taxes.html) -- *Columbus CEO*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Fall Bryan Times*](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeBryanTimes.pdf)

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

December 28, 2015

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## [Americans for Tax Fairness on WNWO (NBC)](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=3195&DateTime=11%2F13%2F2015+6%3A18%3A50+PM&Term=Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) *- Toledo, OH*

November 13, 2015

## [Op-Ed : Walmart’s Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinFranklin.pdf) -- *Franklin Chronicle*

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

July 30, 2015

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## [Op-Ed : Walmart’s Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinSpringboro.pdf) -- *Springboro Star-Press*

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

July 30, 2015

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# OKLAHOMA

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://newsok.com/article/feed/972656) *-- The Oklahoman*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Americans for Tax Fairness on KTUL (ABC)](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=3130&DateTime=11%2F16%2F2015+4%3A51%3A50+AM&Term=Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) - Tulsa, OK

November 16, 2015

# OREGON

## [MY VOICE: Papers should re-ignite focus](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/HaysLaGrande.pdf) – *LeGrande Observer (OR)*

By Mark Hays
April 20, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://theworldlink.com/news/national/economy/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting/article_bb2cc38a-4999-5ae0-a048-a948d31b3806.html) *-- Coos Bay World (OR*)

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://www.theskanner.com/opinion/commentary/23453-families-advance-with-recent-tax-bill-but-corporations-got-a-lot-more) -- *Portland Skanner*

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

December 29, 2015

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## [LTE: Corporate tax initiative in Oregon](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/12/corporate_tax_initiative_in_or.html) -- *Oregon Live*

By Brittany Cronin

December 15, 2015

Corporate tax initiative: As [Oregon begins](http://www.oregonlive.com/mapes/index.ssf/2015/11/corporate_tax_initiative_start.html) a [debate](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/11/oregons_vulnerable_tax_ranking.html) over the [proper way](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/11/initiative_petition_28_why_tru.html) 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.

## [Column: Robert J. Samuelson: Multinational tax muddle perplexes](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/12/the_multinational_tax_muddle_r.html#incart_river_index) -- *The Oregonian*

By Robert J. Samuelson

December 5, 2015

## [Americans for Tax Fairness on KATU-POR (ABC)](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=1900&DateTime=11%2F14%2F2015+8%3A25%3A29+AM&Term=Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) - Portland, OR

November 14, 2015

## [New Report: Tax Loopholes](http://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/regional/new-report-tax-loopholes/article_ad62358b-49aa-57b3-b530-bbcd70fc929b.html#user-comment-area) -- *Tillamook Headlight Herald (OR)*

By Staff Reporter

October 7, 2015

Tax loopholes encouraged more than 72 percent of Fortune 500 companies -- including Nike based in Oregon -- to maintain subsidiaries in offshore tax havens as of 2014, according to “Offshore Shell Games,” by **OSPIRG Foundation** and **Citizens for Tax Justice**.

## [USA Companies Hold $2.1 Trillion Offshore](http://forexreportdaily.com/2015/10/07/1679-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](http://koin.com/2015/10/06/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](http://www.thenewsguard.com/regional/new-report-tax-loopholes/article_6cbd20aa-6c6c-11e5-a473-e34d24c5ab00.html) -- *The News Guard (OR)*

By Staff Reporter

October 6, 2015

Tax loopholes encouraged more than 72 percent of Fortune 500 companies -- including Nike based in Oregon -- to maintain subsidiaries in offshore tax havens as of 2014, according to “Offshore Shell Games,” by OSPIRG Foundation and Citizens for Tax Justice.

## [New Report: Tax Loopholes](http://www.northcoastcitizen.com/2015/10/new-report-tax-loopholes/) -- *North Coast Public Citizen (OR)*

By Staff Reporter

October 6, 2015

Tax loopholes encouraged more than 72 percent of Fortune 500 companies -- including Nike based in Oregon -- to maintain subsidiaries in offshore tax havens as of 2014, according to “Offshore Shell Games,” by OSPIRG Foundation and Citizens for Tax Justice.

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.”

# PENNSYLVANIA

## [Op-Ed: Time to declare our independence from corporate tax dodging](http://www.alliednews.com/opinion/columns/time-to-declare-our-independence-from-corporate-tax-dodging/article_9d6ded51-58ef-51f4-a73e-a8369be1580c.html) – *Allied News*

By Frank Clemente

July 9, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response--and more--with corporate tax reform – *Kane Republican (PA)*

By Frank Clemente
June 27, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Eliminate tax breaks to fund Zika battle](http://thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/eliminate-tax-break-to-fund-zika-battle-1.2060076) – *Scranton Times-Tribune (PA)*

By Frank Clemente
June 26, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response--and more--with corporate tax reform – *Ridgeway Record (PA)*

By Frank Clemente
June 26, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Frank Clemente on Rick Smith Radio Show](http://ricksmithshow.com/node)

June 9, 2016

ATF Executive director Frank Clemente appeared on the Rick Smith show yesterday, a syndicated radio program on 4 Pennsylvania stations, to discuss tax fairness issues.

## [Op-Ed: It's tax time... But corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeBucks.pdf) – *Bucks County Courier Times (PA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Tax time, but tax-dodger corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimePocono.pdf) – *Pocono Record (PA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Obama praises Treasury rules clamping down on tax inversions](http://triblive.com/business/headlines/10258829-74/tax-pfizer-allergan) -- *Pittsburgh Tribune*

By Renae Merle

April 6, 2016

## [Obama can stop Pfizer's tax rip-off](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementePoconoRecord.pdf) – *Pocono Record (PA)*

By Frank Clemente
March 29, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Pfizer's tax rip-off](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeBucksCountyCourier.pdf) – *Bucks County Courier Times (PA)*

By Frank Clemente
March 29, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting](http://www.philly.com/philly/business/20160225_ap_86d89df7484141c281e773cdc20dbadf.html) deal -- *Philadelphia Inquirer*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://readingeagle.com/ap/article/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal) -- *Reading Eagle*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://triblive.com/business/headlines/10037635-74/pfizer-tax-group) -- *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/business/article_4f99161f-f962-51ab-9499-f8d5b5cf6ccf.html) -- *Gettysburg Times*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *The Sentinel*](http://www.lewistownsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/577723/Congress--recent-tax-bill-a-good-start.html?nav=5002)

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

December 29, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/MishelScranton.pdf) -- *Scranton Sunday Times*

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

December 6, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeMiddletownJournal.pdf) -- *Middletown* *Press & Journal*

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

November 11, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/PearlBucks.pdf) -- *Bucks County Courier Times*

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

October 15, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/PearlDoyleston.pdf) Billionaire -- *Doylestown Intelligencer*

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

October 15, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Five of Region’s Biggest Companies Holding Millions of Dollars in Tax-Friendly](http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2015/10/07/five-of-pittsburghs-biggest-companies-taxed.html) 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.

# RHODE ISLAND

## [Op-Ed: t's tax time for us, but not corporations](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeWesterly.pdf) – *Westerly Sun (RI)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeKent.pdf) – *Kent County Daily Times (RI)*

By Frank Clemente
April 12, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## Op-Ed: [Obama should act to stop Pfizer's tax rip-off](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementePfizerWesterly.pdf) – *Westerly Sun (RI)*

By Frank Clemente
March 30, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeKentCounty.pdf) [More](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeKentCounty.pdf) -- *Fall Kent County Daily Times*

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

December 28, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeWesterly1.pdf) -- *Westerly Sun*

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

December 28, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/MishelWesterly.pdf) -- *The Westerly Sun*

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

December 14, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeWesterlySun.pdf) -- *The Westerly Sun*

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

October 31, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeKent.pdf) -- *The Kent County Daily Times*

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

October 30, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *The Kent County Daily Times*

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

October 20, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## [Op-Ed: They don't pay on Tax Day](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeOrangeburg.pdf) – *Orangeburg Times & Democrat (SC)*

By Frank Clemente
April 18, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article62422747.html) -- *The Island Packet (SC)*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.scnow.com/news/business/wire/article_f95d8505-df3e-58e6-9721-a04c1dfde3d6.html) -- *SC Now*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/article62422747.html) -- *Myrtle Beach Online*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://thetandd.com/business/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting/article_a6f7cd63-5717-58f4-ab3a-bd35850b0502.html) -- *The Times and Democrat (SC)*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

# TENNESSEE

## [Firm avoided billions in taxes](http://columbiadailyherald.com/news/business/firm-avoided-billions-taxes) – *Columbia Daily Herald (TN)*

By Renae Merle and Carolyn Y. Johnson

July 13, 2016

Syndicated by The Washington Post

## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://middlesborodailynews.com/opinion/columns/5770/permanently-support-families-not-corporate-tax-giveaways) -- *Middlesboro Daily News*

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

December 15, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/PearlClaiborne.pdf) -- *The Claiborne Progress*

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

October 22, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Walmart’s tax havens hurt small businesses](http://middlesborodailynews.com/opinion/columns/1457/hurting-small-businesses) -- *The Middlesboro Daily News (TN)*

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

July 27, 2015

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# TEXAS

## [Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response--and more--with corporate tax reform](http://www.orangeleader.com/2016/06/24/we-can-pay-for-zika-response-and-more-with-corporate-tax-reform/) – *Orange Leader (TX)*

By Frank Clemente
June 24, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeSpring.pdf) – *Spring Observer (TX)*

By Frank Clemente
April 11, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time; but corporations aren't paying](http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/cypresscreek/blogs/frank-clemente-it-s-tax-time-but-corporations-aren-t/article_1a0a61aa-0051-11e6-ba25-6304adbb062a.html) – *Your Houston News (TX)*

By Frank Clemente
April 11, 2016

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## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/article/Tax-group-blasts-Pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-6854007.php) -- *Houston Chronicle*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.theeagle.com/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting/article_cda1abb5-797e-5bc7-b1d1-9050d82f16e7.html) -- Bryan Eagle (TX)

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.oaoa.com/article_f159d1fc-c9c4-5ec6-83ad-c931c09f66a0.html) -- *OA Online (TX)*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://saladovillagevoice.com/recent-tax-bill/) -- *Salado Village Voice*

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

January 6, 2016

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## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeGilmerMirror.pdf) -- *Gilmer Mirror*

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

December 28, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.themonitor.com/opinion/commentary-congress-needs-to-support-families-not-corporate-tax-giveaways/article_707ad012-99e3-11e5-a1c6-473a60c8bc41.html) -- *McAllen Monitor*

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

December 3, 2015

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## Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *Gilmer Mirror*

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

October 20, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

# UTAH

## [Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying...](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeMoab.pdf) – *Moab Times-Independent (UT)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.deseretnews.com/article/765684601/Tax-group-blasts-Pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal.html?pg=all) -- *Deseret News (UT)*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group urges halt to Pfizer's tax-cutting deal](http://www.sltrib.com/home/3582060-155/tax-group-urges-halt-to-pfizers) -- *Salt Lake Tribune*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## Column: [Robert J. Samuelson: The multinational tax muddle -- *Deseret News*](http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865642909/The-multinational-tax-muddle.html?pg=all)

By Robert J. Samuelson

December 3, 2015

# VERMONT

## [Op-ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/HaysNewport.pdf) – *Newport Daily Express (VT)*

By Mark Hays
April 18, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Op-ed: It's Tax Time, But Corporations Aren't Paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeNewport.pdf) – *Newport Daily Express (VT)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

## [Pfizer Dodges Taxes and Price Gouges Patients, New Report](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/recent-business/pfizer-dodges-taxes-and-price-gouges-patients-new-report-finds) Finds -- Bernie Sanders

February 25, 2016

Sen. Bernie Sanders admonished Pfizer today after a new report exposed how the company squeezes American families by dodging taxes and inflating prescription drug prices.

The study, conducted by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found that Pfizer has increased the prices of dozens of prescription drugs at 10 times or more the rate of inflation every year since 2012 and plans to permanently dodge an estimated $35 billion in U.S. taxes through a proposed merger with Allergan.

## [Welch Leads Fight Against Drug Company Tax Dodge](https://vtdigger.org/2016/02/29/welch-leads-fight-against-drug-company-tax-dodge/) -- *VTDigger*

February 25, 2016

Rep. Peter Welch, co-chair of the House Drug Pricing Task Force, called on the Obama Administration this week to block an effort by pharmaceutical giant Pfizer to dodge billions of dollars in federal taxes.

Welch was joined by his Task Force co-chair, Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX), and other House colleagues in sending a letter to Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew urging the Administration to use its executive authority to deny Pfizer, one of the world’s largest drug companies, the tax benefits of its proposed corporate inversion. Pfizer, maker of Celebrex, Lipitor, Lyrica, and Viagra, is attempting to permanently dodge an estimated $35 billion of U.S. taxes it currently owes, by merging with Allergan, a drug firm based in Ireland, according to a new report by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Newport Daily Express*](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeNewportDaily.pdf)

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

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## [Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeNewportVT.pdf) -- *The Newport Daily Express*

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## [Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/PearlNewportDaily.pdf) -- *The Newport Daily Express*

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

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## [Op-Ed : Walmart’s Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinBradford.pdf) -- *Bradford Journal*

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

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# VIRGINIA

## Op-Ed: It's tax time, but big corporations aren't paying their share – *Roanoke Times (VA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 17, 2016

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## Op-Ed: [It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimePetersburg.pdf) – *Petersburg Progress Index (VA)*

By Frank Clemente
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## [Op-Ed: It's tax time: But corporations aren't paying](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeTaxTimeAugusta.pdf) – *Augusta Free Press (VA)*

By Frank Clemente
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## [Op-Ed: Corporations Avoid Doing Their Part](http://pilotonline.com/opinion/columnist/guest/johnny-mayo-corporations-avoid-doing-their-part/article_562d1477-2830-5b96-8fe5-b117e5b612de.html) -- *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](http://www.fredericksburg.com/opinion/commentary/commentary-congress-needs-to-end-corporate-tax-dodging/article_a04d1078-59c1-5dbd-92e9-a8c721260a65.html) -- *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](http://www.fredericksburg.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/letter-warner-should-close-tax-loopholes/article_0a0fbef1-9d38-519d-a2a7-4756f1a75e7d.html) -- *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.

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeAugustaFreepress.pdf) -- *Augusta Free Press*

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

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## [Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/MishelAlexandria.pdf) -- *Alexandria Metro Herald*

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

December 18, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Healthy Compensation Demanding Corporations Pay Their Taxes](http://www.progress-index.com/article/20151203/NEWS/151209952/0/SEARCH/?Start=1) -- *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](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeMecklenburg1.pdf) -- *Mecklenburg Sun*

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

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

October 20, 2015

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## [Hiding from the Taxman?](http://wvtf.org/post/hiding-taxman#stream/0) -- *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](http://augustafreepress.com/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](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CNicholas%20Trokel%5CDropbox%20%28AfTF%29%5CFor%20Campaign%20Staff%20Only%5CA%20Press%5CATF%20News%20Clips%5CGrant%20Report%20Clips%5CCurrent%20Clips%20Reports%5Cv) -- *The Roanoake 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](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ConklinAugusta.pdf) -- *Augusta Free Press (VA)*

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

July 21, 2015

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## [Op-Ed: Corporate Tax Dodges Could Fund Infrastructure Needs](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/KlingerPetersburgProgress.pdf) -- *The Progress-Index (VA)*

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

July 8, 2015

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# WASHINGTON

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.seattletimes.com/business/tax-group-blasts-pfizer-urges-stop-to-its-tax-cutting-deal/) -- *Seattle Times*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal](http://www.theolympian.com/news/business/article62422747.html) -- *The Olympian*

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February 25, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

## [Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More](http://www.mediaforum.org/clips/ClementeGrandCoulee.pdf) -- *Grand Coulee Star*

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

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## [How Microsoft Moves Profits Offshore to Cut its Tax Bill](http://www.seattletimes.com/business/microsoft/how-microsoft-parks-profits-offshore-to-pare-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](http://www.auburn-reporter.com/opinion/letters/353077991.html) -- *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.

# WEST VIRGINIA

## [Americans for Tax Fairness WVA (FOX)](http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=3065&DateTime=11%2F13%2F2015+10%3A40%3A01+PM&Term=Tax+Fairness&PlayClip=TRUE) - Charleston, WV

November 13, 2015

# WISCONSIN

## [Op-Ed: Declaring independence from corporate tax dodging](http://www.htrnews.com/story/opinion/2016/07/02/op-ed-declaring-independence-corporate-tax-dodging/86598434/) – *Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter (WI)*

By Frank Clemente

July 2, 2016

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By Frank Clemente
June 18, 2016

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May 28, 2016

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By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

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January 6, 2016

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