

# Offshore Corporate Tax Dodgers:



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**Some corporations owe billions in U.S. taxes on their offshore profits:**

Apple: \$61 billion	Citigroup: \$13 billion
Pfizer: \$35 billion	Amgen: \$11 billion
Microsoft: \$34 billion	Bank of America: \$5 billion



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SUPPORT OUR  
FAMILIES! MAKE  
CORPORATE TAX  
DODGERS PAY THE  
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## **Examples of what America can do with \$700 billion:**

- » **\$470 billion:** Double federal highway and mass transit spending each of the next seven years.
- » **\$75 billion:** Provide high-quality preschool for all low- and moderate-income four-year-olds for 10 years.
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- » **\$67 billion:** Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to include childless workers and non-custodial parents for 10 years.
- » **\$27 billion:** Increase the National Cancer Institute's budget by 50% for 10 years.

## **We need an economy that works for all of us.**

By closing tax loopholes for corporations that ship jobs and hide profits offshore, we can invest in America.

Sources: Citizens for Tax Justice, <http://bit.ly/1QTJYBW>, Americans for Tax Fairness, <http://bit.ly/25pdVKK>

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American corporations owe U.S. taxes on all their worldwide profits. Thanks to a loophole called “deferral,” however, they can indefinitely avoid paying their tax bill on earnings kept offshore. That special break has been a powerful incentive for companies to keep profits overseas, and to use accounting maneuvers to shift domestic profits there as well.

Though not all companies reveal how much in profits they hold offshore, Citizens for Tax Justice has estimated, based on an analysis of corporate financial filings, the total for all American corporations is roughly \$2.4 trillion. Many corporations report how much money they’ve set aside to pay the U.S. taxes that would be due if they ever brought their money home. From these figures and other analysis, CTJ has determined American corporations owe some \$700 billion in unpaid U.S. taxes on their offshore profits.

## Here are some examples of what America could do with \$700 BILLION:

- » **\$470 billion: Double federal highway and mass transit spending each of the next seven years.** The Congressional Budget Office estimates that expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund—to pay for both highway and transit repairs and maintenance—will be \$336 billion and \$77 billion, respectively, between 2017 and 2023, and the deficit for the two funds combined will be \$57 billion.
- » **\$75 billion: Provide high-quality preschool for all low- and moderate-income four-year-olds for 10 years.** President Obama has promoted this Preschool for All initiative as part of a broader Early Learning program.
- » **\$61 billion: Provide two years of free tuition at community college over 10 years benefitting up to 9 million students.** Called “America’s College Promise,” this initiative has been part of President Obama’s budget proposals of the past few years. To qualify, students must attend college at least half-time, be working toward a degree and maintain good grades.
- » **\$67 billion: Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to include childless workers and non-custodial parents for 10 years.** Refundable tax credits available to working parents have turned the tax code into one of our nation’s most effective poverty fighters. But poor childless workers have been shut out of the system. President Obama has proposed extending the Earned Income Tax Credit to include workers without kids.
- » **\$27 billion: Increase the National Cancer Institute’s budget by 50% for 10 years.** Citing research breakthroughs just within reach, the National Cancer Institute has requested a budget of \$5.5 billion for next year, or \$2.7 billion if increased 50%.