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Dear Colleague:

More than [425 national, state and local organizations](#) have endorsed Americans for Tax Fairness and its principles. ATF is a diverse coalition united in support of a tax system that works for all Americans. It has come together based on the belief that the country needs comprehensive, progressive tax reform that results in greater revenue to meet our growing needs. A list of ATF's Steering Committee is [here](#).

We invite you to join the ATF coalition, and if you have state and local affiliates to invite them to join as well. Membership in ATF is relatively simple:

1. Your organization endorses ATF's principles on the next page.
2. ATF can use your organization's name on its website and in publications.

[Please go here to join Americans for Tax Fairness](#) and also send an email to afano@americansfortaxfairness.org letting us know that you just joined the coalition.

As a member of ATF, you will receive timely updates on what is happening in Washington on tax issues; get access to grassroots mobilization materials; learn of valuable educational resources from ATF and coalition partners; and get communications and messaging materials for your media and public education work.

ATF is governed by the Steering Committee, and the larger coalition meets monthly. It strives for consensus decision-making.

At times, ATF takes positions on *new* policy matters that are consistent with our principles. These new positions must first be approved by the Steering Committee. Your organization's endorsement of ATF's principles does not mean that your organization supports all future positions that the Steering Committee supports. Formal communications to Congress, the Executive Branch and the media do not cite individual organizations' names without your permission.

There is much work to be done to ensure that we have a tax system that is fair and has the revenues needed to make the necessary investments to grow the economy, create jobs and protect vulnerable communities. We cannot succeed without your support. **[Please go here to join Americans for Tax Fairness](#) and also send an email to afano@americansfortaxfairness.org letting us know that you just joined the coalition.**

Sincerely,
Frank Clemente
Executive Director

AMERICANS FOR TAX FAIRNESS COALITION PRINCIPLES

Americans for Tax Fairness was established to help make the economy work for all — with adequate levels of investment in critical areas that create and sustain jobs and a balanced and equitable approach to decisions on the federal budget challenges we face. This requires raising sufficient revenues with everyone, including corporations, paying their fair share of taxes. These are the core principles that unite the Americans for Tax Fairness coalition:

- **America needs an economy that grows jobs and works for all.** Our nation has urgent needs, including creating sufficient jobs; investing in education and making college affordable; rebuilding our deteriorating infrastructure; shoring up Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid for the long term; reducing poverty and protecting the most vulnerable; and addressing long-term fiscal challenges.
- **Everyone must pay their fair share.** We need to reform our tax code, so it raises adequate revenues to meet critical needs in a fiscally responsible manner. This requires that wealthy Americans — the richest 2 percent — and corporations pay their fair share of taxes.
- **Put American jobs first by closing corporate tax loopholes.** We need to eliminate tax breaks and subsidies that allow some corporations to pay very limited amounts of taxes, or avoid paying taxes altogether, while encouraging multinational corporations to shift profits and jobs offshore. Corporations' share of federal taxes has declined dramatically over the years; therefore, any corporate tax reform should require the corporate sector to contribute more in federal income-tax revenue than it does now, not less.