

Below is a sample letter to the editor that may help your own efforts to place a letter to the editor. The letters should include specifics about your own business, and details about how tax reform would benefit your own company, family, or city. Be sure to customize the letter below so it is in your own words and reflects your own interest in joining the nationwide Tax Reform Coalition.

Dear Editor,

Tax reform is the next big policy fight on the horizon in Washington, DC, and it is long overdue! The U.S. tax code – with more than 75,000 pages – is an incomprehensible mess. The Internal Revenue Service offers more than 2,000 forms and instructions. That is excessive, to put it mildly.

In order to comply with the sheer volume of tax rules, Americans spend over 6 billion hours preparing their tax returns every year, and more than \$400 billion to ensure they've complied with the law. My own small business, based in TOWN, spends more than 400 man-hours every year on our taxes and record-keeping for the IRS. I often think about how those 400 hours could be better spent on growing the company, hiring new people, and increasing our production. And, of course, on a macro-level, I also wonder how great our economy would be if those reported 6 billion hours were poured into creative enterprise, rather than IRS compliance!

The hard-earned money that Americans must spend complying with the tax code is, of course, money that we are not spending elsewhere in the economy.

The tax code should be simpler, flatter, and fairer. And our tax system should raise the money necessary to fund our government, while minimizing compliance costs. It's a simple message that Americans support. And it's the reason [NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION] recently joined the Tax Reform Coalition. Likeminded organizations and business leaders are welcome to join at taxreformcoalition.com.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Your City