

The Income Tax System Is a Hot Mess – Ditch the Band-Aids! We Need a Shiny New Tax System!

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Picture this: a creaky, rusty old jalopy of a tax system, coughing and sputtering down the road, leaving a trail of unpaid bills and angry taxpayers. That's our current federal income tax system, folks! It's so broken, it's practically begging for a one-way ticket to the junkyard. Here's why it's a total disaster:

1. **It's a Money-Sucking Black Hole:** This system can't even collect enough cash to cover the federal budget. Every year, it's short by a cool \$1–1.5 *trillion*. That's "buy a small country" levels of failure!
2. **Debt Mountain Keeps Growing:** Thanks to this shortfall, our national debt is scaling Everest. By the end of 2025, it'll be towering over \$38 trillion. Yikes!
3. **Efficiency? Ha!** It's like trying to scoop water with a sieve. Over the last 10 years, an estimated \$4 trillion in taxes slipped through the cracks. That's enough to fund a moon base or two!
4. **A Tax Code Longer Than a Tolkien Trilogy:** 6,871 pages of pure gibberish that even tax pros need a decoder ring to understand. Good luck, average Joe!
5. **Fairness? What Fairness?:** Half the population foots 99% of the tax bill, while corporations chip in a measly 7%. Oh, and let's not forget the privacy invasions and property seizures. It's like the IRS is auditioning for a villain role in a blockbuster movie.

And if that's not bad enough, hold onto your hats: 30% of IRS auditors—26,000 agents—just threw in the towel and quit! Collections are about to tank harder than a bad reality TV show. Let's face it: the income tax system is the government's worst DIY project, and it's time to rip it up and start fresh.

So, what's the dream tax system for a free-wheeling, capitalistic society like ours? I asked the big brains—economists, and even AI pals like Grok, Gemini, and ChatGPT—and they all gave a standing ovation to these must-have features:

- **One Tax to Rule Them All:** A single, simple system with a teeny-tiny tax rate and fewer rules than a game of checkers.
- **No Favorites, No Fights:** A neutral, non-regressive, non-progressive, apolitical, "let's all get along" tax system that doesn't pick sides.
- **Spread the Love:** Divide the federal budget across the broadest base possible—every sale of goods, services, and financial transactions in every corner of the economy—for a rock-bottom tax rate of 1–2%.
- **Pay the Bills (All of Them):** Collect enough to cover *all* government expenses, including chipping away at that monstrous national debt.

- **Keep the Economy Purring:** Create positive cash flow that keeps the economic engine roaring.
- **No VIP Treatment:** No economic sector gets a free pass—everyone pays their fair share.
- **Zero Drag:** A system that doesn't slam the brakes on economic growth.
- **Pay-as-You-Go Paradise:** A sales tax structure that says goodbye to:
 - No forms (hallelujah!)
 - No deadlines (freedom!)
 - No filings (pinch me!)
 - No withholdings (woo-hoo!)
 - No penalties (sweet relief!)
 - No hassles (can I get an amen?)
 - No worries (pass the confetti!)

Guess what? This dream system isn't just a fantasy—it's real, and it's been ready to roll since 2011. Yours truly, Stephen D. Redden, founder of NOWTaxUSA.com and creator of the BBESST (pronounced *BEST*, because it is!)—Broad Base of Every Sales (of Goods), Services, and (Financial) Transactions Tax Legislation—wrote the playbook.

Newsmax's Carl Higbie summed it up perfectly: "This is a no-brainer. Congress could pass this in two weeks!" (He said that in my Spring 2024 interview, and I'm still blushing.)

The BBESST is as easy as pie: buy a candy bar and a Coke? Taxes paid. Grab lumber for your construction project? Taxes paid. Snag some stocks over the counter? Taxes paid. Every sale, service, and transaction across the economy chips in its fair share to the great American "economic highway toll road."

With BBESST's low 1–2% rate, spread across the Total Economy of Sales, Services, and Transactions (TESST, catchy, right?), we'll rake in enough to pay the federal budget, tackle the national debt, and keep taxes lower than a limbo stick at a beach party.

Here's the kicker: BBESST will pump \$5 trillion back into the middle class's wallets, supercharging the economy by 5–7% of GDP annually. That's like giving the economy a triple-shot espresso!

The BBESST legislation? One page. Done. The collection system? Already built into the banking system. Just jot your SIC code on a deposit slip, and the bank handles the rest. Poof! No more clunky GDP guessing games—TESST gives us real-time, daily economic tracking like a Fitbit for the economy.

We could kick this off *tomorrow* with a 0.25% BBESST phase-in, offsetting income taxes bit by bit. As it ramps up, it'll wave bye-bye to the 16th Amendment and our rickety old tax system for good.

The cherry on top? BBESST delivers the first-ever Citizens' Tax Bill of Rights, ensuring your income, wealth, and property are never taxed again. Take that, tax man!

What's next? Let's take this show on the road and get state legislatures to ditch income, wealth, and property taxes, too. The tax revolution starts NOW!

Join the Tax Rebellion!

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