15 KEY POINTS

Fundamental tax reform to bring simplification and fairness to everyone

1. Most people never again will have to file a tax return, not even a postcard.
2. IRS to be downsized into a low-level, non-intrusive ministerial agency and made irrelevant to most people. An end to IRS-audit risk. An end to use of the IRS against political opponents.
3. 10% flat tax on all income with no deductions, exemptions, exclusions, or tax credits.
4. 10% flat tax on all business income with no loopholes.
5. At-source taxation of dividends, interest, salaries and wages, and retirement income.
6. Anti-establishment tax plan — An end to the use of the income tax to pick winners and losers.
7. Principled income taxation — All income will bear its fair share of the income-tax burden. Regardless of its nature, source, recipient, or use to which put, all income should bear its share of the cost of government and, under this principle, there can be no justification for non-government entities having tax-exempt status or for personal tax breaks to tax-shelter income.
8. Pro-growth tax plan — A low-rate, tax-neutral income-tax system. Will greatly increase the after-tax returns from saving, investment, and business activities. Will foster economic growth, including much needed job and wage growth.
9. Ends worldwide taxation of income — This ill-conceived system hurts American interests both here and abroad.
10. No capital gains taxation. Capital gains are not “income” in the economic sense of that word.
11. Dividends no longer to be double-taxed.
12. No estate tax or gift tax.
13. Revenue-neutral tax reform — Expected to raise the same revenue for the Treasury as the existing tax system it would replace. Possibility for a lower tax rate from enhanced economic growth.
14. Massive tax simplification — Cuts the Tax Code by an estimated 95%. Designed to be a true income tax and be understandable to the average person. And, with its modern system design, not prone to continual tax law changes and return to mindless tax complexity.
15. Efficient Tax — Minimal compliance burdens. The Treasury saves billions in administration costs.

The tax mess comes from our archaic person-taxing system. It must be junked for a new system strictly focused upon what’s supposed to be taxed — income — if we are ever to have real and lasting income-tax reform.

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