

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADDRESS: 2250 RAYBURN
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-4303
PHONE: (202) 455-2400
FAX: (202) 455-2400
WWW: www.house.gov

CONTACT OFFICE
NAME: LINDSEY GRAHAM
PHONE: (202) 455-2400
FAX: (202) 455-2400
WWW: www.house.gov

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4303

May 28, 2002

**{Name & Address
Removed for Privacy}**

Dear _____

Thank you for contacting me with your thoughts on taxes. I appreciate you taking the time to write me and enjoy the opportunity to hear from you.

I strongly feel it is time to abolish the current tax code. The current tax code is too complex, burdensome and expensive to administer. There are 5,000 pages of tax law, an additional 17,000 pages of rules and regulations, 450 different tax forms and another 250 to tell you how to fill them out. Each year, Americans spend more than 5 billion hours complying with the code, more time than it takes to build every car, truck and van produced in the United States.

Among tax reformers, some support a flat taxation rate, while others support a national consumption or sales tax. A national debate between the flat tax and national sales tax is truly exciting and long overdue. Either one beats our current system, but I remain open to any better ideas. The important thing is, either proposal encourages the national debate over a new tax code.

I will continue to support legislation that works toward our setting our current tax code and replacing it with a simpler, fairer tax. If I may assist you further, please feel free to contact me again at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
Member of Congress

LOG:gg