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## House of Representatives

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Mr. Gary Loftsgard  
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Dear Mr. Loftsgard,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the We the People Foundation and their questions about the constitutionality of the income tax. It was good to hear from you.

As you may know, Congressman Roscoe Bartlett had agreed to organize a forum during which Mr. Robert Schulz, the chairman of the We the People Foundation, would be able to pose questions about the constitutionality of the federal income tax to representatives from the Department of Justice and the IRS. However, Congressman Bartlett withdrew his sponsorship of this event after the We the People Foundation issued materials urging taxpayers not to file their taxes. It is unclear whether any other Member of Congress will agree to organize a new forum, or whether the Department of Justice and the IRS will agree to participate. Although I strongly support the right of all citizens to petition their government, I am troubled by the messages presented by the We the People Foundation and hope that this organization will continue its work without asking people to break the law by refusing to pay their taxes.

Thanks again for contacting me. I appreciate your input and hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,

J. D. Hayworth  
Member of Congress

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