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Mr. Diaz Anna  
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Dear Mr. Anna:

Thank you for getting in touch with me regarding our nation's tax laws. I appreciate hearing from you.

As you may know, Congress has the power to impose taxes from the Constitution of the United States. Article I, Section VIII, of the U.S. Constitution states; "Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States." The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the agency under the U.S. Department of the Treasury responsible for the collection of taxes.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,



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