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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

Washington, DC 20515

Mr. Charles William Antolick  
113 Baker Rd  
Hawthorne, Florida 32640-5709

Dear Mr. Antolick:

Thank you for advising me of your opposition to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and your support for stopping the enforcement of federal income tax laws until the Federal Government answers your questions about the validity of the IRC.

Under the Constitution, Congress enacts legislation and the Executive Branch (in this case the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the Department of the Treasury) administers the law. If you honestly believe that a law does not apply to you, then you have the option of taking your case to the federal courts. The courts determine the constitutionality of statutes and what provisions apply to which people. Once the courts decide an issue, the IRS applies the law until Congress changes it.

Periodically, Congress passes the entire IRC as a separate bill; the last time occurred in 1986. In the 16 years since that action, the Supreme Court has not declared the tax law unconstitutional, even though numerous cases have been filed in federal courts. I regret that you do not accept the validity of the tax code, but I respect your right to disagree with the actions of Congress and the courts.

Insofar as enforcing the law is concerned, either Congress can approve legislation to terminate the income tax, or it can refuse to provide funds to the IRS for enforcing the law. The majority determines the legislative agenda, and I have not seen legislation to end the IRC on the House's schedule. However, I certainly will keep your views in mind if the House debates pertinent amendments to the IRS's appropriations bill.

If I may be of assistance on any other matter of interest, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Thurman  
Member of Congress

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