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BILLIONS IN BACK TAXES GOING UNPAID

"Understaffed and caught in a set of mixed signals from Congress, the Internal Revenue Service for more than a year has let many tax delinquents go without paying tax bills that total billions of dollars. Those owing back taxes include wealthy individuals, as well as employers that have withheld payroll taxes but not turned the money over to the Federal Government, according to IRS collectors," (NEW YORK TIMES, 10/10/99)

HOUSTON, TX - Americans for Fair Taxation Acting Executive Director Stephen Hollingshead urged Congress to pass The FairTax, H.R. 2525, after recent reports surfaced over the weekend that billions of dollars in uncollected tax revenue are being written off as 'uncollectible' by an overworked IRS.

"It is testament to the urgent need for a fairer, flatter, tax system," said Hollingshead, "that despite a much larger Internal Revenue Service (IRS), more burdensome information reporting requirements, increasingly stiff and numerous penalties, and a host of legislative initiatives, the problem of tax evasion is only getting worse."

"Under the FairTax, all taxes would be collected at the point of final retail sale rather than from income. No forms to file, no back taxes, and no IRS," Hollingshead said.

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