



# AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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The Honorable Bill Posey  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Posey:

**I write in support the “Seniors’ Tax Simplification Act,” legislation that simplifies tax filing for American seniors by creating a new tax form.**

This bill would instruct the IRS to create a new form in the 1040 series designed especially for senior citizens with relatively-simple tax filing situations. The most common types of income reported by seniors would be on it—interest, dividends, capital gains, Social Security benefits, pension payments, IRA distributions, wages, and unemployment compensation.

For younger taxpayers, a similar form exists today—the 1040-EZ. It only reports wages, interest, and unemployment compensation. Any (childless) single taxpayer or married couple under age 65 making less than \$100,000 is eligible to file this short form. Nearly 5 million taxpayers take advantage of this convenient form every year.

There is no reason why a similar form can’t be made available to seniors. 23 million tax returns are filed every year in households where the primary taxpayer is over age 65. Many of these taxpayers could use this form easily to make tax season less complicated.

**Passage of the Seniors’ Tax Simplification Act is a common sense measure lawmakers can support to help seniors across the country.** All members of Congress should have no hesitation supporting and co-sponsoring this helpful legislation.

Onward,

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