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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

I am writing to express my interest in working with you on tax reform legislation. I appreciate your stated willingness to simplify and modernize our tax code and believe we can work together to provide the certainty small businesses and families in Montana and across our nation need to make long-term decisions and create more good-paying, American jobs.


I look forward to working with you in an open and transparent manner, and I would welcome an opportunity to join you in Montana if I am able for this important discussion. Mr. President, I believe any eventual tax reform proposal needs to be crafted in the light of day through a bipartisan process, incorporating the perspectives of Americans who live in rural states like Montana. Please let me know if I can be helpful in facilitating any part of your upcoming visit to Montana to discuss tax reform.

I am also greatly concerned about our growing national debt. Simply put, it is unacceptable and both parties share in the blame for where we have found ourselves. I strongly believe that no tax reform proposal should add to our debt. I understand that not everyone in Washington, D.C. agrees with me on this point. But I believe we can create jobs and spur economic growth without saddling our kids and grandkids with more debt.

We have an opportunity and a responsibility to serve Montana families and provide long-term certainty to small businesses throughout the country. And while I do not expect us to always agree on everything, I believe we can find common-ground on supporting these hard-working people.

I look forward to continued conversations with you about how we can get tax reform across the finish line in the coming months.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester