

# COALITION FOR TAX COMPETITION

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Dear U. S. Senators and U. S. Representatives:

As part of an overall effort to help control the size of government, we believe American taxpayers should not subsidize the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Even if we had a balanced budget, OECD funding would be contrary to US interests. The Paris-based bureaucracy increasingly promotes a left-wing economic agenda, despite the fact that US taxpayers contribute nearly one fourth of their annual budget. We have long been disturbed that the OECD has a “harmful tax competition” project that seeks to hinder the flow of jobs and capital to low-tax nations. And since the United States is the world’s biggest beneficiary of international capital flows and tax competition, it is the height of folly for the American taxpayer to subsidize this effort.

We've also noticed a disturbing tendency for the OECD to endorse big government positions on domestic policy issues. The OECD has supported so-called “stimulus” spending, advocated for cap-and-trade regulation, and suggested a value-added tax in the US, just to name a few examples. In effect, US taxpayers are subsidizing further advocacy for bigger government and higher taxes – positions against their own interests.

We look forward to working with you to bring spending under control and to ensure that US tax dollars are allocated in ways that advance America’s interests above all else.

Sincerely,

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