



December 9, 2011

The Honorable Sam Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Johnson:

The Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC) is pleased to support H.R. 2528, the "Taxpayer Freedom to File Protection Act of 2011".

BCFC (www.governmentcompetition.org) is a national coalition of businesses, associations, taxpayer organizations and think tanks that are committed to reducing all forms of unfair government created, sponsored and provided competition with the private sector. We believe H.R. 2528 will help reduce the size and scope of the Federal government while stimulating the private sector, including small business.

H.R. 2528 ensures that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not start filing taxes for people in the name of "customer service." Like you and the 34 cosponsors of H.R. 2528, BCFC believes that creating a return-free tax system could very well stack the deck against taxpayers.

Former IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said it best in 2006 testimony before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development:

"The IRS believes that private industry, given its established expertise and experience in the field of electronic tax preparation, has a proven track record in providing the best technology and services available. Rather than entering the tax software business, IRS' partnership with private industry: (1) provides taxpayers with high quality services by using the existing private sector expertise; (2) maximizes consumer choice; (3) promotes competition within the marketplace; and (4) meets these objectives at the least cost to taxpayers."

BCFC believes the free enterprise system is the most productive and efficient provider of goods and services and strongly supports the federal government utilizing the private sector for commercially available products and services to the maximum extent possible. H.R. 2528 prohibits the IRS from getting into the business of preparing tax returns and helps support BCFC's goal. We oppose government duplication of and competition with the private sector. By preventing the IRS from preparing tax returns, H.R. 2528 would be reducing unfair government competition, creating more economic opportunities in the private sector, and decreasing the size and scope of the Federal government.

We respectfully and enthusiastically support H.R. 2528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Palatiello".

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