



# Fair taxes

Something  
we can all  
vote for

WHEN CANADIANS pool resources we build amazing things: world class health care, a solid Canada Pension plan and the transportation system that keeps us connected.

But our tax system is being abused by wealthy individuals and multinationals who won't pay their share. Canada has the lowest corporate tax in the G7 but that's not good enough for tax avoiders. Instead of stopping rampant tax avoidance, Prime Minister Stephen Harper doles out more tax cuts and creates more tax loopholes for all those who want to game the system.

A federal election is a good time to shake things up. Make sure you vote for leadership that recognizes the problem and has a solution.

## **PROBLEM**

### Using tax cuts for political gain

Canada spent \$43 billion on tax cuts since 2006. What did we get for that money? Most of the benefit went to the rich. It is time to plug boutique tax cuts that were designed for feel-good television commercials rather than solid results. There are smarter ways to target seniors' poverty than doubling the annual contribution limit for the Tax Free Savings Account. And a \$300 annual government cheque doesn't even begin to address Canada's child care challenge.



## *Solution!*

### PLUG LOOPHOLES AND BOUTIQUE TAX CUTS

The Income Tax Act should be a road map for collecting the revenues we need to run the country. Sort of a national crowdfunding project. But it has turned into 1100+ pages that only tax lawyers understand. We need to simplify and make it fairer.

We can start by:

- eradicating increases to the Tax Free Savings Account limits

- eliminating Income Splitting
- eliminating Child Fitness tax credits.

These are all measures skewed in favour of wealthy Canadians and undermine any attempt to build a fair tax system. They also deprive government of money we all need to fix Canada.

## PROBLEM

### Tax Havens

There's \$199 Billion of Canadian corporate money sitting in the top ten tax havens. That's just the "official" number. Most of it is untaxed. We lose at least \$8 Billion a year from this growing scheme. Think of what we could do with that money – childcare, pharmacare and poverty reduction.



## Solution!

### TRACK THE MONEY

Stopping the flow of money offshore won't happen overnight. But slapping a 1 per cent holding tax on money sent to tax havens would add \$2B. Some of that money could be used to hire skilled auditors at the Canada Revenue Agency and give them resources to track and prosecute evaders and restore trust in our system.



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## PROBLEM

### Corporate Tax Cuts

Stephen Harper told Canadians that lowering the corporate tax rate would be good for the economy. Wrong. Canada has the lowest corporate tax rate in the G7. It has been slashed in half since 1997. That hasn't boosted investment or job creation. In fact, business investment spending has declined since the federal government began reducing corporate income taxes.

## Solution!

### STOP THE FREE RIDE

Corporate Tax cuts were an expensive mistake. Admit it. Move on. Reinstate the pre-2006 rates. And cancel the stock option perk that gives tax-free status to 50 per cent of CEO stock option income. Bank presidents, pharmaceutical executives and moonlighting senators like this perk. It doesn't work for Canada.

## We are who you are

*Canadians for Tax Fairness is a national organization made up of people just like you.*

*You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter and get up to date information on our website. We deserve an accessible, accountable, and fair tax system.*

*Make sure you vote for one in the upcoming election.*

