



CALL TO PRESERVE THE ESTATE TAX

We believe that complete repeal of the estate tax would be bad for our democracy, our economy, and our society. Repealing the estate tax, a constructive part of our tax structure for 85 years, would leave an unfortunate legacy for America's future generations.

Only the richest 2 percent of our nation's families currently pay any estate tax at all. Repealing the estate tax would enrich the heirs of America's millionaires and billionaires while hurting families who struggle to make ends meet.

The billions of dollars in state and federal revenues lost will inevitably be made up either by increasing taxes on those less able to pay or by cutting Social Security, Medicare, environmental protection, and many other government programs so important to our nation's continued well-being.

The estate tax exerts a powerful and positive effect on charitable giving. Repeal would have a devastating impact on public charities ranging from institutions of higher education and land conservancies to organizations that assist the poor and disadvantaged.

We recognize the importance of protecting America's family farms and small businesses, and the estate tax has many special provisions that do so. But this concern — the rationale usually advanced for eliminating the estate tax — can be addressed by amending the existing estate tax system.

Let's fix the estate tax, not repeal it!

Response Form

Yes, I would like to join thousands of others in signing the Call to Preserve the Estate Tax.

Your Name(s)* PLEASE PRINT _____

Title, Affiliation or other Identification* _____

* As you would like it to appear on public lists of signers. All lists will include the following disclaimer:
"Organizational affiliation listed for identification purposes only."

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Please check all that apply:

- I or my family **have paid or will owe estate taxes** under current law and I am opposed to repeal.
- I or my family **would not owe estate taxes** under current law, and I support this statement.

- I own a business. Name of business: _____
- I own a farm. Type of farm: _____

- I will recruit signers of the Call to Preserve the Estate Tax, via email or phone calls.
- I will contact my elected officials about reforming, not repealing, the estate tax.
- I will write letters to the editor or opinion pieces for my local newspaper.
- I will organize educational events in my area

- I will contribute the following amount to UFE's **Estate Tax Educational Initiative**:
 - \$100 \$50 \$25 Other: \$_____ Funds go to research, education, media coverage, and grassroots coalition-building. Donations are **tax-deductible**. Make contributions payable to United for a Fair Economy.
- I will contribute the following amount to the **Fair Economy Action Fund**:
 - \$100 \$50 \$25 Other: \$_____ Funds go to advocacy, political advertising, and lobbying. **Donations are NOT tax-deductible**. Make contributions payable to the Fair Economy Action Fund.

- Check enclosed Charge my credit card (circle one): Visa MasterCard Bill me
Credit Card No. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Exp. _____ Signature _____

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Email Address (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Note: We must be able to contact you to confirm your signature.

Please mail or fax this form to:

United for a Fair Economy
29 Winter Street
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: 617-423-2148 x133 FAX: 617-423-0191

The impact of this Call depends on signers who are willing to "go public." However, if you DO NOT wish your name, city, and affiliation to be listed publicly, please check here:

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