

Dear Friend,

Every year, millions of Americans struggle to understand the 1.4 million-word, 10,000 section tax code to pay their taxes. And, with multi-national corporations spending millions on lawyers and accountants to pay as little as possible, middle-class families end up paying more than their fair share to make up the difference.

In his State of the Union address, President Obama challenged Republicans and Democrats to work together to simplify our overly-complicated tax code. It's a challenge I believe Congress must take on sooner rather than later.

Simplifying the tax code will level the playing field for Long Island families. By taking simple steps such as shrinking the 1040 down to one page, eliminating tax breaks that make our economy less efficient, and lowering rates to reduce everyone's tax burden, we can save millions of Americans money – and headaches.

I want to hear your thoughts on simplifying the tax code. Please fill out the survey below (<http://address-verify.com/mailings/israel/022811/>) and let me know your thoughts. And for more information visit my website at <http://israel.house.gov>.

Sincerely,

Steve Israel
Member of Congress