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Sensible IRS alternatives

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Re: "Senator crusades against IRS - Cruz calls for agency to be abolished; tax experts and even libertarians say that won't work," Monday news story.

With careful reading, the positions of Sen. Cruz and the libertarian Cato Institute appear to be similar. Both seek vast simplification in the federal income tax, ending any need for the IRS in its present, bloated form.

The IRS employs 100,000 agents on a budget of \$12 billion to enforce a tax code of 75,000 pages. Billionaires and big corporations get special loopholes, while small business firms and individuals are squeezed.

Our tax system is broken, but Congress refuses to fix it. Either a flat tax or a sales tax would be far simpler and fairer. Give credit to the tea parties and the libertarians for proposing sensible alternatives, which their critics have failed to do.

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