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Dear House Leadership:

I write to urge you to bring legislation to enact the Buffett Rule to the House floor for an up or down vote. I introduced legislation—the Paying a Fair Share Act, H.R. 3903—to make the Buffett Rule law and restore fairness to our tax system.

As tax day quickly approaches, middle class Americans deserve to know that our tax system has not been rigged against them. The Paying a Fair Share Act would ensure that middle class workers do not pay a higher tax rate than those earning more than \$1 million a year. This common-sense solution would address the disparity that has resulted in Warren Buffett's secretary paying a higher tax rate than he.

Our current tax code has been influenced by powerful special interests and includes loopholes and special provisions that allow approximately a quarter of all millionaires to pay lower effective tax rates than millions of middle class families. The Paying a Fair Share Act offers a first step in strengthening our middle class and rebuilding our economy with a commitment to shared responsibility. The bill would also offset the deficit by tens of billions of dollars.

The American people deserve to know where their Representatives stand on this critical opportunity to restore fairness in our tax system. The Senate plans to take this bill up for a vote when Congress goes back into session. I strongly urge you to follow suit and bring the Paying a Fair Share Act to the House floor for a simple up or down vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress