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ADVISORY FOR EVENT ON: Tuesday, April 12, 9:30 am (breakfast starting 9 am)

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*\*\*\* News Forum Tuesday, April 12, National Press Club \*\*\**

## TAX ENFORCEMENT IN CRISIS

### Experts to lay out problem and solutions

If taxpayers run true to form next week, the combined total they pay in taxes will be significantly less than what they actually owe. The majority of honest taxpayers are carrying a significant burden for those who are not paying their full share. In fact, tax experts estimate that the total of all unpaid individual and corporate federal taxes now runs to over \$300 billion per year. About 15% of what is owed in taxes - one dollar out of every six – is not paid “voluntarily and timely” as the law requires.

With the gap between federal revenues and expenditures rapidly widening, the failure to enforce the laws contributes significantly to the deepening federal budget crisis.

The Economic Policy Institute will convene a panel of experts, including former IRS Commissioners, to examine this problem and possible solutions at a tax week news forum. Two new reports will be released at the forum, which is open to the media and others interested in issues of taxation and budget.

WHEN:	Tuesday, April 12, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Continental breakfast beginning at 9 am
WHERE:	National Press Club, First Amendment Lounge
WHO:	<b>Donald C. Alexander</b> , Partner, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld; former Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service (Nixon Administration) <b>Sheldon S. Cohen</b> , Senior Counsel, Morgan Lewis; former Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service (Johnson Administration) <b>Eric Toder</b> , Senior Fellow, Urban Institute; former director, Office of Research, Internal Revenue Service <b>Henry J. Aaron</b> , Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, the Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Chair, the Brookings Institution <b>Reuven S. Avi-Yonah</b> , Irwin I. Cohn Professor of Law, University of Michigan <b>Robert S. McIntyre</b> , Director, Citizens for Tax Justice <b>Max B. Sawicky</b> , Economist, Economic Policy Institute
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NEW REPORTS:	<b>Max B. Sawicky</b> : An overview of the tax enforcement crisis <b>Robert S. McIntyre</b> : How the wealthy and corporations are using shelters to evade taxes, and what to do about it.
RSVP:	Reserve a seat by emailing us at <a href="mailto:rsvp@epinet.org">rsvp@epinet.org</a> or phone the EPI communications department at 202-775-8810.

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