

US Uncut DC Fact Sheet

Bank of America Tax Avoidance

- BofA is the largest bank and 5th largest corporation in America
- BofA holds over \$2.2 Trillion in assets
- BofA in 2009 earned a pretax income of \$4.4 Billion.
- BofA received \$45 Billion in tax payer bailout funds in 2008 and 2009
- BofA paid ZERO federal income tax in 2009
- BofA actually received at least a \$1.9 Billion tax benefit from the government in 2009
- BofA took deductions of at least \$2.1 Billion in 2009
- BofA funneled its income through 115 foreign tax-haven subsidiaries

General Corporate Tax Avoidance

- Two-thirds of all US corporations do not pay federal income tax
- 25% of the biggest US corporations do not pay federal income tax
- US corporations avoid between \$37 Billion and \$100 Billion a year in US taxes
- President Obama has called for ending corporate tax loopholes in his campaign, the 2010 State of the Union and the 2011 State of the Union
- The “Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act” was not acted upon by the previous Congress

Local Impact

- Corporate tax avoidance costs the District of Columbia up to \$700 million per year
- Congress has proposed cuts to District services including \$150 million to public transportation, \$25.2 million to courts, 15.4 million to education, and \$10 million to water and sewer maintenance
- District officials have frozen hiring, promotions and pay raises for all District employees in an attempt to save \$100 million from this year’s budget
- If corporations paid their fair share of taxes, none of these cuts and pay freezes would be necessary, and there would be up to \$400 million left over

Education Related Cuts

- Congress had proposed a \$5.7 billion cut to the Pell Grant program which will directly target lower income students who want a higher education
- Congress has proposed a \$1 Billion cut to the Head Start program which will directly target lower income and poverty stricken children
- Congress has proposed a \$700 million cut to Title I grants which will directly target children in lower income school districts
- College tuition has risen nearly 20 percent for students in just two years, making higher education unaffordable and saddling students with crippling debt