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Over seven years ago I was arrested by the federal government for my part in assisting a New Hampshire couple during their 10-month standoff with the US Marshals. Their crime? Challenging the legitimacy of the federal income tax.

While many have since questioned my sanity (and intelligence) for partaking in such a suicide mission, I am still convinced that the surest and least violent way to reign in our uncontrollable government is to cut off its money supply. Otherwise, we are essentially holding a protest sign in one hand, decrying various government excesses, all the while giving this same government \$100 bills with the other.

"Let them march all they want, so long as they pay their taxes," Alexander Haig, Ronald Reagan's Secretary of State (1982).

Yes, many have tried to raise this issue before and have failed. Yet it is not a failing proposition if attempted from a slightly different angle. What if instead of going at the behemoth IRS alone, or in small groups, we enlisted the assistance of our local sheriff?

Richard Mack has written extensively about the rarely exercised, albeit quite real, powers our elected sheriffs possess. Mack writes about his inspiring win against the federal government 20-years ago in the foreward to his brief pamphlet, *The Victory for State Sovereignty*:

"On February 28, 1994, while serving as sheriff of Graham County, Arizona, I filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court against the federal government (Clinton administration) to stop the gun control and destruction of state sovereignty, associated with the Brady Bill. A few weeks later, Sheriff Jay Printz, from Ravalli County filed a similar lawsuit in Montana. Ultimately, five other sheriffs from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Vermont, and Wyoming, joined this section. Seven sheriffs, out of nearly 3100 nation wide, stood and fought the United States goliath Clinton administration. Why would seven small town sheriffs do such a thing against their own government? On the other hand, if it was the right thing to do why were there only seven sheriffs who took such a stand?

Imagine if we attempted a similar strategy concerning the federal income tax. There are plenty of people who are better versed than I am when it comes to the various nuances of how the federal income tax is not applicable to the vast majority of Americans, was never properly ratified, etc. With your help I propose we have our elected sheriffs present three of the most simply, clearest, most poignant questions to the IRS for immediate response. By keeping the

number of questions limited we eliminate any plausible excuses from the IRS about needing more time.

Along with the aforementioned questions it also needs to be made clear that failure to respond will result in that year's income tax payment being put into a trust fund where it will sit until such time as the questions are fully answered. The following year 75% of the supposedly required payment will be deposited in the trust fund. A year later 50%. Come the fourth and final year only 25% will be deposited.

Ideally the sheriff and a least 50 residents of that county would partake in this redress of grievances. At a minimum the sheriff must make it known that he will not assist in any attempt to arrest the individuals who are withholding their payments until such time as he can be shown there is a legitimate basis for the tax.

The beauty of this idea is that by continuing to file the IRS forms, yet placing the money in a trust fund, we eliminate the belief that we're just trying to avoid "paying our fair share." Also, by dragging this out over four years it eliminates even the most ignorant person from believing that there is any legitimate basis for the income tax and that the IRS simply needs more time.

Some will write this off as crazy without even stopping to think about it. The rantings of a prisoner they'll say. The truth is that the the time is right to deliver the coup de grace to the scandal-ridden IRS monster once and for all.

When you get down to it, the IRS is the government's attack dog. For far too long we have plied him with treats (our hard earned wages) in the hopes that he won't bite (audit and imprison) us. Aren't you tired of it?

If we can't find even one sheriff with a backbone then someone needs to run on this very issue. Attempting to prosecute someone in relation to this would be a nightmare scenario for the feds. The government and vampires are alike in that they both suck our blood and they both hate sunlight. Bringing this issue forward would shine a devastating light onto the fraudulent IRS. Justice Brandeis said it best, "sunlight is the best disinfectant." (1913)

For those who claim the risk is simply too great, do me a favor if you would. Go home, turn on the TV and put away all those pretensions that your're 'fighting the good fight.' No one will criticize you for giving up, for the simple fact is you never even began.

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."

-Albert Einstein

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