Mr. Speaker, I have worked my entire life to improve the fairness of the tax code--first in Oregon and now as a member of the House of Representatives. I also know how politics work.

It is irresponsible to vote for a massive change without telling the American people how this will impact them. No one knows what would replace the current tax code--who is going to win, who is going to lose, and why. Improving the tax code is of critical importance and I welcome an open national discussion and full congressional debate on the merits of real proposals. However, I cannot support H.R. 3097.