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To:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Philadelphia, PA 19154-0030

Internal Revenue Service
Kansas City, MO 64999-0202

Your agency is mistaken. I never worked outside Puerto Rico or in any federal agency. My wife and I filed our taxes to the Puerto Rico Commonwealth for the years 2005 and 2006. Unbeknown to us the Commonwealth sent our tax forms to the IRS. We never signed an agreement nor were we ever consulted as to the "requirement", for the one of us who was self employed, of a 12.2% payment off our net profits supposedly for Social Security. We have never been on food stamps, nor under any other Federal Title for housing or have we ever received any Commonwealth benefits for free or lower rate on utilities and other services. NEVER. If we had known about such imposition we would not have been able to pay anyway.

Our net conjoint profits for 2005 were **$13075.34.** With the 12.2%, only **$11480.15** would have been left for all our expenses for the whole year.

Our net conjoint profits for 2006 were **$7824.00.** With the 12.2%, only **$6869.47** would have been left for all our expenses for the whole year.

When I first heard about all this it was a through a threatening letter from the IRS just three days after appearing in a news conference denouncing the persecution of the grand jury against Puerto Rican militants for independence. In order to share and illustrate through my own experience

all things involved on these matters we will be publishing this letter in Spanish and in English with the following points:

(1) When the Social Security Agency figured out my benefits they did so solely based on the record they keep of the amounts I had contributed throughout the years. The years 2005 and 2006 were not included.

(2) When the IRS takes over the process it is through the confiscation of the Commonwealth taxes filed.

(3) Once this confiscation takes place Social Security is interpreted by the IRS as though I have made a loan but have failed to pay. The IRS treats this as debt and adds interest and penalties even though I never consented nor received any benefit during those years to treat this as a loan. People are never given a choice to lead a reasonable life even if it entails a risk of a lower Social Security check in the future. People are threatened that all will be taken away. If you die before ever receiving any benefits it is just too bad.

(4) Due to (1), nobody tells you if the amount you receive or will receive will go up since those years were not included in the first place when your benefits are figured out.

(5) Due to the fact that Social Security benefits are based on your real contributions, for self employed people, the hindrance of a 12.2% when making low wages will amount to a vain sacrifice since your benefits will turn out to be quite meager. We must remember that self employment means you are deemed as both, employer and employee thus you pay twice the amount of an employed person.

(7) For young people all the points above are paramount. For the people who believe there is a plan to deplete the Puerto Rican population the above gives food for thought.

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