

Draft Letter

Dear Congressperson,

My name is [name here], and I have lived in Wisconsin for XX years. I am concerned that the tax rate on dividends is scheduled to expire in December and will go up. I am a retiree and dividend income represents an important part of my income to meet my living expenses.

Please vote to keep the Double Tax on Dividend Income low.

Sincerely,

Your name

Your Address

Your City, State & Zip code

Tips for Contacting Congress

In first paragraph: Identify yourself and your spouse if applicable and personalize the letter with something specific about you – for example, where you are employed or retired from, how long you have lived in your state, etc.

In second paragraph: Clearly and concisely state that you are concerned with the double taxation of dividends and that the tax rate will increase in December. Listed below are reasons that may represent your view.

BECAUSE.....

- We live on a fixed income and rely upon the dividends for much of our livelihood.
- Raising taxes on capital gains and dividends would discourage Americans from saving and investing at exactly the wrong time.
- Dividends supplement the income we have saved for our retirement.
- The tax we pay on our dividend income is a double tax and the rate should be kept as low as possible.

In third paragraph: Ask the Congressperson directly to support what your position is and what you want them to do.

Close letter/email by signing your name, including your spouse, if applicable. Also include your address. Keep your contact brief, positive, and non-threatening.

Thank you for your action and advocacy!