

Your Federal
Income Tax

STOP THE WAL-MART TAX!






**YOU PAY YOUR TAXES,
SO WAL-MART
DOESN'T HAVE TO**

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Wal-Mart Tax Facts

How Wal-Mart Avoids Paying Taxes:

-  Wal-Mart owns it's stores. But they pretend they don't.
-  They set up a fake "shell" company out-of-state. Then, they pay rent on their own store to their own fake company.
-  They deduct the cost of rent so they don't have to pay corporate income taxes on it.

This scam has helped Wal-Mart avoid \$3.39 billion in state taxes between 1999-2005.¹




How Wal-Mart Lines Their Pockets with YOUR Tax Dollars:

-  Wal-Mart failed to provide company health care to over 775,000 of its workers and their families in 2006.
-  Many of those employees are forced to use Medicaid or just show up in the emergency room.
-  While other companies take care of their workers, Wal-Mart shifts the costs to taxpayers.

Taxpayers will pay \$9.1 billion over the next 5 years to cover Wal-Mart's health care costs.²

The Real Cost of the Wal-Mart Tax:

If Wal-Mart paid the taxes it owed in 2005...

-  318,440 uninsured children would have health care coverage;
-  21,963 elementary school students would be studying in new classrooms;
-  9,499 additional police officers would be patrolling our streets.



**CHECK
THE FACTS**

¹ Jesse Drucker, "Friendly Landlord: Wal-Mart Cuts Taxes by Paying Rent to Itself," *Wall Street Journal*, February 1, 2007.

² See "America Pays, Wal-Mart Saves: The Growing Cost of the Wal-Mart Health Care Crisis" at www.wakeupwalmart.com

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