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Dear Sir/Madam

PERSONAL INCOME TAX IS TOO MUCH

I write to highlight how an individual like me is heavily taxed personally at 40% which is way above the company tax rate of 30%. The income tax system of "Pay As You Earn" should be limited to a maximum of 30% similar to the company tax rate instead of going as far as 42% just for an individual.

A government that is committed to serving its people will look into reducing the maximum rate of tax paid from 42% to 30% to make it consistent with the company tax rate and more equitable for the individual. If the Government of Papua New Guinea can give tax holidays to huge companies, it is only fair that the Government of Papua New Guinea reduce the maximum rate of tax paid from 42% to 30% so that individuals like me will have enough not only to make ends meet but to contribute more towards the well-being of not only my immediate family but my extended family too.

Gratuities, is another aspect of an individual's benefit, which should be concessional and taxed at 2% rather than being fully taxable given that this is supposedly an incentive for individuals to work hard and perform in their daily activities. Having gratuities fully taxable should mean that this should form part and partial of an individual's fortnightly salary rather than waiting for it after some time. In doing so, tax is calculated every fortnight rather than separately calculating the fortnightly salary different from the gratuity.

Thank you for your time and I hope that this can be considered in the review of the PNG Tax.

Yours sincerely,



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