

An Elegant Alternative: Automated Payment Transaction Tax

The Automated Payment Transaction (APT) tax is a small uniform tax on all economic transactions, which would involve simplification, base broadening, the elimination of tax and information returns and the automatic collection of tax revenue at the payment source.

Calculating Revenue:

For example, in 2015, U.S. transactions were approximately \$1000 Trillion annually. Being conservative, use half of that amount and apply the transaction tax:

\$500 Trillion x 0.70% (0.35% from Buyer + 0.35% from Seller) = \$3.5 Trillion

That would be enough to balance the budget for the first time in history! The APT would cover the federal budget + social security + medicare + debt payments.