

March 27, 2006

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
U.S. Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1501

The Honorable Jim Nussle  
303 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

*Re: ISO AMT Tax Crisis Causing Missed Opportunities for Our Children*

Dear Senator Grassley and Rep. Nussle:

I first want to thank each of you for taking the time to meet with my husband Ron and his mother Vonnie on March 30, regarding this unjust and devastating ISO AMT tax crisis that has hit our family and hundreds of other Iowa families. I am so grateful for the time and attention both of you have given this matter the last few years.

Of all the hardships and sacrifices we're forced to make because of this situation, what hurts me the most is missed opportunities for my children. One arrived in the mail last week.

Our twelve-year-old eldest daughter, Alison, was selected to represent her school and the State of Iowa at the 2006 Junior National Young Leaders Conference this summer in Washington, DC. This was based on "academic excellence and strong leadership potential." Alison feels especially honored and wants desperately to go.

Yet this opportunity that brought her such a feeling of pride and accomplishment turned immediately to crushing disappointment. The tuition, \$1,720, is required by May 3. Before the ISO AMT disaster struck our family, our main consideration would have been whether we felt comfortable sending her, at her age and without any other family member, to Washington DC – not whether we should spend the money for her to benefit from this wonderful opportunity. Now we can't even *consider* it because of the financial straits we have been put in due to being charged over \$250,000 in AMT "prepayment" tax on stock we sold for \$1,600. After working hard all our lives to be responsible citizens and provide for our children, and after being honest in filing and reporting our taxes, the unfairness of this situation and its impact on our children hurts me deeply.

As I was looking over the Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors for the Jr. National Young Leaders Conference I found your names. I thank God for leaders such as you that care about children, our future leaders and families. I thank you for your support of such a wonderful institution as JrNYLC. And I plead with you to please do everything you can to help remedy this serious wrong, and restore justice and opportunity to Alison, and many other Iowa families and children.

Sincerely,

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