

They act like they don't know what to do. They act like this mess isn't their creation.

It's not like they don't know what to do. It's just that they don't want to do it because they belong to the investor class and it means money out of their pockets. And that is why they ALL must go!

U.S. PIRG in 2010 released a report titled [THE FIRST TRILLION: RESTORING FAIRNESS AND REDUCING THE DEFICIT](#). To create the report, the U.S. PIRG looked at existing tax code for loopholes, reviewed government report on wasteful contracting practices and crunched numbers. They came up with way that the government can save the fist trillion dollars by enacting common sense policy that is in the public interest.

Here are four of the most outstanding suggestions from that report:

1. **Tax carried interest;** a major source of income for hedge-fund managers should be taxed at the same rate that all other Americans are taxed on their income—not at 15%. [Savings for the MAJORITY of American taxpayer by 2015 would be \$15.6 billion.]
2. **Collect delinquent taxes from government contractors.** Enforcing these collections would save \$38.5 billion by 2015.
3. **Reinstate Superfund Fee on polluters.** Instead of taxpayers paying for polluters to clean up their toxic waste sites, make the polluting companies pay the bill. Savings by 2015: \$34 billion.
4. **Collect money paid twice for the same job to government contractors.** Based on an audit, hundreds of millions of dollars may have been overpaid to contractors in Iraq. Savings by 2010 is estimated to be at least \$340 million.

WHY SHOULD WE EVEN BOTHER TO SAVE A TRILLION DOLLARS IN FIVE YEARS?

Now that's a good question. What would \$1 trillion dollars buy? After all, except perhaps for a few billionaires, money has no intrinsic value to most of us. Its value is linked to what goods or services that it may purchase. According to the people at Mint and [WALLSTATS.COM](#), we could purchase any number of things with \$1 trillion: One trillion dollars can pay the rent for every renter in the US for 3 years. One trillion dollars can pay the mortgages of every homeowner for 14 months. One trillion dollars can repurchase all the homes that were foreclosed in 2007 and 2008. One trillion dollars is enough to purchase all the goods and services produced in Australia for one year.