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## **Are U.S. Corporations Really Over-Taxed?**

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### **Urban Institute**

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Corporate tax reform is one of the principal areas in which there may be an opportunity for the two parties to cooperate in the new session of Congress. Many policymakers are concerned about how the high statutory corporate income tax rate and U.S. rules for taxing foreign-source income affect the competitiveness of U.S.-based corporations and incentives to invest in the United States. Others are concerned about economic distortions and revenue losses from corporate tax preferences and from provisions that allow U.S. companies to shift taxable profits to low-tax jurisdictions.

The Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center and the Penn Wharton Public Policy Initiative, in the first of a series of joint events, will examine how to measure the effective rate of taxation that U.S. corporations currently pay, how taxes affect the ability of these companies to compete in global markets, and how legislated tax preferences affect corporate tax burdens.

**Douglas Holtz-Eakin**, President of the American Action Forum, will be the keynote speaker.

**Jeanne Sahadi**, Senior Writer for *CNN Money* will moderate the discussion that follows. Panelists include:

- **Eric Toder**, Institute Fellow, Urban Institute and Co-Director, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center
- **Jennifer Blouin**, Associate Professor of Accounting, Wharton School of Business and Penn Wharton Public Policy Initiative Faculty Affiliate
- **Michael Knoll**, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Penn Wharton Public Policy Initiative Faculty Affiliate
- **James Mackie**, Director, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury

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