

# American Benefits Council

## Benefits Briefing Webinar: Tax Reform & Implications for Benefit Plans

### Thursday, March 27, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

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The American Benefits Council will host a **Benefits Briefing webinar** on **Thursday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**, to discuss comprehensive tax reform proposals and the implications for employee benefit plans.

The webinar will review both specific proposals in the recently unveiled discussion draft by House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) (See the [February 26 Benefits Byte](#) for details) as well as other proposals to change the treatment of tax incentives for benefit plans, such as those that would cap lifetime contributions to retirement plans or tax the exclusion for employer-provided health care benefits.

**Lynn Dudley**, *senior vice president, retirement and international benefits policy*, will moderate the call. She will be joined by [Randy Hardock](#), *Partner*, and [Michael Hadley](#), *Partner*, both of Davis & Harman LLP.

The webinar will include a question and answer period. Members are encouraged to [submit questions and comments in advance](#).

#### **Additional Background:**

The Internal Revenue Code was last comprehensively reformed in 1986. Since that time, the Code has become progressively more complicated and burdensome. The commonly stated objective of tax reform is to simplify the tax system, lower tax rates and eliminate exemptions, while increasing international competitiveness, stimulating economic growth, distributing tax burdens more evenly and raising revenue for essential government services.

In addition to Chairman Camp's discussion draft, a number of other proposed measures have suggested fundamental changes to the tax incentives for benefit plan sponsorship, including President Obama's Fiscal Year 2015 budget and the House Republicans' health care reform alternative. Each of these proposals could substantially affect sponsorship of (and participation in) health and retirement plans.

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