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Dear *Mr Gaster,*

The proposal that spouses should be allowed, if they wish, to split their income for tax purposes and be taxed as if they are in a partnership under which income is shared equally, has wide-spread public support. Although such a reform was not included in this year's Budget, the Treasurer has given a public assurance that this proposal "will continue to receive a very close study".

I enclose a copy of a paper which I prepared as the basis for a speech which I made in the House of Representatives during the Budget debate. I am sending you this paper rather than the Hansard transcript because, due to the time limitations, I was not able to use all the details in the speech.

The paper outlines one way in which the tax system can be reformed to allow for income splitting. It describes how, through the introduction of a new family income splitting tax scale, the reform can be achieved either in one move or over a period of time.

I do hope that this more detailed description of the proposal will be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely,

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