“IS TAX REFORM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM?”

Featuring:

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11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Lunch Included)

University Club, 924 East Wells Street, Milwaukee

Dr. Poterba will describe the economic forces that underpin proposals for both individual and corporate income tax reform and the central tradeoffs that arise in considering alternatives to the current tax system. He will summarize how leading reforms would affect incentives for work, saving, and investment, as well as their effect on the distribution of tax burdens. The presentation will sketch the competing pressures that Congress will face as it considers tax reform in the months ahead.

James Poterba is the Mitsui Professor of Economics at MIT and the President of the National Bureau of Economic Research, a non-profit research organization with nearly 1,500 affiliated economists. He has served as President of the Eastern Economic Association and the National Tax Association, as vice president of the American Economic Association, and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Poterba served as a member of the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform in 2005.

Dr. Poterba's research focuses on how taxation affects the economic decisions of households and firms, particularly those involving saving and portfolio behavior. His recent research has analyzed the determinants of retirement saving and the role of tax-deferred retirement saving programs such as 401(k) plans in contributing to retirement security.

Dr. Poterba is a trustee of the College Retirement Equity Fund (CREF), the TIAA-CREF mutual funds, and of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He holds an undergraduate degree from Harvard College and a D. Phil. in Economics from Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar.