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Camp, Baucus Launch Tax-Reform Campaign Online

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In a rare instance of bipartisanship, members of Congress have joined forces to move the campaign to overhaul the tax system online. Chairman of the congressional tax committees, Rep. Dave Camp (R., Mich.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Sen. Max Baucus (D., Mont.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, have launched taxreform.gov.

Aides say the site, which will collect input from the public, is an updated version of the "Write Rosty" campaign that former Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski conducted prior to the 1986 tax overhaul.

The two current chairmen, although of different parties, have been meeting most weeks for the last couple of years to discuss the massive effort.

Ways and Means already has collected hundreds of comments on various aspects of the tax rewrite, mainly from businesses. They are posted on its website, waysandmeans.house.gov.

The two chairmen will also Tweet @simplertaxes.