



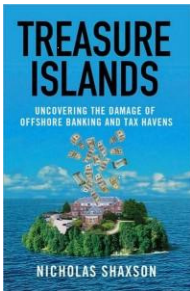
**FACTCOALITION**  
Financial Accountability & Corporate Transparency

*You are Invited to Attend a Pre-Tax Day Congressional Briefing*

## ***Treasure Islands: Tax Haven Abuse and the Impact on U.S. Businesses, the Economy, and the American People***

*When:* **Thursday, April 14, 2011, 2:30 – 4:00 pm**

*Where:* **Capitol S-115**



**Nicholas Shaxson**, Author of the British bestseller *Treasure Islands: Uncovering the Damage of Offshore Banking and Tax Havens*, being released in the United States on April 12th. Mr. Shaxson's book, combined with the proposals by the U.K. government to drastically reduce funding for basic social services, has been a catalyst for the public protests that have shaken London and other parts of the U.K. Mr. Shaxson is also the author of *Poison Wells: The Dirty Politics of African Oil*, an Associate Fellow of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) and an experienced journalist who has written regularly for the *Financial Times*, *The Economist* and many others.

**Frank Knapp**, President and CEO of South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce and spokesman for the national coalition, Business and Investors Against Tax Haven Abuse ([www.businessagainsttaxhavens.org](http://www.businessagainsttaxhavens.org)). Mr. Knapp is a tireless advocate for small business. In 2000, he co-founded the S.C. Small Business Chamber of Commerce, an organization dedicated to promoting the general interests of small businesses at the local, state, and federal levels. Knapp also serves on a number of committees including the American Sustainable Business Council Steering Committee, the DHEC Commissioner's Advisory Council for the Elimination of Health Disparities, the USC Small Business Development Center Advisory Board and the SCE&G Demand Side Management Advisory Group. He has held planning positions in the public and private sectors and provided governmental relations services to statewide advocacy organizations.

**Rebecca Wilkins**, Senior Counsel, Federal Tax Policy, at Citizens for Tax Justice, a non-profit organization that has been working for a fair and sustainable tax system for more than 30 years. Ms. Wilkins spent more than 20 years as a CPA specializing in tax at KPMG and her own accounting firm before earning her J.D. and joining Citizens for Tax Justice. Ms. Wilkins, who has also taught graduate-level tax courses for the past 15 years, is uniquely qualified to explain the ways in which U.S. laws encourage the movement of assets and profits offshore and ways in which the practice can be curtailed.

*Light refreshments will be served.*

*RSVP to Bonnie Rubenstein at 202-299-1066 x25 or [bonnie@ctj.org](mailto:bonnie@ctj.org)*

This event is organized by the **Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT)** coalition.

The FACT campaign seeks to achieve greater accountability and transparency within financial institutions, corporations and government. The FACT coalition focuses on closing tax loopholes, requiring business ownership information, strengthening anti-money laundering laws and making corporate tax contributions more transparent. For more information on FACT, contact Nicole Tichon, Executive Director of the Tax Justice Network USA ([nicole.tichon@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.tichon@gmail.com)).