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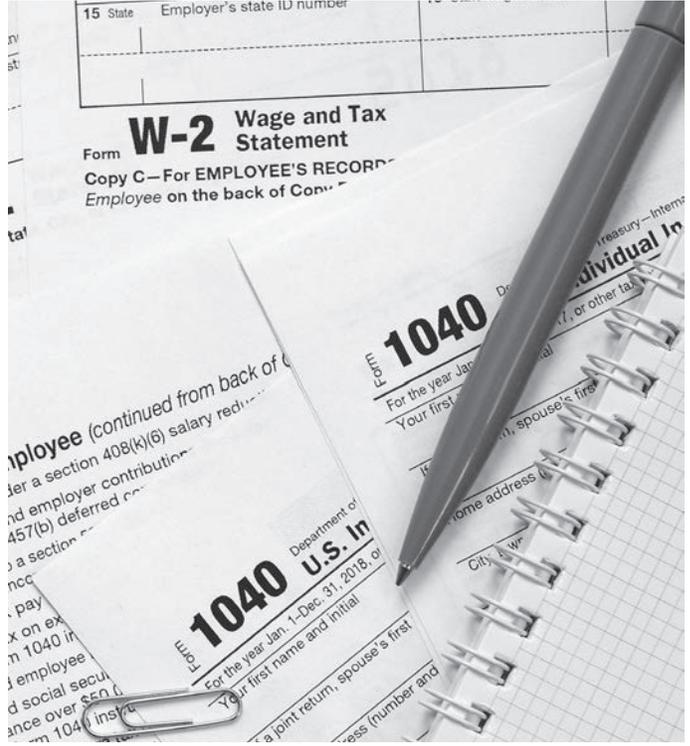
# Chairperson's Corner TAX REFORM!

By Housseine Essaheb

**T**ax reform, or no tax reform? That has been the question raised by tax professionals over the past couple of years. On Dec. 22, 2017, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law, unleashing a new era of tax changes that have significant implications for corporations as well as individuals. Besides having a personal and professional impact, the tax changes also affect the insurance industry.

In response, the Taxation Section set out to educate the Society of Actuaries (SOA) membership on the changes brought on by the tax reform. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have sponsored (or co-sponsored) three webinars on the topic. We are also dedicating this issue of *TAXING TIMES* to focus on several changes from the tax reform.

To foster better collaboration and ensure consistent messaging, we've reached out to other sections to see what items relating to tax reform they would like to hear more about and their plans for covering changes brought out by tax reform. Working with our colleagues from the Smaller Insurance Company Section, we are co-sponsoring a tax webinar on the impact of tax reform to small companies. Additionally, we are continuing to look for opportunities to partner with other sections.



All of this would not have been possible without the volunteers in our section and the SOA staff. Their valuable contributions helped our Tax Reform Webcast on March 9 set a record for the highest attendance—more than 5,000 participants. Bravo! ■

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