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Madison company offers memory enhancer to leaders in tax arrears

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A Madison biotech company is offering what it is calling a mental stimulus package to government officials who forget to pay their taxes.

Quincy Bioscience will provide free bottles of its flagship brain-enhancing supplement, Prevacen, to any member of Congress or the Obama administration who has forgotten to pay taxes during the last 10 years, the company said Tuesday.

"We're confident that after 30 to 60 days of taking the supplement, most legislators and government officials will recall, without being reminded by aides or reporters, all tax periods for which they have forgotten to pay state or federal income taxes," Quincy Bioscience President Mark Underwood said in a news release.

Prevagen is so effective it also should help most government officials recall when they failed to make Social Security and Medicare contributions for undocumented household workers, Underwood said.

Officials who have had trouble remembering to pay various kinds of taxes include: U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; Tom Daschle, former Democratic senator from South Dakota who withdrew from a nomination to run the Health and Human Services Department; Nancy Killefer, former assistant treasury secretary under Bill Clinton who withdrew from a nomination to be President Barack Obama's chief performance officer; and Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner.

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