

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Commissioner Charles P. Rettig,

As our nation continues to address and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, many American families face increased financial uncertainty. According to a survey by Bankrate, only 39 percent of Americans could comfortably cover an unexpected expense of \$1,000.

While we have heard similar figures in the past, this year, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax refunds can play a vital role as utility bills, student loans and mortgage payments begin to resume from the past 18 months.

Recently, we have heard countless stories from constituents of all backgrounds concerned about the delay of IRS tax refunds this year. These are members of our community who have paid their fair share of taxes to the IRS. It is imperative that the IRS provide these Americans with the refund of the amount they overpaid, which can be effectively used to cover the costs of everyday expenses and bills.

We understand that the IRS has faced new challenges in the wake of COVID-19, including reduced staffing and increased workload with the issuance of stimulus payments and implementation of the Child Tax Credit; however, it is essential to provide expeditious tax refunds to all Americans, provided the economic uncertainty for much of the population.

We look forward to hearing about the steps the IRS is taking to get through its current backlog, and its plan to provide tax returns for all those who qualify in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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