



December 9, 2011

The Honorable Peter Roskam
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Roskam:

The Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC) is pleased to support H.R. 2569, the "Free File Program Act of 2011".

BCFC (www.governmentcompetition.org) is a national coalition of businesses, associations, taxpayer organizations and think tanks that are committed to reducing all forms of unfair government created, sponsored and provided competition with the private sector. H.R. 2569 would make the Free File program permanent and provides for a public private partnership as a helpful option for implementation.

Former IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said it best in 2006 testimony before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development:

"The IRS believes that private industry, given its established expertise and experience in the field of electronic tax preparation, has a proven track record in providing the best technology and services available. Rather than entering the tax software business, IRS' partnership with private industry: (1) provides taxpayers with high quality services by using the existing private sector expertise; (2) maximizes consumer choice; (3) promotes competition within the marketplace; and (4) meets these objectives at the least cost to taxpayers."

BCFC believes the free enterprise system is the most productive and efficient provider of goods and services and strongly supports the federal government utilizing the private sector for commercially available products and services to the maximum extent possible. H.R. 2569 provides the private sector the ability to prepare tax returns and helps support BCFC's goal. We oppose government duplication of and competition with the private sector. By enabling the private sector to prepare tax returns, H.R. 2569 would be reducing unfair government competition, creating more economic opportunities in the private sector, and decreasing the size and scope of the Federal government.

We respectfully and enthusiastically support H.R. 2569.

Sincerely,

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John M. Palatiello, President

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