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COSPONSOR THE TAXPAYER FREEDOM TO FILE PROTECTION ACT

DON'T LET THE IRS GET IN THE BUSINESS OF PREPARING TAX RETURNS

Form 1040 Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 2010
For the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2010, or other tax year beginning 2010, ending 20
OMB No. 1545-0047
Your first name and initial LAST name
If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial LAST name
Home address (number and street, if you have a P.O. box, see instructions) Apt. (no. City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, see instructions.
Your social security number
Spouse's social security number
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Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.
Presidential Election Campaign Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund.
Filing Status
1 Single
2 Married filing jointly (even if only one has income)
3 Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here.
4 Head of household (with qualifying person). (See instructions.)
5 Qualifying widower with dependent child.
The qualifying person is a child not your dependent; enter this child's name here.

Dear Colleague:

Please cosponsor this important bill (H.R. 2528) to prohibit the IRS from getting into the business of preparing tax returns.

Until there is fundamental tax reform, the answer to easing the compliance burden for taxpayers isn't for the IRS to have more control and power.

Creating a return-free tax system could very well stack the deck against taxpayers. Under such a system, the IRS would face a conflict of interest between collecting the most taxpayer dollars possible and fairly filling out tax returns. Much like with property tax bills, it would be up to the taxpayer to challenge the IRS if they disagree with the IRS' prepared tax return, unlike today where it is up to the IRS to challenge a taxpayer's return. **Allowing the IRS to do your tax return is like asking the fox to guard the hen house.**

Former Commissioner Mark W. Everson said it best in 2006: *"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."*

Please join me in protecting taxpayers' fundamental right to legally pay the smallest tax bill possible. To cosponsor the Taxpayer Freedom to File Protection Act, please contact David Eiselsberg at david.eiselsberg@mail.house.gov or 5-4201.

Sincerely,

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