

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague,

We write to invite you to cosponsor recently introduced legislation that actually makes life easier for your constituents. We have introduced HR 2569, the Free File Program Act, to make the IRS Free File Program permanent.

The Free File Program provides eligible taxpayers with free online individual income tax preparation and electronic filing services. This year, those making less than \$58,000 qualified. Under the current program, 70% of taxpayers are eligible for the free preparation services, including lower income and underserved populations. Since the inception of the Free File Program, 30 million taxpayers have used it to prepare and file their taxes. In addition to saving taxpayers on preparation costs, the Free File Program has also saved the IRS millions. IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman testified earlier this year before the Ways & Means Committee that processing the electronic returns costs less than 5% of processing paper returns.


Importantly, the IRS Free File Program doesn't cost taxpayers anything. It is a partnership with nearly 20 private sector companies that offer free tax preparation options. Making this program permanent is responsible to the hardworking families who can benefit from it and is fiscally responsible to all taxpayers.

We hope that you'll join us in cosponsoring this legislation. To do so, your staff can contact David Mork (Rep. Roskam, david.mork@mail.house.gov) or Erin Gulick (Rep. Kind, erin.gulick@mail.house.gov). Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rep. Peter Roskam



Rep. Ron Kind