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Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition responds to IRS's suspension of 'some notices' to taxpayers

NATP continues involvement in coalition and supporting tax industry professionals, taxpayers

APPLETON, Wis. (Jan. 27, 2022) – The Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition issued a response to the IRS's solution of suspending 'some notices' to taxpayers, stating additional actions need to be taken to provide adequate relief.

Earlier this month, the <u>National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP)</u>, joined together with other tax industry organizations to form the Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition. The coalition <u>sent a letter</u> to the IRS requesting the IRS take immediate action to help taxpayers during the 2022 tax season.

The IRS responded by suspending "some notices" to taxpayers, but NATP and the coalition are urging the IRS to take further, more direct action to alleviate taxpayers and tax preparers from unnecessarily difficult circumstances.

"We appreciate that the IRS has halted 'automated notices in cases where a payment has been credited to a taxpayer, but no return has been processed," the coalition wrote in a recent statement. "This is a good first step in offering relief to taxpayers. However, in our experience, the majority of erroneous notices are a result of numerous other circumstances where taxpayers are crying out for help, especially the underserved and minority communities."

The statement continues, "The IRS should temporarily suspend all automated compliance actions as they did with the onset of the COVID pandemic. Furthermore, we believe that if all the recommendations made by this coalition are implemented, it will go a long way to help taxpayers, tax practitioners and the IRS better navigate through this difficult tax season. Simply put, more is needed to offer meaningful relief to individuals and small businesses, and we urge the IRS to implement all of our recommendations."

The Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition is comprised of the <u>National</u> <u>Association of Tax Professionals (NATP)</u>, together with American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), Latino Tax Pros, National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA), National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA), National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), National Conference of CPA Practitioners (NCCPAP), National Society of Accountants (NSA), National Society of Black Certified Public Accountants, Inc. (NSBCPA), National Society of Tax



Professionals (NSTP), Padgett Business Services, the Diverse Organization of Firms (DOF), H&R Block and Prosperity Now.

NATP Executive Director Scott Artman said he is proud of the work NATP and the rest of the coalition is doing to support the hardworking taxpayers and tax professionals of America.

"It is our job as a member-based association to stand up for and support those who need help the most," Artman said. "We support IRS staff and their efforts, but there are still unaddressed issues making this tax season more difficult than necessary. We intend to continue pressing until adequate solutions are provided."

For more information or to speak with someone from the NATP on the coalition, please contact <u>Nancy Kasten</u> or <u>Samantha Strong</u>.

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About the Tax Practitioners United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition

The Tax Practitioners United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition is an unprecedented, diverse group of stakeholders from the tax practitioner community including those representing Latinos, African Americans, small businesses and low-income taxpayers. The Coalition was formed in response to current issues with the IRS's quality of service for taxpayers and tax practitioners and provide recommendations to address these issues.

About NATP: The National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) is the largest association dedicated to equipping tax professionals with the resources, connections and education they need to provide the highest level of service to their clients. 23,000 members rely on NATP to deliver professional connections, content expertise and advocacy that provides them with the support they need to best serve their clients. The NATP headquarters is located in Appleton, WI. To learn more, visit www.natptax.com.