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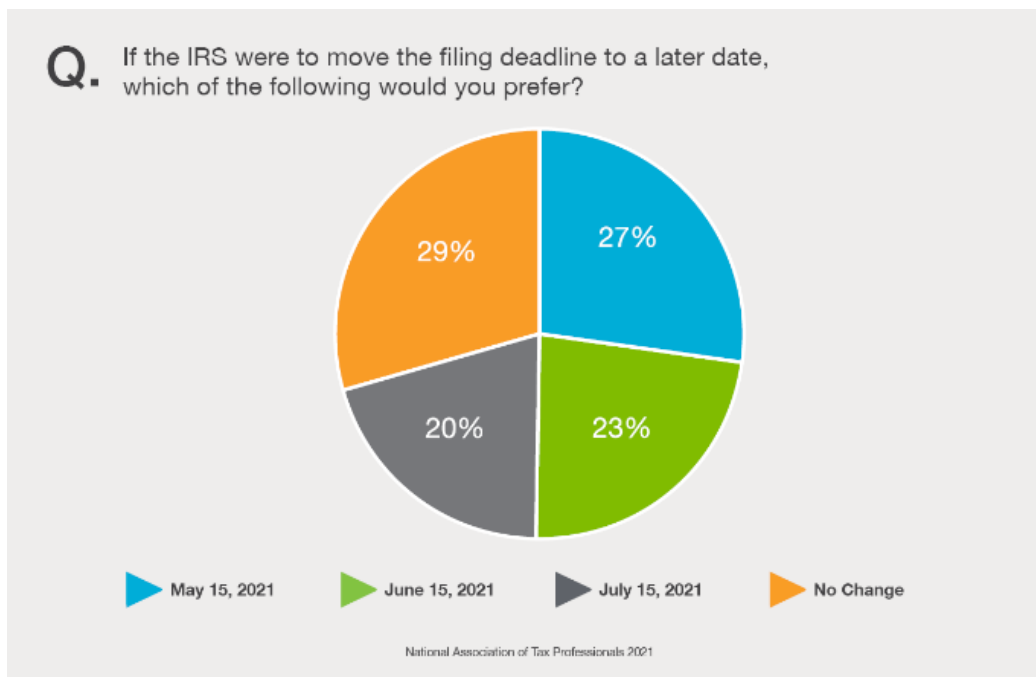
NATP submits request to IRS Commissioner for tax filing extension

Largest federal tax professional organization endorses recent appeal by Ways and Means Oversight Committee to change the filing due date.

APPLETON, Wis. (Feb. 21, 2021) – The National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) [sent a letter](#) to IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig requesting his consideration of a filing extension to the 2021 tax season. NATP made the appeal on behalf of its 23,000 tax preparer members and their more than 10 million taxpayer clients. A lack of guidance on a number of tax issues was the number one reason provided for the extension request.

“Preparers are currently waiting on tax law guidance to accurately prepare their clients’ returns,” explains NATP Executive Director, Scott Artman, CPA. “Without this, returns will be filed inaccurately and incompletely, and ultimately there will be a need for more amended returns to be prepared. This not only increases the work for the preparer who is already dealing with a compressed tax season but will also result in additional expense to the taxpayers who will have to pay to amend their returns.”

NATP recently surveyed tax pros to find out what their preference for the 2021 Tax Day would be. More than 70% of respondents indicated their support of a filing date later than the current April 15.





The NATP letter comes on the heels of the Feb. 18, 2021, [letter](#) submitted by some members of the Ways and Means Oversight subcommittee where they noted pandemic-related concerns similar to the 2020 filing season, a condensed filing season and a backlog of 2019 returns that the IRS must still address as some of their reasons for the request.

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