



NEWSLETTER

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LYNN'S LINE.....

NH's short summer is over. Time to start preparing for the upcoming tax season with education sessions. NH NATP board has 2 educational events planned. Our 2015 Annual Meeting is October 22nd at the Holiday Inn in Concord. We have elections and our National Rep will be there. Our educational sessions are "K-1s for 1041" and "Introduction to Audits". I will do a presentation on the future of our tax profession. Early registration fees are \$65 for members and \$85 for nonmembers. This fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. There is another seminar on December 3rd. Our topics are NH DOR Update, Preparation of Mass resident and non-resident returns and "Tax Issues of Divorce". Same fees as our October seminar. National's 1040 Workshop is November 18 & 19 in Concord. I hope to see you at the educational sessions planned.

The National Conference in New Orleans was an exceptional educational opportunity from some of the country's best instructors. And it is a nice time to meet and socialize with other tax professionals. The MechaCon Anime Convention was in full swing when I arrived. Their attendees were in full costume and it was fun to see and watch them.

They were friendly and fun. Our ending event was a comedian Professional Pick-Pocket, Bob Arno. He was very entertaining as he stole watches, phones and even shirts from some unsuspecting attendees.

NH Chapter won the 2014 "Membership Retention" Award. **YEA!!! NH**. The NH Chapter helped to raise over \$38,000 for the National chosen local charity. The 2016 conference is in Indianapolis, IN August 9 - 12 and 2017 is in Washington, DC August 7 - 10. Try to attend for the opportunity to get GREAT education and a good time.

Please think about joining our NH Chapter Board. We need more volunteers. This is not a huge time commitment. Maybe just 3 to 5 hours a year. We will be electing new 2016 NH Board members at our October meeting. We will be asking again so please contact one of our current members if any questions. We really need more volunteers.

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Your President

Norma Boyce has provided us with Excerpts from Senator Ayotte's Newsletter regarding Senator Ayotte's Public Hearing on August 26, 2015 at UNH in Manchester, NH with IRS Commissioner Koskinen on the topic of Tax Identity Theft:



News From Senator Ayotte's Office

Dear Friends,

Filing your tax return should be easy. But for an increasing number of taxpayers who are victims of identity theft, it's too often the beginning of a frustrating and burdensome process that can take months or even years to resolve.

Tax-related identity theft has grown rapidly - between 2010 and 2013 it increased from 440,581 incidents to 2.9 million incidents. Unfortunately, the IRS isn't doing enough to prevent such thefts - or to help victims protect their personal information.

As part of my ongoing efforts to address this critical issue, I held a Budget Committee field hearing on Wednesday,

August 26, 2015 in Manchester to examine the IRS' response to tax-related identity theft. I invited the IRS Commissioner, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and a senior official at the National Taxpayer Advocate Service to hear directly from Granite Staters who testified about the impact of tax-related identity theft. I also invited New Hampshire residents who have been affected by tax related identity theft to testify about their personal experience with the IRS. I was particularly grateful to hear from Strafford resident Lori Weeks, who tragically lost her young daughter in a car accident and then learned that thieves had stolen her daughter's identity to file fraudulent returns. We also heard from John Walker, a tax preparer based in Concord, who shared many stories of the difficulties victims of identity theft face when trying to get help from the IRS. The IRS can and should do more to protect taxpayers, and the hearing provided valuable insights that will be helpful as I continue to push the IRS to improve its handling of tax identity theft. Scroll down to read more about the hearing.

Ayotte, IRS Chief Spar Over Agency's Response to ID Theft



By Dave Solomon, Union Leader

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MANCHESTER - The head of the IRS was in town on Wednesday at the request of Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., to hear from

victims of tax-related identity theft, and he got an earful.

Ayotte, a member of the Senate Budget Committee, hosted a committee hearing on the issue at UNH Manchester, where she pressed John A. Koskinen, commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, on a promise he made in May.

At the time, Ayotte urged Koskinen to change IRS rules so that victims of tax-related identity theft could readily obtain copies of the fraudulent returns, to assess the extent of damage to their privacy and decide what steps to take.

"You agreed to do that," she said to Koskinen. "But I have to tell you, since you agreed to do that, people across the country have been contacting my office on this issue. So when will this happen? Taxpayers want to know how their information was used so they can take steps to protect themselves."

Koskinen said he had expected the change could be implemented in short order, but told Ayotte, "It's more complicated than I had hoped."