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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Commissioner Rettig,

We are writing in support of the concerns expressed in the March 10, 2020 letter submitted to you by the Committee on Ways and Means on the impact the coronavirus is having on the tax return filing season. As the largest organization representing and working on behalf of all federal tax preparers, we are collecting concerns from our members who are on the front lines of tax prep in the heart of tax season.

Specifically, the challenges we are hearing include an inability for in-person appointments by taxpayers due to the following:

- Adherence to social distancing recommendations
- An inability of tax practitioners and their staff to work due to school closures that result in unexpected childcare responsibilities
- Many tax practices lacking the technology to serve their clients virtually
- Taxpayers lacking the ability to attend tax appointments virtually due to the absence of technology understanding or hardware

We are hopeful that you will consider a minimum 90-day extension to this tax season, including the waiver of interest and penalties for the late payment of tax. As you currently have the authority to extend the deadline, we hope you will act quickly on providing the tax paying and tax preparing public this relief during these extraordinary times.

As always, NATP is available to provide any information you may need from the preparer perspective. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott R. Artman".

Scott Artman, CPA
NATP Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Rosser".

Brett Rosser, EA
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