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NCACPA Applauds U.S. House Delegation for Bipartisan Support of Taxpayer Relief from the IRS

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants (NCACPA) applauds the state’s delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives for joining hundreds of their colleagues in urging the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service to improve this year’s tax filing process.

“Taxpayers and tax professionals are already frustrated with the IRS over the tremendous backlog of unprocessed returns and unanswered correspondence,” said Sharon Bryson, chief executive officer of NCACPA. “Matters have been made worse by the issuance of erroneous notices, liens, and levies. The situation demands immediate relief, and we are grateful to our Representatives for taking action.”

Letters signed by 191 members of the House of Representatives and 25 Senators ask the Treasury Department to take five administrative measures to bring relief to taxpayers and reduce the backlog:

- Halt automated collections from now until at least 90 days after April 18, 2022;
- Delay the collection process for filers until any active and pending penalty abatement requests have been processed;
- Streamline the reasonable-cause penalty abatement process for taxpayers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic without the need for written correspondence;
- Provide targeted tax penalty relief for taxpayers who paid at least 70 percent of the tax due for the 2020 and 2021 tax years; and
- Expedite processing of amended returns and provide the Taxpayer Advocate Service and congressional caseworkers with timely responses.

NCACPA leaders and staff met virtually with members of the North Carolina congressional delegation in November and stressed the need for Congress to intervene. All the delegation members said they have been deluged with complaints from their constituents.

The North Carolina delegation members who signed the House letter are U.S. Representatives G. K. Butterfield, Deborah Ross, Greg Murphy, David Price, Virginia Foxx, Kathy Manning, David Rouzer, Richard Hudson, Dan Bishop, Patrick McHenry, Madison Cawthorn, Alma Adams, and Ted Budd.

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