



AMERICAN COALITION FOR
TAXPAYER RIGHTS

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The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith:

I am writing today on behalf of the American Coalition for Taxpayer Rights (“ACTR”), the national trade association for America’s largest and best-known retail tax preparation, tax software and financial institutions that assist millions of Americans each year in preparing and filing their federal and state income tax returns.

ACTR strongly supports your inclusion of a provision in the Budget Reconciliation Legislation that would terminate the IRS Direct File program, which is unnecessary, costly and unauthorized by Congress. We especially want to thank you, as well as Reps. Adrian Smith and Chuck Edwards and other members of the Committee, for your steadfast leadership on this issue. The take-up rate for IRS Direct File by taxpayers has proved to be abysmal, even as the private sector provides millions of tax returns each year (more than 27 million in tax-filing season 2024, for example) at no cost to taxpayers.

As the debate on this critical legislation moves forward, we will continue to work with Members of the House and Senate, and the Administration, to ensure that American taxpayers have professional and efficient tax-preparation services and a wide range of free tax-filing options.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Committee on Ways and Means