



UPDATED: Diverse Coalition of Stakeholders to Hold Media Briefing on IRS Service Issues

Washington, D.C. (January 24, 2022) – The Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition is holding a virtual media briefing on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, to discuss IRS (Internal Revenue Service) service issues that have caused unnecessary stress and anxiety for taxpayers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition is comprised of American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), together with Latino Tax Pros, National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA), National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA), National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), National Conference of CPA Practitioners (NCCPAP), National Society of Accountants (NSA), National Society of Black Certified Public Accountants, Inc. (NSBCPA), National Society of Tax Professionals (NSTP), Padgett Business Services, the Diverse Organization of Firms (DOF), H&R Block and Prosperity Now.

In a recent letter to the IRS, the Coalition outlined four actions the IRS can take to meaningfully reduce unnecessary burdens for taxpayers and practitioners during the upcoming tax filing season. The Coalition is holding a virtual media briefing to discuss these issues and reasonable recommendations the IRS can implement to provide taxpayers with the relief they need. This briefing is open to all members of the press and Congressional staff.

If you would like to attend this media briefing, please **RSVP your attendance to Veronica Vera** at the AICPA at veronica.vera@aicpa-cima.com or at 202-434-9215 **for press access**.

Login information will be provided to RSVP'd reporters before the meeting.

WHAT: Virtual Media Briefing with Coalition for Taxpayer Relief on IRS Service Issues

WHEN: Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 12:00pmEST

WHO: *Overview & Introductions:*
Veronica Vera, Senior External Affairs Manager, AICPA

Q&A:

Melanie Lauridsen, Senior Manager, Tax Policy & Advocacy, AICPA
Thad Inge, Legislative Counsel, NAEA
Roger Harris, President & COO, Padgett Business Services
Ben Deneka, Program Manager, Agency & Industry Relations, H&R Block
Carlos Lopez, EA, Founder & CEO, Latino Tax Professional Association
Larry Gray, CPA, Government Relations Liaison, NATP
Nina Tross, Executive Director, NSTP
Jessica Jeane, J.D., Managing Director, Public Policy with NSA
Jina Etienne, CPA, CGMA, Chair, Board of Directors, NSBCPA
Stephen Mankowski, Co-Chair, NCCPAP
Salome Tinker, CPA, Chair, Diverse Organization of Firms Advocacy Committee
Guylaine Saint Juste, President & CEO, NABA, Inc.

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About the Tax Practitioners United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition

The Tax Practitioners United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition is an unprecedented, diverse group of stakeholders from the tax practitioner community including those representing Latinos, African Americans, small businesses and low-income taxpayers. The Coalition was formed in response to current issues with the IRS' quality of service for taxpayers and tax practitioners and provide recommendations to address these issues.