

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 9, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Bessent:

We request immediate clarification on the decision by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to close nine Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) across six states. These closures will make the process of paying taxes more onerous for tens of thousands of taxpayers.

The IRS is under immense strain due to budget cuts and large reductions in staff. These cuts, along with the termination of the Direct File program, and potential elimination of additional services, including translated tax forms, already threaten to make it more difficult for Americans to quickly and easily meet their tax filing obligations.

In Fiscal Year 2024 alone, the IRS assisted over two million taxpayers at TACs across the country. As a result of these imminent closures, thousands of taxpayers will be forced to travel further, in some cases more than 50 miles, in order to receive assistance from trained IRS professionals. This will not only disproportionately impact low-income and elderly individuals, but the ensuing influx of individuals to the remaining TACs will only serve to increase the difficulty of securing appointments and waiting times for taxpayers.

The IRS must provide the details of any analysis made to determine the closure of these locations, including whether assessments were made regarding the number of taxpayers affected by the closures and potential burdens put on taxpayers forced to seek assistance at other TACs.

We request a response within 30 days, and, in the interim, the IRS should suspend any plans to close these offices. The IRS should be making the process of filing taxes as easy and seamless as possible for taxpayers, not making it more difficult.

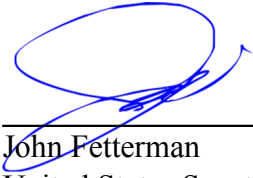
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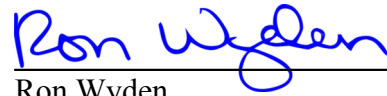
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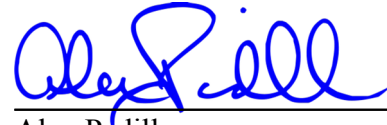
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