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The Honorable Scott Bessent
Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Acting Commissioner Bessent,

We write today regarding the substantial and rapidly increasing number of notices the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is sending to individual taxpayers who failed to include their bank account information on their tax returns. To date, the IRS has sent 530,000 notices (IRS Notice CP53E) and is scheduled to send another 300,000 notices this week, which totals over 830,000 notices so far this filing season. As a result of President Trump's Executive Order 14247 mandating electronic payments of tax refunds, these taxpayers could face more than a 10-week delay (over 2½ months) in receiving their refunds by paper check.¹

Last year, the National Taxpayer Advocate reported that over 10 million individual taxpayers received their refunds by paper check.² These taxpayers may be unbanked, have impairments, or face systemic or geographic challenges that prevent them from being able to create IRS online accounts or receive electronic tax refunds. Having reviewed the IRS notice and called the IRS phone lines, we learned that there is no simple process for these taxpayers to request an immediate release of their refund by paper check without waiting at least 10 weeks. Effectively, the President, unilaterally through his Executive Order, is causing undue hardship on millions of Americans by delaying their paper refunds for months. This delay is not mandated by the Internal Revenue Code.

Given that millions of taxpayers are expecting a timely paper check, please provide written answers to the following questions by March 23, 2026:

¹ See [Understanding your CP53E notice | Internal Revenue Service](#) ("If you don't respond to the notice [30 days], we will issue a paper check after 6 weeks.")

² [As the IRS Phases Out Paper Checks, Vulnerable Taxpayers Must Not Be Left Behind](#)

1. How do taxpayers without an IRS online account apply for a paper check and the immediate release of their tax refund? If there is a form, please provide a copy.
2. Will taxpayers facing delays of paper refunds receive interest?
3. How many returns have been filed without bank information to date?
4. How many IRS Notices CP53E have been sent in total to date?
5. How many IRS Notices CP53E are scheduled to be mailed on a future date? Please provide the date(s) and number of notices to be sent.
6. How many taxpayers have successfully filed exceptions from Executive Order 14247 this filing season?
7. How many refunds by paper check for individual taxpayers have been mailed to date this filing season?

We look forward to receiving your response. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Danny K. Davis
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support



The Honorable Terri A. Sewell
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight