

December 11, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am writing today on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) to encourage Congress to take action in the upcoming continuing resolution and ensure that \$20.2 billion in IRS funds is not inadvertently rescinded.

NAEA represents the interests of nearly 65,000 enrolled agents (EAs) worldwide. Enrolled agents serve millions of taxpayers in all 50 states and across 17 countries. We are the leading community for EAs – from aspiring practitioners to experts with decades of experience – who play a vital role in tax administration.

With the current continuing resolution for FY25 funding expiring on December 20, Congress must address a technical issue in the upcoming continuing resolution that could have a significant impact on modernization and customer service efforts at the IRS. The current continuing resolution maintains the FY24 funding language that includes a provision that rescinded IRS funds from the Inflation Reduction Act as part of an agreement from debt ceiling negotiations between President Biden and former Speaker McCarthy.

If the language is not fixed with an exception, also known as an anomaly, in the upcoming continuing resolution, the IRS could lose an additional \$20.2 billion. NAEA fears that cutting this amount would be devastating to the ongoing technology upgrades and customer service improvements at the agency.

While NAEA appreciates that there will likely be a healthy debate on IRS funding and modernization efforts at the agency in the coming Congress, we believe those issues should be given due consideration and not inadvertently impacted by a continuing resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If NAEA can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



Megan Killian, CAE
Executive Vice President

cc: Majority Leader Charles Schumer, U.S. Senate
Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate
Speaker Mike Johnson, U.S. House of Representatives
Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, U.S. House of Representatives
Chairman Ron Wyden, Senate Finance Committee
Ranking Member Mike Crapo, Senate Finance Committee
Chairman Jason Smith, House Committee on Ways & Means
Ranking Member Richard Neal, House Committee on Ways & Means