



AICPA Releases Statement on IRS Plans to Reassign Staff to Address Backlog

Washington, D.C. (February 3, 2022) – American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) president and CEO, Barry Melancon, CPA, CGMA, released a statement following reports of the Internal Revenue Services (IRS') plans to reassign staff to address the current backlog:

“The actions taken by the IRS a few days ago to suspend one notice and the press reports that they are considering additional steps – including shifting personnel to service centers – are positive steps in the right direction. We are glad that the IRS seems to be listening and responding to the collective frustrations of all taxpayers. However, we must urge the Service to move as quickly as possible to offer reasonable measures of relief as we are already in the beginnings of tax busy season. All of the recommendations put forth by the AICPA and the Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition are actions that we believe the IRS can legally take right now to provide immediate relief to taxpayers. Time is of the essence.”

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