

AMERICAN COMMITMENT

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The Honorable Peter J. Roskam
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20024

The Honorable Ron Kind
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressmen Roskam and Kind,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in support of the Free File Program Act of 2016.



By making the Free File Program permanent, your legislation guarantees quality, free, and efficient online tax preparation and electronic filing services for millions of families across the country.



At almost 75,000 pages, the U.S. tax code is one of the most complex in the world. In fact, Americans spend more than 6.1 billion hours and \$168 billion complying with the code each year.



The reality is, it is difficult or impossible for most taxpayers to file their own taxes.

The Free File program is critical to addressing this complexity. The program offers 70 percent of taxpayers, or those making less than \$62,000, access to electronic filing software provided by leading private companies free of charge.



Since the program's inception, over 40 million taxpayers have used the service and saved \$1.3 billion in preparation costs. The program also saves the federal government hundreds of millions in administrative costs because of increased efficiency.

Not only does this legislation make Free File permanent, it encourages more innovation within the program to better prevent fraud, protect against identity theft, and ensure taxpayer data is safeguarded.



Members of Congress should have no hesitation supporting this important, commonsense legislation and making the Free File program permanent for the millions of Americans that rely on it each and every year.

Sincerely,

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