

IRS REDESIGN

Bill Summaries

H.R. 5444 – The Taxpayer First Act:

This legislation is the biggest and boldest step in 20 years to redesign the IRS into an agency with a singular mission: taxpayer first. This bill does this by creating an independent appeals process, requiring the IRS to submit to Congress a comprehensive customer service strategy, and overhauling the agency's tools of enforcement to protect taxpayers.

Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS), Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

H.R. 5445 – The 21st Century IRS Act:

The days of using fax machines for official IRS communications are over. With a 21st century tax code, it's time our tax administrator operates as a 21st century agency as well. By enhancing and modernizing the IRS's IT infrastructure, taxpayers' identities and personal financial information will be in safer hands.

Rep. Mike Bishop (R-MI), Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)

H.R. 2901 – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Permanence Act of 2017:

This important legislation makes permanent a federal program that supports free tax preparation assistance for taxpayers making less than \$54,000 or who have limited proficiency in English.

Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

H.R. 5440 – To require notice from the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of any closure of a Taxpayer Assistance Center:

It is important to know if the IRS is taking action to close down Taxpayer Assistance Centers, particularly for constituents who are directly affected by the closure. By requiring the IRS to notify the public 90 days in advance of the closure of a Taxpayer Assistance Center, taxpayers who may be impacted are alerted and can seek alternative means to get help.

Rep. Karen Handel (R-GA), Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ)

H.R. 5438 – To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employees of the IRS and the Department of the Treasury to provide taxpayers information on low-income taxpayer clinics:

No one wants to pay more in taxes than they have to – especially when money is already tight. This common-sense bill helps low-income Americans access valuable services available to help them resolve disputes with the IRS.

Rep. George Holding (R-NC), Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

H.R. 5446 – To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the immediate sale of seized property by Secretary of the Treasury to perishable goods:

The government should not be able to deem seized goods as likely to go bad just to avoid giving the taxpayer due process. We all know that things like bridal gowns, sports memorabilia, and workout equipment are not in danger of going bad anytime soon. This bill ensures that the government cannot sell taxpayers' property without the necessary guardrails in place.

Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA), Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY)

H.R. 5437 – To require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program for the issuance of identity protection personal identification numbers upon request:

Identity Protection Personal Identification Numbers ensure security for taxpayers when filing returns. This bill grants extra protection for any taxpayers seeking it.

Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN), Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)

H.R. 5439 – To provide for a single point of contact at the Internal Revenue Service for taxpayers who are victims of tax-related identity theft:

If taxpayers find themselves victim to identity theft, they shouldn't have to be passed around from employee to employee just to get their issues resolved. This common-sense bill ensures that taxpayers who are victims of identity theft have one point of contact to help them through this all-too-common ripoff.

Rep. Jim Renacci (R-OH), Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

H.R. 5443 – To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require electronic filing of the annual returns of exempt organizations and provide for making such returns available for public inspection:

Transparency is important – especially for our nation's nonprofits. E-filing by nonprofits will reduce costs and improve efficiency while also making it easier to detect when charities fraudulently spend donated money.

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA), Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL)