



September 29, 2016

Dear Friends and Clients,

Please excuse the inconvenience if this comes to you as a duplicate, but we wanted to be sure that this important piece of information reaches all!

We want to alert you to a scam that's currently being sent out by email AND snail mail that looks just like a real IRS letter asking for an immediate payment to a PO Box.

Most scams don't look much like real notices from the IRS, but this one has duplicated the logo and the formatting of real IRS letters, which makes this scam much harder to see though.

ANY DEMAND IMMEDIATE FOR PAYMENT is the first thing that you should watch out for. If Tardy and Co., PC prepares your taxes and you haven't heard anything from us, then you shouldn't be mailing out payments without contacting us first. Call us or email us if you have any questions about any IRS request that you get, please!

Among the specific things wrong with the scam IRS notice, they ask for checks to be made out to "I.R.S." (it should be "United States Treasury") and they ask you to send in the payment even if you want to contest it (the real IRS doesn't actually ask people to do this). The addresses, contact information, and reference numbers are also wrong, but those things are difficult to spot, even for professionals.

Please don't fall for these scammers. We've attached an example of the fake letter to this email so you can see what it looks like if you would like.

Be careful out there!

Tardy & Co., PC





Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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AUSTIN TX 78761-5264

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13151 WOODTREK
HOUSTON TX 77015

Notice CP2000
Tax Year 2015
Notice Date 2016-08-28
Social Security ~~3453-8883~~
To contact us ~~800-829-1040~~
Your Caller ID 330524
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Changes to your 2015 Federal Income Tax Return

Balance due: \$325.00

As a result of examination we have made adjustments to your federal income tax return for the tax year ending 12-2015. As a result, you owe the amount indicated above.

Please pay immediately to avoid additional interest and penalties.

Summary

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance before this change | \$0.00 |
| Increase in tax | \$325.00 |
| Balance due | \$325.00 |

What you need to do

If you agree with the changes we made

- Send us your payment as soon as possible for the total amount due indicated above. Make your check or money order payable to "I.R.S." and mail it to the address indicated on the payment coupon.

If you do not agree with the changes

- You may send us your payment immediately to avoid additional interest and penalties. Please write a short explanation telling us why you disagree and enclose it with your payment. If we determine you did not owe this balance, we will process the refund with your next income tax refund or credit it to any future balance due you may have.
- If we do not hear from you within 30 days of the date of this notice, we will assume you agree with the changes we made.

Explanation

The Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- Starting January 2014, you and your family must either have health insurance coverage throughout the year, qualify for an exemption from coverage, or make a payment when you file your 2014 federal income tax return in 2015. Many people already have qualifying health insurance coverage and do not need to do anything more than maintain that coverage in 2014.
- Qualifying coverage includes coverage provided by your employer, health insurance you purchase in the Health Insurance Marketplace, most government-sponsored coverage, and coverage