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March 19, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

On March 18, 2020, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) issued guidance concerning the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tax filing season. That guidance extended the tax payment deadline until July 15, 2020 and did not extend the April 15th tax filing deadline.

Although Treasury's decision provided welcome relief for the federal income tax payment deadline, I believe that taxpayers require additional relief. As you may be aware, IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers in more than 170 locations are closed to the public, many Volunteer Income Tax Assistance clinics are closed, and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites offering free tax preparation have closed. In light of these closures and other factors, I believe that many taxpayers, and particularly elderly and low-income taxpayers, need additional time to prepare their tax returns. Additionally, I believe that having two separate deadlines—one for filing and one for payment—will potentially create a great deal of confusion for taxpayers accustomed to having only one deadline.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you immediately defer the deadline for all filing and tax payment obligations until July 15, 2020. I also ask that you delay the payment of estimated taxes for the second quarter, otherwise due on June 15, 2020, as these payments should not be required before the first quarter payment date now applicable under the extension.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Richard E. Neal, *Chairman*