



October 14, 2018

The Honorable Neal Dunn
U.S. House of Representatives, FL-2
423 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Matt Gaetz
U.S. House of Representatives, FL-1
507 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Hurricane Michael – October 15, 2018 IRS Filing Deadline

Dear Congressman Dunn and Congressman Gaetz:

Thank you for your leadership in the wake of Hurricane Michael. As you are aware, both state and Federal emergency orders are in effect for most of North Florida, which is nearly half the counties in our state. In addition, **the IRS filing deadline for 2017 tax returns is Monday, October 15, 2018**. Our members are not only assisting their clients in trying to meet this deadline, but many are also trying to recover from the deadly wrath of Hurricane Michael. Many are still awaiting disaster assistance and anticipate additional flooding and recovering in the coming days.

Please accept this letter on behalf of the 19,000 members of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) **requesting you direct the IRS further extend the October 15, 2018 deadline**. Given the fact that Governor Rick Scott has declared a State of Emergency for 35 Florida counties (Executive Order Number 18-277) and President Trump has declared a Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Michael (FEMA-4399-DR), we hope that the IRS will take into consideration this request and extend Monday's deadline to all 35 affected counties and not just Bay, Franklin, Gulf, Taylor and Wakulla counties (IR-2018-199).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Our members, their clients and the citizens of the State of Florida appreciate your efforts. Should you need any additional information, please contact me directly at deborah@ficpa.org, Justin Thames at justin@ficpa.org or Jennifer Green at jennifer@libertypartnersfl.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Curry'.

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cc: Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service
Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate