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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
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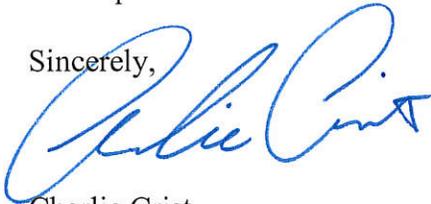
Dear Commissioner Rettig,

I am writing to share growing concerns from my constituents and tax professionals throughout my district surrounding the April 15, 2021 tax filing and payment deadline. Due to the unique challenges and uncertainty created by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and new information from the American Rescue Plan, I believe maintaining the April 15th deadline would not serve taxpayers nor the Internal Revenue Service.

As you are well-aware, there are several impactful tax-related issues that motivate the need to delay the deadline including: (1) delayed start for 2020 filing season, (2) tax uncertainty for first and second round PPP loans, (3) changes to the employee retention credit (ERC), (4) delays and erroneous notices processing 2019 returns, (5) IRS staffing shortfalls and resulting impacts, and (6) changes to tax law from the American Rescue Plan.

For those reasons, I request you delay the deadline for 2020 tax filing until July 15, 2021. This would give taxpayers time to file, understand what the American Rescue Plan means for them, and shield IRS from receiving preventable 1040x revision forms. Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Charlie Crist
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cc: Acting Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy Mark J. Mazur, Department of Treasury