

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515**

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The Honorable J. Russell George  
Inspector General  
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1401 H Street, NW, Suite 469  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Inspector General George,

In June, you reviewed the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) issuance of erroneous notices for the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee).

Today, the National Taxpayer Advocate reports that 11 million notices were computer generated in November but not mailed and, while some of these have been discarded by the IRS, approximately 5 million of those notices will be mailed in December and January. These notices include the notice of tax due and demand for payment.<sup>1</sup>

On June 30, 2020, you addressed the issue of IRS's erroneous notices in a response to the Committee. We respectfully request that the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) provide a similar review of the current notices, including: TIGTA's concerns with respect to the mailing of these notices; the number of notices printed and mailed; and who reviewed and approved these notices. Further, we welcome TIGTA's recommendations for actions that can be taken by the IRS to prevent the issuance of untimely or erroneous notices. A response in early January is requested.

As always, your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
Committee on Ways and Means



Mike Kelly  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
Committee on Ways and Means

<sup>1</sup> [NTA Blog: IRS Notices Delayed \(Again\): Look for Insert With Revised Deadlines for Certain Notices - Taxpayer Advocate Service \(December 22, 2020\).](#)