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NATP, Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition to directly address IRS in live video town hall

Discussion will address CP-80 notices, current IRS backlog, IRS recommendations to provide immediate relief, suggestions for practitioners

APPLETON, Wis. (Feb. 4, 2022) – On Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), as part of the Tax Professionals United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition, will host a livestreamed [town hall](#) to address current challenges taxpayers and tax preparers are facing this tax season. The coalition activity has contributed to the suspension of the sending of CP-80 notices and its efforts continue with appeals to the IRS for an improved quality of service overall to the taxpaying public and those who serve them.

“We have long believed that the lack of funding and modernization of the IRS was a risk,” said NATP Executive Director Scott Artman, CPA, CGMA. “Nothing brought this more to light than trying to navigate the past two tax seasons during a global pandemic. Taxpayers, tax preparers and IRS staff deserve better. We support the coalition’s common-sense solutions for the 2022 tax season, and a long-term priority focus on modernizing the Service to best serve taxpayers.” Halting these notices is a good first step, but the coalition and NATP believe more needs to be done. Other topics that will be discussed during the live discussion include:

- The current IRS backlog and other erroneous notices
- Recommendations that can be immediately implemented to provide relief
- Steps the coalition is taking, including conversations on Capitol Hill, to ensure the recommendations are adopted
- Suggestions for practitioners to navigate a challenged tax administration system

The IRS has an unprecedented number of unprocessed returns and correspondence in comparison to years before the pandemic resulting in the issuance of numerous incorrect and mistargeted notices, liens and levies. Additionally, the IRS is answering a record-low percentage of calls from all hotlines, including the Practitioner Priority Service (PPS) line which prevents the resolution of straightforward issues.

The discussion will end with a question-and-answer session. The town hall, which will be held from 12-1 p.m. CT, Feb. 8, [is open](#) to all tax practitioners as well as members of the media, IRS employees, and members of Congress and their staff.

For more information about the event, or to speak with NATP about the coalition, contact [Nancy Kasten](#) or [Samantha Strong](#).



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About NATP: The National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) is the largest association dedicated to equipping tax professionals with the resources, connections and education they need to provide the highest level of service to their clients. 23,000 members rely on NATP to deliver professional connections, content expertise and advocacy that provides them with the support they need to best serve their clients. The NATP headquarters is located in Appleton, WI. To learn more, visit www.natptax.com.

About the Tax Practitioners United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition: The Tax Practitioners United for Taxpayer Relief Coalition is an unprecedented, diverse group of stakeholders from the tax practitioner community including those representing Latinos, African Americans, small businesses and low-income taxpayers. The Coalition was formed in response to current issues with the IRS's quality of service for taxpayers and tax practitioners and provide recommendations to address these issues.