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Mr. Kenneth Hemmerle II
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Dear Mr. Hemmerle:

Because of your earlier concerns regarding tax-related identity theft, I thought you would be interested to learn of recent events in this regard.

Too many of the people that I have the privilege to represent in Pinellas County have fallen victim to this crime. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) should do everything in its power to prevent this crime and quickly assist victims. Often, identity theft victims are faced with significant delays in receiving their tax refunds.

You will be pleased to learn that last April I wrote to then IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman, to call on him to address the growing problem of identity theft. I asked the Commissioner to respond to me about the actions the IRS has taken to combat fraud, how the IRS can better utilize its resources to deal with identity theft, how we can ensure that victims receive their proper refunds in a timely manner, and how the IRS can better collaborate with law enforcement to identify and prosecute identity thieves. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of this letter and the IRS's response for your review.

As always, I greatly appreciate knowing of your support for my efforts on this important matter of mutual concern. Tax-related identity theft is an issue that deserves careful scrutiny by the Congress and you can be sure that I will continue to keep you apprised of any new developments that occur. With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



C. W. Bill Young
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