From Our Constituent Services Desk...

Tax season officially opens January 23, 2023, with the <u>Internal Revenue Service (IRS)</u> accepting and processing federal returns. To help avoid identity theft, it's best to file as early as possible. The IRS is encouraging individuals to file electronically.

You can receive FREE help in preparing and filing your taxes. According to the agency's January 17, 2023 press release, many are now eligible to take part in the Internal Revenue Service's Free File Guided Tax Preparation service.

"<u>IRS Free File</u> marks its 21st filing season this year and is one of many free options available to taxpayers for filing their taxes either online or in person. IRS Free File is offered via a public-private partnership between the IRS and the Free File Inc., formerly the Free File Alliance. Through this partnership, leading tax software providers make their online products available in both English and Spanish for free."

"Seven partners will provide IRS Free File online products this year to any taxpayer or family who earned \$73,000 or less in 2022."

"Those who make over \$73,000 can use the IRS's Free File Fillable Forms (FFFF), the electronic version of IRS paper forms beginning Jan. 23. This product is best for people comfortable preparing their own taxes."

The IRS has released the following list of IRS Free File participants for 2023:

- 1. 1040Now
- 2. ezTaxReturn.com
- 3. FileYourTaxes.com
- 4. On-Line Taxes
- 5. TaxAct
- 6. FreeTaxUSA
- 7. TaxSlayer

The IRS encourages everyone to perform a "paycheck checkup" in January of every year to see if you have the correct amount of tax withheld for your personal situation. Click for the <u>Tax Withholding</u> <u>Estimator</u>, a <u>Tax Withholding Estimator FAQs</u> and an <u>FAQ on the 2020 Form W-4</u>.

If you have a specific problem with the Internal Revenue Service, please contact our office at <u>caseworkga11@mail.house.gov</u> or 770-429-1776. We look forward to serving you should you need our assistance.