



September 24, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Re: Support for transition from Filing Information Returns Electronically system to the Information Returns Intake System

Dear Treasury Secretary Bessent:

PayrollOrg supports the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the U.S. Department of the Treasury in transitioning from the Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) system to the Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) by January 2027 – well done and thank you!

About PayrollOrg

PayrollOrg is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical association representing over 20,000 payroll professionals who manage the payroll function for employers of all sizes and industries across the U.S. PayrollOrg is dedicated to advancing the payroll industry through education, advocacy, networking, and collaboration. Our Government Relations Task Force provides payroll professionals with the opportunity to partner with government entities to create efficiencies, open doors to new technologies, and provide opportunities for professional growth.

Explanation of Support for IRIS

In addition to improving electronic information filing systems, the transition process for payroll professionals and their employers exemplifies ideal implementation with stakeholder engagement. The IRS has provided a continuous flow of announcements about the change from FIRE to IRIS, including articles in the IRS Newswire, IRS Tax Tips, and e-News for Payroll Professionals. The IRIS help desk is essential for payroll professionals to obtain answers to questions, especially about the IRIS application process and instructions. The IRIS 101 webinar held in August was extremely useful for payroll professional

participants and PayrollOrg's editorial team, which distributes information to the broader payroll professional community.

With the IRIS, employer interaction with the IRS regarding employment taxes is electronic, efficient, and located in one place. The IRIS is a secure system that enables employers and payroll service providers to use either an application-to-application submission process or manually enter the information, depending on their electronic capabilities and compliance requirements. The Taxpayer Portal allows users to request automatic extensions, download and print recipient copies to distribute to payees, and participate in the Combined Federal/State Filing Program.

PayrollOrg's ongoing partnership with the IRS allows for an understanding of payroll and tax practices for both government employees and payroll professionals. Together, we are working to improve the taxpayer experience.

Again, thank you for engaging with PayrollOrg and improving IRS electronic processes.

Sincerely,



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