



April 21, 2026

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Don Beyer
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member, Ways and Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable David Schweikert
U.S. House of Representatives
166 Cannon House Office Building
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Re: Comments in opposition to H.R. 7971, the Taxpayer Experience Improvement Act

Dear Representatives Smith, Neal, Beyer, and Schweikert:

PayrollOrg appreciates the desire of the U.S. House of Representatives to collect information on how the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is performing its duties for taxpayers. However, adding another significant burden on the IRS by requiring the agency to provide the comprehensive information required in H.R. 7971 without funding and personnel is not appropriate.

Congress should focus on providing the IRS with more predictable funding support to modernize, hire, train new staff, and work with stakeholders to improve technology, processes, and procedures. This is vitally important to payroll professionals, who are directly responsible for withholding and directly depositing more than 70% of the annual revenue collected by the IRS.

About PayrollOrg

PayrollOrg, formerly the American Payroll Association, is a nonprofit and nonpartisan association representing more than 20,000 payroll professionals throughout the United States. PayrollOrg's primary mission is to educate its members and the payroll industry regarding best practices associated with paying America's workers while complying with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

PayrollOrg's Government Relations Task Force works with the government to help payroll professionals complex compliance requirements, while minimizing the administrative burden on government, employers, and individual workers.



Status of IRS Resources

In 2022, Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act, which allocated nearly \$80 billion in funding for the IRS, which enabled the agency to hire phone assisters, move forward with modernization, restructure to create greater efficiency for taxpayers, and work more closely with stakeholders. Since its initial passage, Congress has chipped away at this funding. In 2026, the funding dropped to only \$37.6 billion with roughly \$19.3 billion still available to the IRS. In addition, staffing was cut by 25%, with a 27% drop in tax examiners and a 26% cut in revenue agents — two critical roles for the IRS to comply with congressional instructions. Recent reports show additional staffing reductions approaching 28% overall.

Despite unprecedented turnover in IRS leadership and uncertain current leadership, proposals in Congress would result in even greater cuts to the IRS. Yet, Congress has not reduced any of the burden on the IRS to implement the myriad of enacted tax laws, including the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2026.

Conclusion

PayrollOrg asks Congress to reconsider increased funding for the IRS rather than adding additional responsibility without the necessary resources for implementation.

To discuss these comments further, please contact PayrollOrg at ajacobsohn@payroll.org or 202-669-4001.

Sincerely,



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