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Commissioner Charles P. Rettig  
Internal Revenue Service  
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Commissioner Rettig:

Re: Hurricane Laura Filing Deadlines

The Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA) wishes to take this opportunity to correspond with you concerning the IRS filing deadlines for Parishes affected by Hurricane Laura.

We appreciate the IRS past response and actions in granting filing relief to the Parishes designated by FEMA for Individual Assistance.

Southwest and Central Louisiana have seen unprecedented devastation and damage to property as a consequence of this storm season, and our members in all parts of the state are concerned with obtaining additional filing relief for taxpayers located in the Parishes declared by FEMA eligible for Public Assistance.

We ask for consideration that the Parishes declared eligible by FEMA for Public Assistance be included in the IRS filing relief granted for Individual Assistance. FEMA Louisiana Hurricane Laura DR-4559-LA declared Individual Assistance for the following Parishes: 8/28/2020 Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis; recent updates include Acadia, Grant, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Sabine, Vermilion, Vernon and Winn). The entire state is eligible for Public Assistance. Many areas do not know when power will be restored.

Parishes declared eligible for Public Assistance but not included in Individual Assistance are: Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Lasalle, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Red River, Richland, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll and West Feliciana.


We understand this is not IRS policy per IRM 25.16.1 and SBSE 25-0617-0025. However, this is an extraordinary circumstance with many taxpayers in our area affected.

Louisiana planned for the worst possible impact of Hurricane Laura and taxpayers all over the State made preparations to protect their businesses and loved ones. In the short period since the storm, I have received numerous calls from our members pleading for IRS filing relief due to the disruption to business services the storm caused. These are professionals who are working diligently to ensure that they meet their obligations to their clients and comply with the deadlines before them.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continuing the relationship between IRS and LCPA in providing effective tax administration for the citizens of our state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me directly at 504-904-1123 or through email at [rgitz@lcpa.org](mailto:rgitz@lcpa.org).

Very truly yours,

  
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