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Dear Lenny Goldberg,

Thank you for your presentation at the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing on 12.04.2008.

I am responding to the issue you raised at the hearing recommending a greater working relationship between us and IRS regarding electronic filing to help the IRS catch up with the State.

We agree that it is a good idea for IRS and us to continue to work together to continually support and improve their respective e-file programs. While we have separate e-file programs and some things are different, our e-file program closely mirrors the IRS program. By working together, we strive to make e-file attractive to taxpayers and easy for practitioners to participate. Currently we work with the IRS, other states, and the software industry on the development and implementation of the IRS' Modernized e-file. This collaboration makes the implementation of Modernized e-file smoother for the states and software companies, which makes it easier for tax preparers. California is also actively involved in ETAAC, and will continue this partnership in an effort to assist IRS with the direct e-file program development.

Sincerely,

Steve Sims, EA  
Taxpayers' Rights Advocate

cc: Hon. John Chiang, Chair  
Hon. Betty T. Yee, Member  
Hon. Michael C. Genest, Member