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Dear Mr. Boucher:

I want to thank you for attending FTB's 2006 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing. Below are responses to the issues you raised at the hearing.

Reduce complex tax return filings: Propose legislation to increase the standard deduction and eliminate the personal exemption.

Legislative Services staff will develop a legislative proposal to be considered for approval by our Board.

Why does FTB's Website refer taxpayers who access simple PIT forms to tax professionals for tax preparation?

During our phone conversation of December 5, 2006, you said that the redesign of FTB's Website alleviated this problem. You also asked me about the prospect of FTB advertising the ability for taxpayers to download fillable tax forms from our Website to the taxpayer's personal computer. FTB staff like your idea and will place information about this enhancement on our Website and in filing season press information.

If you have any additional questions or proposals, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

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Taxpayer Advocate

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