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To: CyberTax volunteers (all volunteers with a valid email address in VMIS)

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Subject: CyberTax 2013-01: Tax Legislation affecting the upcoming tax season

As we all have certainly heard, there is new legislation that definitely affects the upcoming season. Much of the news has been focused on the reversion of the Social Security holiday, the increased tax rate for those at \$400,000S/\$450,000MFJ and corporate subsidies. The "Extenders" have been extended mostly for two years. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) changes have been extended and the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) has been permanently patched.

For AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers, this means that our training should have us well prepared. Training Specialists and Instructors can expect a few last minute updates which will be passed on to Counselors before the season begins. Our National Tax Training Committee is working closely with the IRS to update additional training now. The IRS is currently reviewing the details of this week's tax legislation and assessing what impact it will have on this year's filing season. At this time we don't have a lot of information to report except that the IRS products team is in the process now of updating the Publication 4491X. Additionally, the attached document indicates the legislation changes and TaxWise changes that volunteers can expect.

There is some expectation that certain extenders may cause filing delays for taxpayers who have those. The IRS has not released details, but we hope any delay will be minimal. We'll provide more information as it's known.

Expect more information from the IRS, the National Office, and your supervising volunteers. I also hope you join me in looking forward to the upcoming 2013 tax season.

Thank you.

Attachment:

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