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Important information about filing your 2016 federal tax return

We assigned you an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number

Our records show that you either:

- were previously a victim of identity theft, or
- notified IRS that you experienced an incident that could potentially expose you to identity theft, or
- requested an identity protection personal identification number (IP PIN).

We placed an indicator on your account and assigned you an IP PIN. You'll need to use this IP PIN when filing any Forms 1040 during the calendar year beginning in January.

The IP PIN helps verify a return filed with your social security number was filed by you. If you fail to use your assigned IP PIN, we could reject your return or delay the processing of your return.

Your assigned IP PIN is: YOUR #

What you need to do

- Keep this letter in a safe place. You'll need it to prepare your tax return.
- When you file your federal tax return, enter the IP PIN in the correct place:
  - If filing electronically, your tax software or preparer will tell you when and where to enter it.
  - If filing a paper return, enter your IP PIN in the gray box marked "Identity Protection PIN" to the right of "Spouse's signature and occupation." If you're married and filing jointly, only the spouse listed first on the tax return needs to enter his or her IP PIN.
    Note: The second spouse's IP PIN still protects his or her account even though it's not entered on a jointly filed paper return.
- As an IP PIN recipient, you don't need to file a Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, to notify us you are a victim of identity theft.
- If you don't have to file a tax return, you won't need to use your IP PIN. We still protect your account from fraudulent filing

What to Remember about your IP PIN

You must use this IP PIN to confirm your identity on your current tax return and any prior year returns filed during the calendar year. We'll send you a new IP PIN each December by postal mail. Therefore, be sure to file Form 8822, Change of Address, if you change your mailing address.

Keep your number private and don't give it to anyone other than a tax professional filing your tax return. The tax preparer will need to include your IP PIN on your return. Bring this letter with you.

The IP PIN is only used to file your return. It has no other purpose. The 6-digit IP PIN is sometimes confused with the 5-digit e-file PIN; they're not the same or interchangeable.

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