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The Honorable John Koskinen
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20224

Dear Commissioner Koskinen:

I write to request that you extend the deadline for individual and business tax returns and tax payments to March 15, 2017 for residents in Georgia counties affected by Hurricane Matthew and that you provide these residents with any additional tax relief available.

As you may know, Hurricane Matthew brought significant damage throughout many Southeastern Georgia counties. A federal disaster declaration has been issued for six Georgia counties and we expect that declaration to be expanded into the 30 counties included in a disaster declaration by the State of Georgia. While the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are in the process of conducting their necessary joint assessments, I hope you will allow individuals and businesses affected by this devastating storm to focus their efforts on rebuilding their lives rather than meeting these deadlines.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jacob Lew
Secretary of the Treasury
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