Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (152 word count)

Customize and post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles to alert your readers about the online payment agreement tool.

You may qualify for an online payment option – it's fast, easy and secure

Paying your taxes in full and on time avoids unnecessary penalties and interest. But if you can't pay the full amount, you may want to consider requesting a payment agreement.

If you owe \$50,000 or less in individual income taxes and can pay the full amount within 72 months, you can request your payment agreement <u>online</u>. There's no need to call or write the IRS because you make the request directly from your computer. It's easy, and your personal information is safe and secure.

You will know immediately if your request is approved and you can arrange to make your payments hassle free through direct debit. Direct debit means no monthly checks to write and mail, no missed payments that could lead to additional penalties, and less than half the usual application fee!

When you're ready, go to IRS.gov and click "Tools" – then Online Payment Agreement – and follow the three steps below:

Determine your eligibility	Gather your information	Submit your application!
 You owe \$50,000 or less in combined tax, penalties and interest You have filed all required tax returns 	 Social Security number or Individual Tax ID number Date of birth Caller ID number, shown at the top of your recent notice PIN if you have one or you can create a PIN in the application Bank address Employer address Highest amount you can pay per month and the day you can pay it Have your tax return handy to verify information 	 Apply for a payment agreement Receive immediate notification of approval