

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers and/or taxpayers

Customize and provide the following article to your customers to let them know about the changes the IRS is implementing to help them get a fresh start and avoid unnecessary tax burdens.

Stop struggling and *get a fresh start!* Help is available with paying your back taxes and avoiding financial hardship.

If you're struggling to pay the federal taxes you owe, the IRS wants to help you *get a fresh start* with paying your back taxes and avoiding a tax lien.

The IRS created new policies and programs to help individuals and small businesses stay current on their taxes, without adding to their financial burden. These policies and programs include:

- significantly increasing the dollar threshold when liens are generally issued, resulting in fewer tax liens;
- making it easier for people to obtain lien withdrawals after paying a tax bill;
- withdrawing liens in most cases where someone enters into a Direct Debit Installment Agreement;
- creating easier access to installment agreements for more struggling small businesses; and
- expanding a streamlined offer-in-compromise program to cover more taxpayers.

“We are making fundamental changes to our lien system and other collection tools that will help taxpayers and give them a fresh start,” IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said in a recently issued IRS news release. “These steps are good for people facing tough times, and they reflect a responsible approach for the tax system.”

To learn more about these important changes, read the news release [*IRS Announces New Effort to Help Struggling Taxpayers Get a Fresh Start; Major Changes Made to Lien Process.*](#)