

## Statement from Iowa Department of Revenue

Good Afternoon,

From my perspective as a state tax administrator, the work of the Security Summit is a paradigm shift. Thanks to you, Mr. Commissioner, and to your team for spearheading this effort.

The collaborative work of the Summit is helping states, industry and the IRS identify fraudulent schemes and returns earlier - which means we are better able to protect our taxpayers from tax refund fraud and from the effects of identity theft.

The tax ecosystem is only as strong as its weakest link, and the criminals are continuously working to locate and exploit any point of weakness. That's why the work of the Summit is so important. The Summit participants are able to share strengths to benefit to whole, making it harder for criminals to find vulnerabilities.

As state tax administrators, we all work to provide efficient and effective tax administration in a way that results in the least burden on our taxpayers. Participating in the Security Summit is one way that we work to achieve that goal.

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