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Internal Revenue Service

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Contact telephone number:

1-866-225-2009

Refer reply to:

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Incident number:

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Dear Taxpayer:

Why we're sending you this letter

The Internal Revenue Service places the utmost priority on safeguarding personal information and has strict policies and extensive computer security protocols in place to protect your privacy. We learned that criminal actors attempted entrance to the IRS *Get Transcript* application at IRS.gov, on or before May 25, 2015. At that time, access to that online system was shut down. However, the actors attempted to view your tax information using your personal information, including Social Security number (SSN), which they obtained from a source outside the IRS. If you're, in fact, the individual who attempted your tax transcript access, you can disregard this letter.

The use of your SSN in this instance wasn't successful, and our records indicate that a transcript of your account wasn't disclosed. This incident hasn't affected your tax return or tax account. However, because the attempt indicates that the third party who attempted to secure your tax information may have your personal information, you should take the appropriate steps to protect yourself from any potential effects of identity theft.

What you should do

Again, the attempt to obtain a transcript was unsuccessful and there's no known impact to your tax return or tax account because of this incident.

You should also monitor your credit reports and any financial accounts for further signs of misuse of your personal information. As a precaution, you may want to contact one of the three major credit bureaus to have a fraud alert placed on your account. You only need to contact one of the credit bureaus, as the one you contact must contact the other two.

The three major credit bureaus are:

Equifax: tel: 1-888-766-0008
website: www.equifax.com
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 740256
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian: tel: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
website: www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion: tel: 1-800-680-7289
website: www.transunion.com
Mailing address:
Fraud Victim Assistance Division
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022-2000

You may also want to review your earnings with the Social Security Administration to ensure its records are correct. You can review earnings posted to your record on your Social Security statement, available online to workers age 18 and older. To get your statement, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement and create an account.

For additional information about identity theft and actions you can take to protect yourself, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.ftc.gov/idtheft. You can also find information at www.irs.gov (search for "identity theft" and "phishing").

If you have questions about identity theft, you can visit www.irs.gov/identitytheft. To speak to us about this letter, call 1-866-225-2009, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST.

Sincerely,

Frances W. Kleckley, Director
Privacy Policy and Compliance