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Treasury and IRS Announce Tax Filing Relief to DHS Personnel

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Support for DHS Employees and their Families Unfairly Impacted by Ongoing Shutdown

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in coordination with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), announced tax filing relief to affected personnel at the Department of Homeland Security experiencing unfair financial burdens and administrative challenges due to the ongoing shutdown.

"The continued shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security has created unnecessary disruptions, placing an unfair burden on DHS personnel and their families. As they continue to show up under extraordinary circumstances without receiving a paycheck, Treasury and the IRS will provide affected DHS employees with a 30-day automatic extension for this tax filing season with penalty and interest relief," **said Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent**. "We are committed to supporting our hard-working DHS officers and employees so they can stay focused on their mission and keep the American people safe without being penalized for missing a tax filing deadline."

DHS personnel impacted by the continued shutdown will receive an automatic 30-day extension for this tax filing season to provide additional time to file returns and remit any taxes owed without penalty.

The new deadline will be extended to May 15, 2026, for affected DHS personnel. This extension includes penalty and interest relief.