Beware of fraudulent notices . . .



We have been made aware that there is a new scam whereby fraudulent CP2000 notices are being sent to taxpayers. The amount requested will not be a very substantial dollar amount. Though these notices appear legitimate, there are a few ways to tell that this is a phishing scheme:

- 1. The notice instructs the taxpayer to make a payment to "I.R.S." instead of "United States Treasury".
- 2. The return address is a fake IRS processing center address in Austin, TX. All IRS-related addresses are verifiable on their website (www.irs.gov).

As with *any* tax-related correspondence, please send these notices to us for our review prior to responding and especially prior to making a payment. We are here to help you!

We would also like to remind you that the IRS rarely, if ever, calls taxpayers directly. Should you receive a call from someone purporting to be from the IRS who is threatening you with legal action, requesting tax payments, etc. etc., you should immediately hang up the phone. Please also **NEVER give identifying personal information over the phone to someone claiming to be with the IRS. If the IRS really wants to contact you, they will do it the old-fashioned way: by sending a letter.**

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