

## CASTLE REACHES OUT TO DELAWAREANS OWED IRS STIMULUS CHECKS -- July 29, 2008

18,000 in Delaware are eligible but have not yet filed

Wilmington, DE - U.S. Representative Mike Castle (R-DE) announced today that, according to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), almost 18,000 Delawareans who are enrolled in Social Security or receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration of at least \$3,000 annually qualify to receive a stimulus rebate check but have not filed the necessary form. The filers are likely eligible to receive \$300 -- or totals up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for joint filers -- in the form of a tax rebate from the IRS.

"Congress and the President passed legislation to return taxpayer dollars in order to generate local economic activity and reduce some strain on family budgets. Many Delawareans are eligible for a rebate from the IRS, including many who normally do not file income tax forms, such as Social Security and Veterans Administration beneficiaries. These individuals are uniquely qualified this year for a stimulus payment because their benefits place them within the qualifying income requirement. But to obtain their stimulus payment, they must file a 2007 federal income tax return by October 15th of this year, even if they have zero income to report for the year, in order to join the list of Delawareans who will receive an economic stimulus payment," said Rep. Castle. "My office and I are working to raise awareness among those beneficiaries and encourage people to submit the short 1040A form to the IRS."

To determine eligibility for a stimulus payment and receive instructions for qualifying, citizens may contact the IRS Economic Stimulus Rebate Hotline at 1-866-234-2942, the IRS Refund Hotline at 1-800-829-1954, or the Individual Tax Help Hotline at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS Taxpayer Advocate may also be helpful at 1-877-275-8271. The IRS also operates taxpayer assistance centers throughout the country, including three sites in Delaware (Wilmington, Dover, and Georgetown.) To find the address and contact information of the site nearest you, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Also, visit [www.tax-toolkit.com](http://www.tax-toolkit.com) or other helpful tips. Additionally, individuals who have no legal requirement to file a tax return but must do so to receive an economic stimulus payment are eligible to use the IRS Free File program.

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