

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 22, 2015

The Honorable John Koskinen
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Commissioner Koskinen,

We request an update on the efforts to implement the Health Coverage Tax Credit's (HCTC) Advance Payment Program, which the President signed into law on June 29, 2015.

As you know, the HCTC helps make healthcare affordable for those receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits or for 55-64 year old Americans whose pensions were terminated and are being administered by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. The HCTC passed with strong bipartisan support in both chambers and is incredibly important to thousands of American families.

These families that depend on the HCTC will be disappointed if the IRS delays in implementing the Advance Payment Program until mid-2016. Given the complexities of family medical bills and annual insurance enrollment periods, this relaxed timing is causing great concern for Americans waiting for this critical support. We urge the IRS to do everything in its power to rapidly implement the HCTC Advance Payment Program and give eligible American families the support that they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman
U.S. Senator



Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress