

The Honorable (name)
(address)
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman (name):

I am writing in support of **H.R. 1865 which amends Title 31 of the United States Code to allow certain local tax debt to be collected through the reduction of federal tax refunds**, now pending in the House of Representatives. This important legislation would implement a pilot project authorizing local governments to participate in the Federal Treasury Offset Program, and enable local governments to satisfy local tax obligations from federal tax refunds.

Currently, the Department of the Treasury offsets tax refunds against federal government debts, as well as for past-due child support and for state income tax obligations. This proposed legislation would provide for a pilot project allowing some local governments to seek the collection of past due legally enforceable tax obligations against a taxpayer's federal tax refund.

This concept has been approved and endorsed by the Association of Public Treasurers, the Government Finance Officers Association and the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers.

In a time of increased budget pressures and falling revenues, it is imperative that governments collect the taxes they are due. This legislation would provide a means to collect such taxes from refunds issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and would help equalize the tax burden for those citizens that pay their fair share.

Our office has estimated that involvement in the Federal Tax Offset Program could potentially collect _____ dollars in annual revenue that would otherwise remain uncollected. I urge you to support H.R. 1865.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this important initiative.

Sincerely,

(Your name)