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Simple Steps to Get Your Check

ALMOST ALL COLORADO SENIORS QUALIFY FOR A STIMULUS CHECK OF AT LEAST \$300:

In early February, Congress passed a stimulus package to boost the economy and provide a helping hand to those who need it most—Colorado's working families, seniors, and disabled veterans. *Individuals who already file a federal tax return do not need to take any further steps to receive their rebate.* <u>HOWEVER</u>, seniors on a limited income who normally do not file a tax return must fill out the two-page 1040A form (pictured below) to receive their check from the IRS.

THE STEPS ARE SIMPLE:

- 1. Write the words "Stimulus Payment" across the top of a 1040A form.
- 2. Fill out the label section with your name, address, and Social Security number.
- **3.** Just below, check the appropriate box for filing status (single, married, etc.).
- **4.** In box 14a, fill out your actual or estimated Social Security income for 2007.
- **5.** For direct deposit of the rebate into your bank account, fill out lines 44 b, c, and d.
- 6. Sign the return and mail to: Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service
 Fresno, CA 93888-0015

For additional information and/or to download a 1040A tax form, visit the IRS web site at *www.irs.gov* or call the IRS tax assistance line at 1-800-906-9887.



TAX REBATE FRAUD ALERT

There are reports of individuals posing as IRS agents on the phone and via e-mail seeking personal and financial information. By exercising a little caution, you can protect yourself from scams and fraud.

- YOU will determine how you want to receive your check from the IRS by filling out the 1040A or other
 applicable tax form.
- <u>DO NOT</u> give out any personal or financial information over the phone or via e-mail if someone inquires about your IRS check.
- **NO ONE** from the IRS will be calling you or e-mailing you for information. The only way to receive your money is by filing with the IRS.

FOR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ONE OF MARILYN'S OFFICES:

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Fort Morgan Office (970) 867-4414

Washington, DC Office (202) 225-4676

DEADLINE TO FILE FOR STIMULUS CHECK

If you have not already filed a regular tax return this year, you should file ASAP. The absolute deadline to file is October 15, 2008.