

Dear Friends,

With tax day fast approaching, I wanted to let you know about a free tax filing service available to those making \$57,000 or less annually.

Free File is a public-private partnership between the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and commercial tax software companies. Those with incomes of \$57,000 or less are eligible to use *Free File's* easy filing software. And anyone can use *Free File's* online fillable forms at no cost. Nearly 36 million Americans have already used *Free File*, according to the IRS.

Free File's software can be accessed on the IRS website at <u>www.freefile.irs.gov</u>. You can also find the link on my website (<u>www.welch.house.gov</u>) and Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/PeterWelch</u>).

Additionally, Vermonters making less than \$51,000 annually may be eligible to receive free help preparing their state and federal returns through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). And Vermonters aged 60 and older may qualify for help under the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program (TCE). For information on how to access these programs, Vermonters can call 1-800-906-9887 (VITA) and 1-888-227-7669 (TCE). Additional information on both services can be found <u>HERE</u>.

As always, please do not hesistate to contact my office with any questions at 1-888-605-7270.

Sincerely,

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