

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 5, 2003

The Honorable Michael Griffin  
Supervisor  
Town of Patterson  
1142 Rte 311, Box 470  
Patterson, NY 12563

Dear Supervisor Griffin:

All too often our constituents express their displeasure about the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) keeping too much of their money. Well, I am writing to you to let you know that the IRS is looking to return money to over 12,000 New Yorkers - some of whom may live in your district. The IRS is currently holding on to over \$8.5 million in refunds owed to taxpayers throughout New York State. New Yorkers in every county, approximately 12,000 in total, are owed money from the IRS. The purpose of this letter is to ask you to help in distributing this information to the members of your community.

According to the IRS, over 12,000 New Yorkers are owed refunds averaging \$705, with some as high as \$25,000. The checks are either unclaimed income tax refunds or advance child tax credit checks, most of which were not claimed because the taxpayer did not file a specific change of address form (FORM 8822) with the IRS. Postal Service regulations require that government checks be returned when taxpayers move or remarry and do no have their checks addressed in their new names - even if they have filed a change of address form with the Post Office.

To make it easier for New Yorkers to find out if they are owed money, I have posted the list of unclaimed/undeliverable tax refunds on my website, [www.schumer.senate.gov](http://www.schumer.senate.gov). Please direct them to the first link under the yellow "Top Issues" box. The website will allow New Yorkers to see if they are on the list and explains how to obtain their refund. For privacy reasons, the amount of each refund is not listed, just the name of the person, city and zip code of the area in which the return was filed. For taxpayers who do not have access to the Internet, I urge them to contact my New York City office at (212) 486-4430 for assistance. Taxpayers who are owed money, may claim it by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

I hope this information will be of use to you. Thank you for your unrelenting support of your community and our state. I look forward to continuing to work with you and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me about this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICE:

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