

**JOINT LETTER FROM  
THE FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS &  
THE FLORIDA BAR TAX SECTION**

October 12, 2018

The Honorable Bill Nelson (D-FL)  
United States Senate  
716 Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
United States Senate  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Hurricane Michael - IRS Filing Deadline**

Dear Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio:

Thank you for your leadership in the wake of Hurricane Michael. As you are aware, both state and Federal emergency orders are in effect for most of North and coastal Florida, which is nearly half the counties in our state.

The IRS filing deadline for 2017 returns is Monday, October 15, 2018. Our collective members are not only assisting their clients in trying to meet this deadline, but many are also trying to recover from the deadly wrath of Hurricane Michael. Many are still awaiting disaster assistance and anticipate additional flooding in the coming days.

Please accept this letter on behalf of the 19,000 members of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) and more than 2,000 members of the Florida Bar Tax Section **requesting you direct the IRS move the October 15, 2018 deadline.** Given the fact that Governor Rick Scott has declared a State of Emergency for 35 Florida counties (Executive Order Number 18-277) and President Trump has declared a Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Michael (FEMA-4399-DR), we hope that the IRS will take into consideration this request and quickly extend Monday's deadline.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Our collective members, their clients and the citizens of the State of Florida appreciate your efforts. Should you need any additional information, please contact us directly via email or phone.

Sincerely,



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