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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Re: HB 2157 Relating to a method of communication for certified public accountants to contact the Department of Revenue regarding tax laws

Representative Smith: "HB 2157 requires the Department of Revenue to establish a program to give tax practitioners direct access to assistance from the Department on personal income tax questions.

This program mirrors a similar program at the Internal Revenue Service, which recognizes the important role practitioners play in our tax system. Under this program, tax practitioners will be able to work directly - by telephone or email - with dedicated, trained Department of Revenue staff to get issues resolved more quickly and efficiently.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 2157 be amended by the -3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."