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NO REFUNDS FOR YOU

"Just give me the money. That's what I want." Blues Brothers

In recent years, the IRS has steadfastly attempted to project a more warm and fuzzy demeanor. "We understand" - "We feel your pain" - "We'll look into the matter and get right back to you."

E-Filing elevated taxpayer-IRS relations to an entirely new platform and the IRS announced a goal of electronically transmitting taxpayer refunds within two weeks of receipt of the e-filed returns. And indeed, most taxpayers in fact have enjoyed the luxury of swifter refunds.

But not the so-called "wealthy".

To an unprecedented degree, taxpayers claiming large Federal tax refunds have been categorically denied swift due process of cash receipt. And the stated rationales for the delayed processing are as varied as the stars in the heavens.

"We never received your return." "The Form 1099 was never reported to this office." "We are processing your request and will respond in the next 60 days" - followed by silence. In plain fact, the excuses are so lame - one could easily conclude officials of the government are simply lying.

One client had to contact his Congressman to get action on his absolutely legitimate refund request.

Is the government broke - or is somethin' else happenin' here?

And Ohio is benefitting from its piggy-back of the Feds delay - since the State will not even begin to process its own refund claims until the Feds have honored their own obligations.

Legitimate refund claims will eventually be funded, but recognize the fact the path to payment is paved with delays. If trapped in this tax purgatory - honestly a call to your local Congressman may be quite appropriate and wise.

Just a sign o' the times - I guess.

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