

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

September 30, 2013

Honorable Ben Barnes Office of Policy and Management 450 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Barnes:

As requested, the following impact is expected in the event of a federal government shutdown:

- . Federal, regional and local IRS employees will be furloughed for the duration.
- . IRS Secure Data Transfer (SDT) will remain operational but subject to delays to the extent that staff are not available to process file transfers or remedy systems issues.
- DRS reliance on IRS for Modernized E-File (MeF) system that supports federal and state individual, partnership and corporate tax filing will remain operational but subject to delays.
- Federal refund (including EITC) and offset data files required by DRS may be delayed.
- Furloughed federal employees (including military) will impact income tax withholding collections while delays in federal contract payments impact sales tax collections.

DRS estimates that approximately 35,000 tax returns will be MeF-filed through the extended federal due date of October 15, 2013.

The impact of a relatively short shutdown should be minimal for state tax collection purposes. Any extended shutdown is more problematic.

Sincerely,

Kevin B. Sullivan Commissioner