



AMERICAN COALITION FOR  
TAXPAYER RIGHTS

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The Honorable Rudy Yakym  
U.S. House of Representatives  
349 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brad Schneider  
U.S. House of Representatives  
300 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Yakym and Schneider:

On behalf of the American Coalition for Taxpayer Rights (ACTR)<sup>1</sup>, the national trade association for America's leading retail tax preparation and tax software companies, I am writing today to express our members' strong support for the bipartisan BARCODE Efficiency Act (H.R. 6956) that you have introduced, and to urge Members on both sides of the aisle to support this important legislation.

ACTR members assist in the preparation and filing of approximately 110 million of the more than 160 million individual federal income tax returns each year, and we work very closely with the Internal Revenue Service in doing so. We strongly support the goal of your bill: to move the IRS away from manual data transmission toward automated data intake via scanning.

We commend you for adopting technical revisions that better align the legislation with current IRS practices, industry standards, and the practical realities of implementing new requirements. Specifically, the technical revisions continue to reflect your goal of facilitating digital data capture, while not locking the IRS or industry into a specific technology that may not be optimal or enduring. The IRS, for example, has deliberately moved away from 2D barcodes after extensive analysis and input from state partners, shifting instead to Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and Intelligent Character Recognition (ICR) because of its accuracy, flexibility, and ease of integration.

Making this bill technology neutral and aligning it with current systems will help future-proof its requirements and reduce unnecessary implementation barriers, especially in the age of AI and the

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<sup>1</sup> ACTR members include H&R Block; Intuit, Inc.; Jackson Hewitt Tax Services; Liberty Tax; OnLine Taxes; Pathward; Republic Bank and Trust; TaxHawk; Tax Products Group; TaxSlayer; TaxWell; and Wolters Kluwer.

IRS's paperless initiative. On behalf of ACTR members, thank you again for your leadership and efforts in moving this important legislation toward passage and enactment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ransom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

David Ransom  
Counsel  
American Coalition for Taxpayer Rights (ACTR)

cc: Members of Congress  
The Honorable Frank Bisignano, IRS Chief Executive Officer  
Erin Collins, National Taxpayer Advocate