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March 18, 2020

Honorable Greg Rothman
PA House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Rothman,

Thank you for your inquiry and letter dated March 16th, concerning current Pennsylvania tax filing deadlines. I appreciate your concerns on this very important issue. Specifically, you requested that the department strongly consider extending the April 15th tax deadline to June 15th to alleviate unnecessary administrative burdens on taxpayers as caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and certain business closures across the Commonwealth.

As you are aware, the Governor closed state government offices beginning on March 17th, but has charged agencies to continue operations safely and securely during this time of crisis to the greatest extent possible. Under Pennsylvania law, the due date for filing personal income tax returns and the payment of personal income tax are the same as federal income tax due date. 72 P.S. §7330; 61 Pa. Code §121.17. As a result, we have been waiting to receive clear guidance from the Internal Revenue Service.

With that said, yesterday U.S. Treasury Secretary Mnuchin announced at a press conference a 90-day extension on payments due to the Federal government, penalty and interest free. However, it is not yet clear whether this action will extend the filing deadline of April 15th, since the media is giving conflicting accounts. While the department is working to confirm the Federal guidance, we are also closely working with Governor Wolf in reviewing what actions the commonwealth can take under the disaster proclamation. Understanding these are challenging times for not only Pennsylvanians but all Americans, the department is working expeditiously to provide further guidance to the public.

Thank you again for your inquiry and if you wish to discuss these matters further, please contact this Office by email at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Daniel Hassell".

C. Daniel Hassell
Secretary of Revenue