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Need for Tax Relief Grows as IRS Increases Liens in Bad Economy

With its enforcement budget of \$5.5 billion this year alone, the IRS is sending a wake-up call to tax debtors large and small, filing nearly 1.1 million [tax liens](#) in the 2010 budget year.

Encino, CA— According to a government watchdog, the Internal Revenue Service is tormenting struggling taxpayers in the midst of a slow economic rebound by increasing the number of liens the agency has filed against people who [owe back taxes](#). As the Associated Press has reported, the IRS filed nearly 1.1 million tax liens in the 2010 budget year, up 14 percent from the previous year—and tax liens are automatically filed if the tax debt exceeds \$5,000, unless a collections supervisor approves a delay in filing.

A tax lien is a lien imposed by the IRS on a taxpayer's property to secure the payment of the taxes due. The amount of the lien will include not only the back taxes owed but interest and penalties and any additional amount the IRS deems it is due.

"Tax liens are essentially punishments for consumers who have fallen behind on their taxes," says Michael Rozbruch, founder and CEO of Tax Resolution Services, Co. (TRS), a leading national [tax relief firm](#). "While it is unlikely that the IRS can actually collect on unpaid back taxes with a lien, it is a wake-up call to taxpayers who are delinquent in filing a return, paying the back taxes, or both."

"Resolving back tax issues before that notice of tax lien arrives is essential" states Rozbruch, and the first step he recommends is consulting with a Certified Tax Resolution Specialist or [expert tax attorney](#) who is best positioned to evaluate a particular taxpayer's case and see if he or she qualifies for IRS programs such as the installment agreement plan or [Offer in Compromise](#) program to settle tax debt once and for all.

"A tax lien, even if ultimately uncollected, is a bruising penalty that can inflict a great deal of harm to a person if he or she seeks employment or applies for credit," Rozbruch said. "The IRS has made it clear that the time to [resolve tax delinquencies](#) is now, before the postman can deliver the bad news."

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