

IRS**News Release****Media Relations Office****Alabama-Tennessee Territory****Tel. 615-250-5951****For Release: 6/7/01****Release No: NAS-01-19A****ALABAMIANS TO GET OVER 1.2 MILLION ADVANCE PAYMENT CHECKS;
IRS TO INFORM TAXPAYERS OF AMOUNT BY MID-JULY**

BIRMINGHAM -- The Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department will begin sending out advance payments later this summer under a new tax law passed by Congress and signed today by President Bush.

The first checks will go out the week of July 23, and most of the mailings will be completed by the end of September. The IRS estimates that 1,265,000 checks totaling \$545 million will be mailed to Alabama taxpayers. The estimate is based on the fact that Alabama taxpayers filed approximately 1,856,000 returns for tax year 1999.

Single taxpayers (and married filing separately) who paid federal income taxes for 2000 could receive up to \$300. Heads of households could get up to \$500, and married couples could receive up to \$600. Anyone who could have been claimed as a dependent on another person's 2000 tax return is not eligible for a check.

Taxpayers will learn by mid-July how much they will receive. The IRS will send taxpayers a letter describing the check amount and the week it will be sent. The agency will also send a letter of explanation for taxpayers not eligible for the advance payment.

IRS spokesman Dan Boone emphasized that taxpayers don't need to call, fill out special forms or do anything else to receive the check.

"All you'll have to do is open your mailbox," Boone said. "You don't need to do anything special to get a check."

Generally, the last two digits of the taxpayer's Social Security number will determine when the checks are mailed, so people may get a check at different times than neighbors or even other family members.

(more)

The IRS reminds taxpayers of several key points on the payments:

- Taxpayers don't need to do anything to receive the checks.
- Taxpayers should keep a copy of the letter sent in advance of the check for their records.
- Individuals who have not yet filed a tax return for 2000 will not get any advance payment check until the IRS processes that return.
- Taxpayers who have moved should file a change of address form with the U.S. Postal Service to ensure the checks go to the correct address.

Check Distribution Schedule

| Week | If the last 2 digits of your SSN are between: | You should receive your check the week of: |
|------|---|--|
| 1 | 00 – 09 | July 23 |
| 2 | 10 – 19 | July 30 |
| 3 | 20 – 29 | August 6 |
| 4 | 30 – 39 | August 13 |
| 5 | 40 – 49 | August 20 |
| 6 | 50 – 59 | August 27 |
| 7 | 60 – 69 | September 3 |
| 8 | 70 – 79 | September 10 |
| 9 | 80 – 89 | September 17 |
| 10 | 90 – 99 | September 24 |

For married taxpayers who filed a joint return, the first Social Security number on the return determines the mailing date for the advance payment.

X X X