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## **Trump Treasury Nominee Confirms IRS Direct File Remains Available for 2025**

*The Coalition for Free and Fair Filing is celebrating the decision to preserve IRS Direct File, making tax filing faster and easier than ever for tens of millions of Americans*

**WASHINGTON** – In his Senate Finance confirmation hearing today to become the Treasury Secretary, Scott Bessent confirmed that the free IRS Direct File tool will be available as planned to more than 32 million tax filers across 25 states for the 2025 tax filing season.

In response to a question from Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), [Bessent said](#), “I will commit that for this tax season, Direct File will be operative.”

[The Coalition for Free and Fair Filing](#) released the following statement:

“Direct File is a common-sense, good government measure that has already saved American taxpayers significant time and money. After a wildly popular pilot year, it’s no surprise that the Treasury Department nominee wants to preserve the tool. With tax filing season just around the corner, millions of Americans are breathing a sigh of relief that they will still have access to this transformational tool.”

Following an overwhelmingly successful 2024 pilot, the IRS made Direct File a permanent option for filing federal tax returns starting this tax season. Ninety percent of users rated their experience “Excellent” or “Above average,” and the over 140,000 pilot users [saved \\$5.6 million](#) in tax preparation fees. This year, in addition to expanding to half of U.S. states, the tool will also cover many new tax situations, and offer prepopulated W-2 forms, which is a huge step toward making tax filing nearly automatic.

If you are interested in speaking further about Direct File with a member of the Coalition For Free And Fair Filing, including **Adam Ruben, Vice President of Campaigns and Political Strategy at Economic Security Project**, **Lindsay Owens, Executive Director at Groundwork Action**, **Courtney O’Reilly, Associate Program Director, Tax Benefits at Code for America**, and **Susan Harley, Managing Director for Public Citizen’s Congress Watch division**, please contact Jenna Severson at [jenna@economicsecurityproject.org](mailto:jenna@economicsecurityproject.org) or Manisha Sunil at [manisha@groundworkaction.org](mailto:manisha@groundworkaction.org).

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[The Coalition for Free and Fair Filing](#) supports the Internal Revenue Service’s efforts to create a free online direct tax filing tool. The group’s mission is to ensure all U.S. taxpayers can easily file

*tax returns and get the tax credits they deserve by safeguarding and expanding the IRS Direct File program. The coalition is composed of organizations committed to racial and economic justice, consumer protection, the advancement of civic technology and the promotion of equity in tax administration.*