

Warnock Leads Bipartisan Bill to Protect Georgia Taxpayers

Today, Senator Reverend Warnock introduced the bipartisan [Taxpayer Notification and Privacy Act](#) to provide Georgia taxpayers more transparency and protections from the IRS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA) and John Barrasso (R-WY), both members of the Senate Finance Committee, introduced the [Taxpayer Notification and Privacy Act](#). The bipartisan [legislation](#) gives additional protection to taxpayers by providing more transparency from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Current law requires the IRS to notify taxpayers before contacting third parties – such as banks or employers – when investigating whether or not a person owes taxes, but does not require the IRS to disclose to taxpayers what specific information they are seeking. The Warnock-Barrasso legislation would require the IRS to disclose exactly what information it is seeking from third parties and give taxpayers 45 days to provide that information directly to the IRS themselves.

“I’m always focused on securing stronger consumer protections for Georgians,” said Senator Reverend Warnock. *“I’m proud to partner with Senator Barrasso to ensure the IRS is transparent with taxpayers and that my constituents have the tools to protect their reputations.”*

“Wyoming taxpayers shouldn’t have to worry about the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) soliciting personal financial information behind their backs. They deserve to have the option to provide this sensitive information to the IRS directly,” said Senator Barrasso. *“By providing that opportunity, our bipartisan bill will safeguard the reputation of taxpayers and small business owners across the country. It will also force the IRS to be as transparent as possible when it comes to the privacy of hardworking Americans.”*

Background:

The Taxpayer Notification and Privacy Act:

- Requires the IRS to tell taxpayers what information it plans to request from third parties and identify which parties it intends to contact.
- Mandates the IRS allows taxpayers 45 days to provide information directly, rather than through a third-party outlet.
- Provides taxpayers an opportunity to supply the requested information directly from their own records, protecting taxpayers’ reputation and eliminating the need for many third-party contacts entirely.

Full text of the legislation can be found [here](#).

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Title and affiliation are provided for identification purposes only. A pastor and social justice advocate, Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock was elected to the United States Senate in 2021 and reelected for a full term in 2022. The Senator serves on the Senate Agriculture, Banking, and Finance committees, as well as the Senate Aging Committee.