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The Honorable Scott Bessent
Acting Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20222

September 4, 2025

Dear Secretary Bessent:

I am writing regarding the planned closure of the IRS office located at 242 W. Nyack Road, West Nyack, New York, when the lease for this facility is set to expire in November 2025, as part of the relocation of services as part of the Department of Government Efficiency Cost Efficiency Initiative. While I understand the directive under Executive Order 14222 to reduce unnecessary costs and streamline federal operations, I am deeply concerned about the impact this decision will have on the taxpayers of Rockland County and the surrounding region.

As my office was recently informed by the IRS, the agency currently occupies approximately 5,000 square feet at this site. There is still one IRS employee working in the building, in addition to the Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC) that has been unstaffed since November 2024, when the sole TAC employee transitioned to a new position. Despite the TAC's lack of staffing, there were nearly one thousand (950) in-person taxpayer visits to the West Nyack office in Fiscal Year 2024.

Closing this office without providing a suitable replacement will impose an undue burden on my constituents, many of whom rely on in-person services to resolve complex tax issues. Forcing them to travel farther distances—often without reliable access to transportation—adds unnecessary barriers to fulfilling their obligations as taxpayers.

While I recognize that the current office may be larger than necessary for IRS operations, I urge you to take immediate steps to ensure that the position vacated in November 2024 is filled and that a new, appropriately sized facility is established in Rockland County. A smaller office, proportionate to staffing needs but able to accommodate at least two employees and provide adequate space for taxpayer appointments, would balance cost efficiency with the vital responsibility of serving the public.

I also note that the Social Security Administration has a local office in the same building, and it may be worthwhile to explore utilizing space there for at least two IRS staff members or alternatively identifying another suitable location in Rockland County. Ensuring convenient local access for taxpayers should remain the top priority.

I respectfully request that the IRS commit to maintaining a taxpayer service presence in Rockland County and provide a detailed plan outlining how you will ensure continued access to in-person assistance for my constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lawler", written in a cursive style.

Michael V. Lawler
Member of Congress