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Dear friends,

It's tax time again and this year's deadline is April 30, 2019. As this date draws close, I have included some of the new tax tips and deductions available to Canadians on the back pages of this mailing. You can see all ten tax tips at my website at [www.brianmasse.ca](http://www.brianmasse.ca) under the "community mailings" tab.



## Some things to remember:

- ◆ Most Canadians' income tax and benefit returns are due on April 30, 2019. Self-employed individuals have until June 15, 2019 to file their returns. Since June 15, 2019 falls on a Saturday, the CRA considers your return to be filed on time, if the CRA receives it by or it is postmarked midnight June 17, 2019. However, if you have a balance owing, you must pay it by April 30, 2019.
- ◆ From now until April 30, 2019, the CRA will be offering extended evening and weekend hours for individual tax enquiries. Approximately 3,000 telephone agents will be available Monday to Friday (except holidays) from 9 am to 9 pm (local time), and from 9 am to 5 pm (local time) on Saturdays (except Easter weekend) to serve as many people as possible. This automated service will remain available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ◆ By February 11, 2019, the CRA will have mailed the income tax package to individuals who filed on paper the previous year. The new all-in-one 2018 income tax package is improved with simplified language, enhanced information on forms and has a more user-friendly design. If you did not receive this, and you file by paper, please call CRA: **1-800-959-8281**.
- ◆ In addition to the mail out, a limited quantity of tax packages will still be available at Canada Post and Service Canada locations. Canadians will also find information to order these products by phone: **1-800-959-8281**.
- ◆ Individuals with a modest income and a simple tax situation may be eligible to have their tax return completed for free through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Free tax clinics are offered across Canada during March and April, with some open year-round. To find one nearest you please visit: [https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/oecv/external/prot/cli\\_srch\\_01\\_ld.action](https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/oecv/external/prot/cli_srch_01_ld.action).

Lastly, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions and we will get you the information you need. Call my team at 519.255.1631 or email [brian.masse@parl.gc.ca](mailto:brian.masse@parl.gc.ca). Stay in touch!

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## Beware of CRA Scams

Scammers posing as Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) employees continue to contact Canadians, misleading them into paying false debt. These persistent scammers have created fear among people who now automatically assume that any communication from someone representing the CRA is not genuine.

This tax tip will remind Canadians that the CRA does indeed contact taxpayers by phone, email and mail for legitimate reasons. The following tips will help Canadians identify legitimate communications from the CRA.



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## Changes on eligible medical expenses

### Eligible medical expenses for conceiving a child

Payments for certain reproductive technologies are eligible, even if you do not have a medical condition that prevents you from conceiving a child. If you had such expenses in the last years, you can request a change to a return for a tax year ending in any of the **10 previous calendar years**.

### How to change a return

If you have additional information that would change a return you have already sent to us, do not file another paper return for that year. Wait until you receive your notice of assessment before requesting a change to a return.

If you filed your tax return online using certified **NETFILE** or **EFILE** software, you may be able to change this return using the **ReFILE** service.

For more information about "Change My Return", go to:

[www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/change-your-return.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/change-your-return.html)

You can also change your return by going to My Account for Individuals and using "Change My Return" to provide CRA with the details of the changes you want to make. Generally you can only request a change to a return for a tax year ending in any of the 10 previous calendar years. For example, a request made in 2018 must relate to 2008 or a later tax year to be considered.



### When in doubt, ask yourself

- ◆ Why is the caller pressuring me to act immediately? Am I certain the caller is a CRA employee?
- ◆ Did I file my tax return on time? Have I received a notice of assessment or reassessment saying I owe tax?
- ◆ Have I received written communication from the CRA by email or mail about the subject of the call?
- ◆ Does the CRA have my most recent contact information, such as my email and address?
- ◆ Is the caller asking for information I would not give in my tax return or that is not related to the money I owe the CRA?
- ◆ Did I recently send a request to change my business number information?
- ◆ Do I have an instalment payment due soon?
- ◆ Have I received a statement of account about a government program I owe money to, such as employment insurance or Canada Student Loans?