

# News Release

## Comptroller Lierman Announces Tax Relief for Individuals and Businesses Affected by the Conflict in the Middle East

*Late payment interest and penalty waived upon request through October 7, 2024 for those affected by the conflict; state effort coincides with IRS tax relief*

**ANNAPOLIS (November 17, 2023)** – Comptroller Brooke Lierman today announced tax relief for Maryland individuals and businesses affected by the terrorist attacks that took place in Israel on October 7, and the resulting conflict in the Middle East.

Maryland taxpayers who have been affected may request to waive penalties and interest with the Maryland Comptroller's Office if they cannot file their returns or make timely payments for personal income tax, corporation income tax, pass-through entity tax, and fiduciary income tax. The deadline has been extended to **October 7, 2024**, and the relief is limited to returns and payments due between **October 7, 2023, and October 7, 2024**.

### Who qualifies –

- Any individual whose principal residence is in Israel, the West Bank, or Gaza (the covered area), or a business entity or sole proprietor whose primary place of business is in the covered area.
- Any individual, business, sole proprietor, or trust whose books, records, or tax preparer is located in the covered area.
- Anyone killed, injured, or taken hostage due to the conflict.
- Any individual affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization who is assisting in the covered area, such as a relief worker.

### What to do –

Taxpayers seeking waivers of penalties and interest for taxes should send a brief written explanation of why they cannot timely file or pay to [taxpayerrelief@marylandtaxes.gov](mailto:taxpayerrelief@marylandtaxes.gov). Please be sure your email includes:

- Full Name of Taxpayer/Business as listed on tax return
- Last 4 digits of SSN or business EIN
- The full mailing address of the taxpayer or business
- The specific type of tax filing you are requesting the waiver
- The estimated date when you believe tax filings and payment can be submitted

The Comptroller's action today is in line with actions taken at the federal level. The Internal

Revenue Service has also announced federal tax relief for individuals and businesses affected by the terrorist attacks in the State of Israel. These taxpayers now have until **Oct. 7, 2024**, to file various federal returns, make tax payments, and perform other time-sensitive tax-related actions. For more information, go to <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations>.

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