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Baucus Commends Senate Panel's Vote to Support IRS Funding for Balanced Service and Enforcement

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) U.S. Senator Max Baucus, the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, commended the Senate panel on Treasury Appropriations for approving Internal Revenue Service (IRS) funding that will let the IRS continue to provide taxpayers with a complete array of taxpayer services as well as support the agency's enforcement efforts. Baucus, who has spearheaded efforts in the Senate protesting the IRS's plans to close almost seventy Taxpayer Assistance Centers, made the following statement:

"The Senate expects the IRS to continue to offer a full slate of services so that all taxpayers, young or old, poor or wealthy, can get the help they need to comply with our complex tax laws. At the same time, the Senate is sending a message that we expect the IRS to be aggressive at clamping down on tax cheats and narrowing the \$350 billion annual tax gap. While I support the panel's actions, I also intend to hold the IRS accountable to demonstrate that the money has been spent wisely."

The bill is expected to be considered by the full Senate after Labor Day and will have to be reconciled with the House before going to the President for signature.

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