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Treasurer's Office Announces Online Option for Setoff Debt Protests

The Beaufort County Treasurer's Office will offer an online form for taxpayers wishing to protest a delinquent tax debt submitted to the Department of Revenue for collection pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act.

On August 12, 2016, Collection of Debt letters were sent to delinquent taxpayers with delinquent real and/or personal property taxes in an attempt to collect tax debts. Previously, the only method to protest a debt was by submitting a written protest via mail. Taxpayers will now also have the option to file a protest of debt online by visiting www.beaufortcountytreasurer.com/protest.

"In the last year, the Treasurer's Office collected over \$540,000 in delinquent taxes through the Setoff Debt Collection program. By offering an online protest option, a taxpayer may conveniently dispute and hopefully resolve the debt owed prior to having their state refund garnished for the debt," said Maria Walls, Beaufort County Treasurer.

Taxpayers will be able to protest delinquent debts in writing, by mail or using the new online option within 30 days of the date listed on their letter. Additional information may be obtained by visiting the Beaufort County Treasurer's website, www.beaufortcountytreasurer.com.