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County's Treasurer Office Mails Setoff Debt Letters

On July 13, 2017, the Beaufort County Treasurer's Office mailed notification letters to those taxpayers whose delinquent taxes are being submitted to the <u>South Carolina Department of Revenue's Setoff Debt Program</u>. In accordance with <u>South Carolina State Statute</u>, the Setoff Debt Program allows the Treasurer's Office to collect on outstanding debt by garnishing the South Carolina State income tax refunds of delinquent taxpayers.

Affected taxpayers have 30 days from the date of <u>their letter</u> to protest in writing, which may be done <u>by mail</u>, <u>inperson</u> or <u>online</u>. This notice allows time to resolve the delinquent balance and potentially avoid income tax refunds from being garnished.

According to Beaufort County Treasurer Maria Walls, CPA, the Treasurer's Office has collected over \$1.2 million and an even greater amount of delinquent taxes have been removed and resolved since the inception of the Setoff Debt Program.

All taxpayers are encouraged to make sure their mailing address is up-to-date with the Treasurer's Office. For additional information and resources regarding the Setoff Debt Program, filing a timely protest, or resolving delinquent taxes, visit www.BeaufortCountyTreasurer.com.