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1040 Simplified Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service **2018** OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

☐ Married filing separate return ☐ Qualifying widow(er) ☐ Head of household

Your first name and initial Last name Your social security number

Standard deduction: ☐ Someone can claim you as a dependent ☐ You were born before January 2, 1954 ☐ You are blind

Spouse or qualifying person's first name and initial (see inst.) Last name Spouse's social security number

Standard deduction: ☐ Someone can claim your spouse as a dependent ☐ Your spouse was born before January 2, 1954 ☐ Your spouse is blind ☐ Your spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were dual-status alien

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. Apt. no. Presidential Election Campaign. ☒ If you want \$3 to go to this fund (see inst.) ☐ You ☐ Spouse

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, attach Schedule 6. ☐ Full-year health care coverage (see instructions)

Dependents (see instructions):

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If qualifies for (see inst.):
				Child tax credit Credit for other dependents
				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and accurately reflect all amounts and sources of income I received during the tax year. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Joint return? See instructions. Keep a copy for your records. ☒

Your signature Date Your occupation

Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign. Date Spouse's occupation

If the IRS sent you an Identity Protection PIN, enter it here (see inst.)

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Paid Preparers

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	PTIN	Check it:
			<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Party Designee
Firm's name		Firm's EIN	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed

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The IRS won't be getting any postcards from taxpayers this year.

It's not like the nation's tax collection agency was expecting pictures of scenic views of mountains and oceans or tourist attractions. But plans to provide taxpayers with a postcard-sized Form 1040 have been officially scrapped. The IRS is now working on a version that's shorter than the traditional 1040, but looks more like the typical tax return you're used to.

Proponents of tax simplification have bandied about the idea for a postcard-type 1040 for years. It came closer to fruition when the massive Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was enacted at the end of 2017. Supporters of the legislation, including the

Trump administration, bragged that taxpayers would be able to file a return on a

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schedules that would have to be inserted into an envelope. This could lead to additional complexity and confusion and, ultimately, more errors. What's more, the vast majority of taxpayers now file returns electronically, reducing the need for a postcard-sized 1040.

Taking its cue from the tax community, which generally objected to the prototype as being wasteful and inefficient, the IRS has announced that is abandoning its earlier effort and working on a new version that more closely resembles the traditional 1040. Some members of Congress doubted the viability of a postcard in the first place.

"Form changes are, for the most part, transparent to the vast majority of taxpayers because they file electronically. So far this year over 131 million taxpayers chose e-file," said Bruce I. Friedland, IRS spokesman. "The IRS makes changes to tax forms every year. The IRS has proposed minor changes to the draft 2019 Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, and will continue to work with the tax community to finalize the form over the summer, so it can be used for 2019 tax returns filed in 2020. Based on feedback from both taxpayers and the tax community, some minor changes were made to the form, which continues to be less than 2 pages, and the supplemental schedules were reduced from six to three. The changes make it even easier for taxpayers to file their returns. The tax form continues to be shorter than the 2017 Form 1040."

The IRS is accepting public commentary on the new 1040 until August 15. It expects to have a final form in place by November.

"We never believed that it would be a postcard. Never. Not for a moment," House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) told Bloomberg News. "I heard that over and over again during my time and career and I think that makes more for a good photograph than it does for a good policy."

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