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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021 PANEL

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Please consider this opportunity to make a difference in how the IRS delivers products and services. A [video](#) is available with information about the TAP and how volunteers can contribute to this dynamic group.

New members for 2020

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The TAP is a federal advisory committee charged with listening to taxpayers, identifying issues, and making suggestions to improve IRS service and customer satisfaction. Oversight and program support for the TAP are provided by the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS that helps resolve taxpayer problems and makes administrative and legislative recommendations to mitigate systemic problems.

Members of the TAP work on a variety of issues that impact taxpayers in the key areas where the IRS and the public interact the most. Members also serve as a conduit for bringing grassroots concerns raised by the taxpaying public to the attention of the IRS.

TAP members are U.S. citizens who volunteer to serve a three-year appointment and are expected to devote 200 to 300 hours per year to panel activities. To the extent possible, TAP members are demographically and geographically diverse, providing balanced representation from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition, there is one TAP member from abroad who represents the interests of taxpayers working, living, or doing business abroad or in a U.S. territory.

The agency said it is particularly in need of new applicants from Vermont, Rhode Island, Washington, DC, Idaho, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

The new TAP members by location:

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Ying	Sa	Des Moines	IA
Hercules Iraklis	Analitis	Urbana	IL
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Kimberly	Shepherd	Monroe	LA
Dorothy	Havey	Lincolnton	ME
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Jessica	Wilson	Byram	MS
Jim	Buttonow	Summerfield	NC
Edward	Donovan	Holly Springs	NC
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Joseph	Edelen	Vermillion	SD
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Cassandra	Knight-Paige	Houston	TX
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Taxpayers can contact the TAP representative for their geographic area by calling 888-912-1227 (a toll-free call) or online at www.improveirs.org.

Taxpayers can also send written correspondence to the TAP at the following address:

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