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to prepare and file their individual income tax return beginning in tax year 2023.

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Form 1040 Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service (99) **2021** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

Filing Status ☐ Single ☐ Married filing jointly ☐ Married filing separately (MFS) ☐ Head of household (HOH) ☐ Qualifying widow(er) (QW)
Check only one box. If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QW box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent ▶

Your first name and middle initial Last name Your social security number

If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial Last name Spouse's social security number

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. Apt. no. Presidential Election Campaign
Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.
☐ You ☐ Spouse

City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. State ZIP code

Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code

At any time during 2021, did you receive, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any financial interest in any virtual currency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Standard Deduction Someone can claim: ☐ You as a dependent ☐ Your spouse as a dependent
☐ Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: ☐ Were born before January 2, 1957 ☐ Are blind Spouse: ☐ Was born before January 2, 1957 ☐ Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):
If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here ▶ ☐

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

1 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2 1
2a Tax-exempt interest 2a b Taxable interest 2b

By Laura Weiss, CQ-Roll Call (via TNS).

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren is leading fellow Democrats in renewing a push for the IRS to create its own free tax-filing services and move away from its current private partnership, whose services only a slim portion of taxpayers use.

Warren, D- Mass., put forward a bill that would mandate the IRS create its own free, online program for preparing and filing tax returns and expand taxpayers' access to

their own tax-related data held by the agency. California Democrats [Brad Sherman](#)

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The IRS would have to create a program for taxpayers to securely download third-party-provided return information and IRS-held data related to their individual tax bills.

The bill would require a program by March 1, 2023, allowing taxpayers who don't have to file tax returns to claim refundable tax credits. The provision aims to expand a sign-up tool for the child tax credit to nonfilers who can access other tax benefits like the earned income tax credit, which is open to low-income workers.

The measure would also bar the Treasury secretary from entering into any new agreements that would restrict the federal government's right to provide services or software for preparing and filing taxes.

A fact sheet from the bill's sponsors points to problems with the IRS Free File program, which currently aims to offer free tax preparation to 70% of taxpayers by partnering with private tax preparing firms. The lawmakers argued that program is underused, often confuses taxpayers into paying for services and fails to adequately protect taxpayer data. In the last two years, major online tax platforms H&R Block and Intuit's TurboTax withdrew from the program.

Only 2.8% of all individual tax returns filed in fiscal 2021 were submitted through the Free File program, according to IRS data.

The bill picked up co-sponsors since its last introduction in 2019 and now has 22 Democratic senators signed on.

Warren has sought to tie the issue to Democrats' push for a budget reconciliation bill. Senate Majority Leader [Charles E. Schumer](#), D- N.Y., and Sen. [Joe Manchin](#) III, D-W.Va., are in talks in the hopes of agreeing to a package broadly including pieces to lower prescription drug costs, incentivize clean energy production and increase taxes on the wealthy and corporations.

The latest Senate version of the legislation included about \$80 billion over a decade

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tax returns, but agreed the IRS would take up the issue when it's "adequately resourced."

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