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package in an effort to help businesses pull through the pandemic.

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IRS

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Following an announcement from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) acknowledging concerns over third-party vendors promoting improper Employee Retention Credit (ERC) claims, the [American Institute of CPAs](#) applauded the announcement and new reporting process as a positive step by the IRS.

The form – [Form 3949-A, Information Referral](#) – will provide a vehicle for individuals, firms and CPAs to anonymously report questionable ERC mills. The form has been previously available for use to anonymously report fraud and has now been earmarked to report ERC fraud as well.

The ERC was established nearly three years ago as part of a larger COVID-19 relief

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“For more than a year, the AICPA has communicated its concerns to the IRS and the Department of the Treasury regarding the unscrupulous business practices of ERC mills, and we are encouraged by this acknowledgement by the IRS of these questionable business practices around the ERC,” said AICPA President and CEO, Barry Melancon, CPA, CGMA. “This credit has been hugely beneficial to countless businesses that struggled to navigate the challenges brought on by the pandemic, and CPAs have often advised clients and business owners against taking the improper recommendations of these third-party vendors. We are pleased that employers and others now have a mechanism to anonymously report bad actors and help to protect the public against them.”

To report tax-related illegal activities relating to ERC claims, submit [Form 3949-A, Information Referral](#). You should also report instances of fraud and IRS-related phishing attempts to the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration](#) at 800-366-4484.

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