

# Media Advisory

## Comptroller Brooke Lierman to Announce Start of Tax Season in Maryland

*January 21 announcement to highlight new initiatives and partnerships to make tax filing easier and more convenient for Marylanders*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (January 16, 2025) —** Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman will be joined by community partners at the Comptroller of Maryland's Baltimore Branch Office on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m. to announce the launch date for the 2025 tax filing season in Maryland, and to share details of initiatives that will make tax filing simpler and more cost-effective for Marylanders. The agency will also unveil a campaign to encourage Marylanders to claim tax credits, like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

The IRS will begin processing federal personal income tax returns [beginning January 27, 2025](#). In September, Comptroller Lierman, alongside state and federal leaders, [announced](#) that Maryland is one of 25 states participating in IRS Direct File this year. [Direct File](#) is a secure tax filing platform that allows 30 million Americans, including an estimated 870,000 Marylanders, to file both state and federal taxes online at no cost. Direct File pre-fills a significant portion of taxpayer information and Maryland's tool, built and maintained by partners at [Code for America](#), will automate most of the state return based on information imported from the federal Direct File system. This will save taxpayers significant time in completing both returns. The IRS estimates that Americans spend an average of \$270 and 13 hours filing their taxes.

Comptroller Lierman will also unveil a new logo that reflects the agency's commitment to building a more equitable, resilient, and prosperous Maryland.

For more information and resources on tax filing in Maryland, visit the [Maryland Tax Toolkit](#).

**What:** 2025 Tax Filing Season Announcement

**When:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Baltimore Branch Office, 7 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

**Who:**

- Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman
- Amanda Renteria, CEO, Code for America
- Robin McKinney, CEO, CASH Campaign of Maryland
- Nancy Carr, Associate State Director for Communications, AARP Maryland

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