

HR 4938

Free File Act of 2016

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Apr 14, 2016

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Apr 14, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]

Party: Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (172 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Apr 14, 2016

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Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-10]	R · FL		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		May 12, 2016
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		May 12, 2016
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		May 12, 2016
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		May 12, 2016
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 12, 2016
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		May 12, 2016
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		May 12, 2016
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		May 17, 2016
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		May 17, 2016
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		May 17, 2016
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		May 26, 2016

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Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		May 26, 2016
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 26, 2016
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jul 5, 2016
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jul 5, 2016
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jul 13, 2016
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jul 13, 2016
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jul 13, 2016
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 13, 2016
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Hurt, Robert [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Sep 6, 2016

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Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Jolly, David W. [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2016

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Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Nov 30, 2016
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Nov 30, 2016
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Dec 7, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 14, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 14, 2016)

Free File Act of 2016

This bill requires the Department of the Treasury to continue to operate the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Free File Program.

The program must work with state government agencies to enhance and expand the use of the program, while continuing to:

- provide free commercial-type online individual income tax preparation and electronic filing services to the lowest 70% of taxpayers by income;
- provide all taxpayers (regardless of income) with a basic, online electronic fillable forms utility; and
- work with the private sector to provide the free tax preparation and electronic filing services.

Treasury must work with the private sector through the program to identify and implement innovative new program features to improve and simplify the taxpayer's experience with completing and filing individual income tax returns.

The IRS and members of the tax software and electronic industry involved in the program must support and promote improvements within the program by mutually testing, piloting, and offering innovative solutions to:

- simplify the tax system,
- reduce compliance and reporting burdens,
- increase tax return accuracy through financial data authentication,
- strengthen the tax system against fraud through cybersecurity collaboration,
- avoid duplication, and
- maximize the use of electronic technology.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.