

## HR 8700

John Lewis Taxpayer Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Oct 27, 2020

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Oct 27, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 27, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Taxation

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **John Lewis Taxpayer Protection Act**

This bill sets forth provisions for the protection of taxpayers from abusive tax collection practices and provides other protections for low-income taxpayers.

Specifically, it

- repeals the authority for private sector tax collection contracts,
- allows an exclusion from gross income for income attributable to the discharge of taxpayer indebtedness,
- repeals the suspension of the statute of limitations during a pending application for taxpayer assistance orders,
- restricts tax levies on tax-exempt retirement plans,
- suspends tax levies on taxpayers during periods of financial disability,
- repeals the partial payment requirement for submitting offers in compromise of tax liabilities,
- requires the Internal Revenue Service to provide notice to taxpayers of eligibility for the earned income tax credit and refunds of such credit,
- authorizes the Department of the Treasury to regulate and sanction income tax preparers, and
- increases funding for low-income taxpayer clinics and taxpayer services.

## **Actions Timeline**

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