



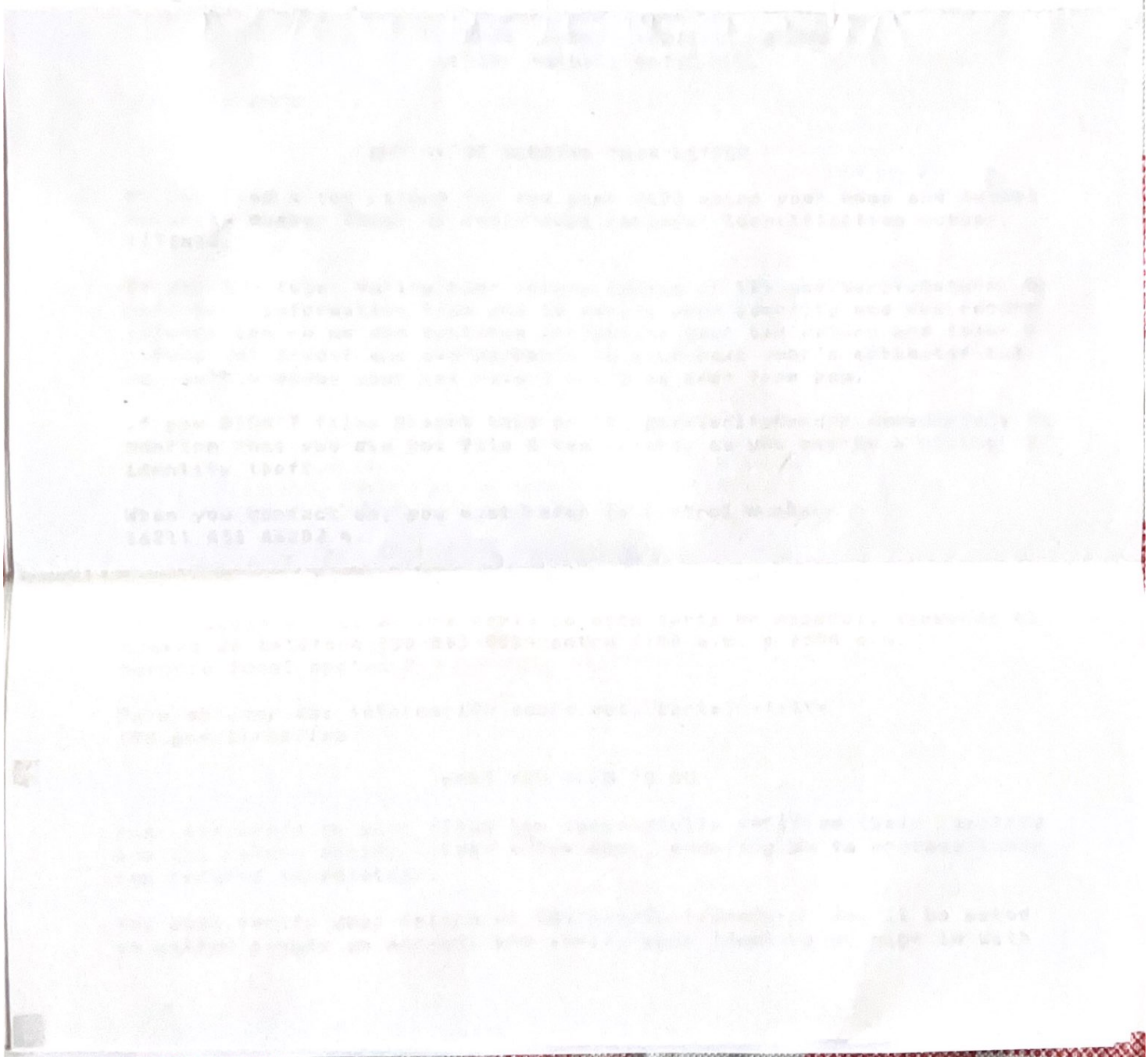
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Tax year: 2023
Tax form: 1040
Control number: 16211 431 66202 4
Letter number: 5071C

Dear TAXPAYER

WHY WE'RE SENDING THIS LETTER

We received a tax return for tax year 2023 using your name and Social Security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).

If you DID file: Verify your return online at [IRS.gov/VerifyReturn](https://www.irs.gov/VerifyReturn). We need more information from you to verify your identity and tax return information so we can continue processing your tax return and issue a refund, or credit any overpayments to your next year's estimated tax. We can't process your tax return until we hear from you.

If you DIDN'T file: Report this at [IRS.gov/VerifyReturn](https://www.irs.gov/VerifyReturn) immediately to confirm that you did not file a tax return, as you may be a victim of identity theft.

When you contact us, you must refer to control number: 16211 431 66202 4.

DÓNDE PUEDE OBTENER INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Usted puede solicitar una copia de esta carta en español, llamando al número de teléfono 800-830-5084 entre 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. horario local opción 2.

Para obtener más información sobre esta carta, visite [IRS.gov/ltr5071sp](https://www.irs.gov/ltr5071sp).

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Most taxpayers in your situation successfully verified their identity and tax return online within a few days, enabling us to process their tax returns immediately.

You must verify your return at [IRS.gov/VerifyReturn](https://www.irs.gov/VerifyReturn). You'll be asked to either create an account and verify your identity or sign in with

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an existing account. After signing in, you'll then be asked questions about your tax return.

IMPORTANT: We won't be able to process your tax return until you answer the tax return questions. If you verified your identity, but didn't answer the tax return questions, you must sign in again at [IRS.gov/VerifyReturn](https://www.irs.gov/VerifyReturn) and answer the questions.

To complete the verify your return questions, you'll need:

- This letter
- The Form 1040-series tax return for the tax year shown above (Forms W-2 and 1099 aren't tax returns)

OTHER WAYS TO VERIFY YOUR TAX RETURN

If you can't use our Verify Your Return online, you can call our Taxpayer Protection Program hotline at 800-830-5084 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., local time.

When you call, you **MUST** have ALL of the following:

- This letter
- The Form 1040-series tax return for the tax year shown above (Forms W-2 and 1099 aren't tax returns)
- A prior year tax return other than the year shown above, if you filed one (Forms W-2 and 1099 aren't tax returns)
- Supporting documents for each year's tax return you filed (e.g., Form W-2, Form 1099, Schedule C, Schedule F, etc.)

WHAT WE'LL DO AFTER YOU VERIFY YOUR TAX RETURN

If you've successfully verified your return, it may take up to 9 weeks for you to receive your refund or apply a credit of any overpayment to your account. However, if there are other issues, you may receive a notice asking for more information, and this may delay your refund.

If we can't verify your identity online or over the phone, we'll ask you to schedule an appointment and bring the documents listed above to your local IRS office to verify in person.

WHERE YOU CAN GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [IRS.gov/ltr5071c](https://www.irs.gov/ltr5071c) for information about this letter.

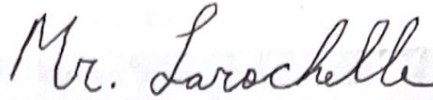
Keep a copy of this letter for your records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sincerely yours,



Mr. Larochelle, Director
Return Integrity Verification Ops.

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TAXPAYER RIGHTS AND SOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE

The Internal Revenue Code (IRC) gives taxpayers specific rights. The Taxpayer Bill of Rights groups these into 10 fundamental rights. See IRC Section 7803(a)(3). IRS employees are responsible for being familiar with and following these rights. For additional information about your taxpayer rights, please see the enclosed Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer, or visit [IRS.gov/taxpayer-bill-of-rights](https://www.irs.gov/taxpayer-bill-of-rights).

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that helps taxpayers and protects taxpayers' rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a financial difficulty, you've tried but been unable to resolve your issue with the IRS, or you believe an IRS system, process, or procedure isn't working as it should. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. To learn more, visit [TaxpayerAdvocate.IRS.gov](https://www.TaxpayerAdvocate.IRS.gov) or call 877-777-4778.

Tax professionals who are independent from the IRS may be able to help you.

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) can represent low-income persons before the IRS or in court. LITCs can also help persons who speak English as a second language. Any services provided by an LTC must be for free or a small fee. To find an LTC near you:

- Go to [TaxpayerAdvocate.IRS.gov/litcmap](https://www.TaxpayerAdvocate.IRS.gov/litcmap);
- Download IRS Publication 4134, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic List, available at [IRS.gov/forms](https://www.irs.gov/forms); or
- Call the IRS toll-free at 800-829-3676 and ask for a copy of Publication 4134.

State bar associations, state or local societies of accountants or enrolled agents, or other nonprofit tax professional organizations may also be able to provide referrals.

If you want to authorize a third party to represent you, complete Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative. We encourage you to be available with your authorized representative on the call to help verify your identity. If you choose to have someone else assist you on the call and haven't utilized Form 2848, you and that person must call us together and you must participate on the call. For more information about Form 2848, visit [IRS.gov/f2848](https://www.irs.gov/f2848) or call 800-829-1040.

If you're acting as fiduciary for an individual, a decedent's estate,

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or a trust, complete Form 56, Notice Concerning Fiduciary Relationship, and send it to us. For more information about Form 56, visit [IRS.gov/f56](https://www.irs.gov/f56).

WHAT ADDITIONAL ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Getting an IRS Identity Protection PIN can help prevent misuse of your taxpayer identification number on fraudulent federal income tax returns. Learn more at [IRS.gov/ippin](https://www.irs.gov/ippin).

You DON'T need to complete Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, unless we tell you to.

If you DIDN'T file a tax return, we suggest you monitor your financial accounts. If you notice any suspicious or unusual activity on any of your financial accounts, you should report it immediately by doing the following:

1) Contact your financial institutions.

2) Contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
800-525-6285	888-397-3742	800-680-7289
Equifax.com	Experian.com	Transunion.com

3) Check your credit report every 12 months by:

- Visiting [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com)
- Calling 877-322-8228

4) Consider filing a report with law enforcement, such as the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), by using one of the following methods:

- Online at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.IdentityTheft.gov)
- By phone at 877-438-4338
- By mail at:
Identity Theft Clearinghouse
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580

5) Visit [IRS.gov/idprotection](https://www.irs.gov/idprotection) for more information on tax-related identity theft. Listed under "Individuals" is information on

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- what you can do if you're a victim of identity theft and how to protect your data and identity.
- 6) Contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at [IC3.gov/complaint](https://www.ic3.gov/complaint) to report internet-based scams - including online auctions, investment and sales fraud, internet extortion, hacking and phishing, and scam e-mails. Operated by the FBI, the IC3 forwards complaint information to appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agencies, but doesn't directly conduct investigations.

- 7) Type "phishing" in the search engine at [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information about phishing. Phishing is the act of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

We don't initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail, text messages, or social media channels to request personal or financial information.