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Baucus Commends Decision to Keep Tax Centers Open

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Today, U.S. Senator Max Baucus applauded the decision to keep sixty eight Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) open to the public. Currently, there are four hundred TACs to assist taxpayers with their tax obligations. These centers provide a valuable service to taxpayers seeking assistance with a variety of tax matters.

Last May, the IRS announced that it would shut down sixty eight centers due to budget constraints. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees provided enough funding to keep the centers open in the Fiscal Year 2006 budget and prohibited the IRS from closing them until the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) completes a study to determine the impact on taxpayers. In response to the decision to keep the TACs open, Baucus made the following comment:

“I am pleased to see the IRS made the decision to keep these centers up and running. Closing the centers would reduce face-to-face service and would not serve the best interests of America’s taxpayers. The decision to shut down the TACs, including three in my home state of Montana, would leave many taxpayers out in the cold. It never makes sense to slam the door on those trying to pay their taxes. Let’s flip the sign over from, ‘Sorry we’re closed’ back to ‘open for business.’”

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