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### September 22, 2016 – Fraudulent IRS CP2000 Notices

The IRS is warning the public of a new scam that uses fraudulent CP2000 notices to solicit money from taxpayers. The fraudulent forms look convincing, and show balances due that are small enough that taxpayers just might pay rather than arguing the point.

Upon closer inspection, the forms have telltale signs of fraud:

- The instructions direct the taxpayer to make out a check to “I.R.S.” rather than to “United States Treasury,” and
- The return address is “Austin Processing Center, P.O. Box 15264, Austin, TX 78761-5264,” which does not match the address listed in the IRS website for the Austin Processing Center.

It is our recommendation that clients contact us with any correspondence received, or notices of amounts due, from the IRS or state taxing agencies, so that its accuracy and legitimacy can be verified.