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ALERT!

Tax Day is April 17, 2018. Tax season is a perfect time for scammers to call pretending to be an IRS official to scam you out of your money. Please remember that the IRS will communicate with you by mail only.

Please follow the below steps if it looks like someone from the IRS is calling you:

- Don't give the caller any of your information
- Write down details of call
- Hang up
- Contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 or go to www.irs.gov
- Report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at www.tigta.gov or 1-800-366-4481

Please note that your caller ID might show it is the IRS calling. The caller may even give a badge number and know the last four digits of your social security number. Remember if you owe the IRS money, you are not required to pay by a certain method and you cannot pay your IRS debt with gift cards.

Always be cautious when a caller tells you that you owe money and that you better pay now or you will be arrested. A scammer will sometimes give you a phone number to call that will instruct you to put money on a prepaid debit card or to wire it. Once you realize you were scammed, your money is already gone.

For more information on scams, like us at:
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Stay Safe,

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