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SEN. JACOBS URGES SENIORS, LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS TO FILE FOR FEDERAL REBATES

Individuals must file 2007 federal tax return to receive rebates

LANSING – Sen. Gilda Z. Jacobs today reminded seniors and low-income residents who don't normally file federal income tax returns that they **MUST** file a return in order to qualify for the anticipated federal economic stimulus rebates to be mailed out later this year. Recipients must have a qualifying income of at least \$3,000 and valid Social Security numbers for you, your spouse (if filing jointly), and for each qualifying child under 17.

“Normally folks receiving Social Security or certain veterans’ or Railroad Retirement benefits do not need to file tax returns, but the Stimulus Act contains a special provision that allows recipients of those benefits to use them to qualify for the \$3,000 minimum,” Sen. Jacobs said. “But you **MUST** file a 2007 tax return to receive the rebate.”

The basic rebate for this group is \$300 for individuals, \$600 for individuals filing jointly, and \$300 for each qualifying child under 17. Higher rebates may be available for those with a tax liability.

FREE tax help is available through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offered by the Accounting Aid Society to low and moderate income individuals. Call 313-647-9620 or visit www.accountingaidsociety.org for details. Seniors can receive tax help through AARP. Call 1-800-227-7669 for a location near you.

“This is an important benefit that many in this group are unaware of,” Sen. Jacobs said. “I urge anyone who does not normally file a federal tax return to take advantage of this free tax help. It could certainly be worth their time.”

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