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## **TaxFacts: Audit Support**

### **Quoteable**

*“Audits can be complex, time-consuming and expensive. It’s critical to quickly get guidance from an experienced tax professional to help navigate the process. The longer taxpayers wait to act, the more penalties can add up.”*

--Amy McAnarney, executive director, The Tax Institute at H&R Block

### **By the Numbers**

- In 2007, 1 in 97 tax returns were examined by the IRS, up from 1 in every 202 in 2000.
- Starting in October, an additional 31,000 random taxpayers received a CP 2057 “soft notice” letter from the IRS.
- The IRS reported that audits of filers with income of \$1 million or more increased by 84 percent, while audits of those with income of \$100,000 or more increased by more than 10 percent.

### **Block Talk**

- H&R Block offers two levels of Tax Audit Support:
  - Audit Assistance
  - Audit Representation
- Through Audit Assistance, H&R Block will review the client’s audit letter and tax return and make recommendations.
- Under Audit Representation, H&R Block will serve as the taxpayer’s representative before the IRS\*.
- On more than half of the audits H&R Block assisted, clients saw a decreased liability compared to what the tax authority originally indicated.
- H&R Block clients receive Audit Assistance at no charge. Audit Representation is available at a discounted price for clients or by purchasing the Peace of Mind® Extended Service Plan\*.

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