

June 5, 2023

Andres Garcia
Internal Revenue Service
Room 6526
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20224

RE: *Federal Register* notice of May 2, 2023, for the Internal Revenue Service Forms W-2, Wage and Tax Statement; and W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements (OMB Number: 1545-0008)

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on Forms W-2 and W-3. BEA has periodically used data on wages, tips, and other compensation and on Medicare wages and tips to validate wage and salary estimates from other data sources. Also, the data are used indirectly for estimating government social benefits to persons.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms' approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

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