

October 9, 2018

Laurie Brimmer
Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526
1111 Constitution Avenue NW.
Washington, DC 20224

RE: *Federal Register Notice* of August 22, 2018 for the Internal Revenue Service's form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (OMB Number: 1545-0047, formerly OMB Number: 1545-1150)

Dear Ms. Brimmer,

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the collection of data items by the Internal Revenue Service on form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. The data collected on this form are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses information from this form to prepare the national income and product accounts (NIPA), the benchmark and annual input-output accounts (I-O), and gross domestic product (GDP) by industry accounts. Data reported on this form are also used to estimate flows of contributions, gifts, and grants between households and nonprofit institutions, and to prepare annual estimates of nonprofit revenue and expenses. The attached table lists the items used by BEA.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the form 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 this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Economist

Attachment

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Items Used by BEA	Annual Estimates Prepared for
All revenue and expenses	Corporate profits of nonprofit institutions serving business, and interest paid by nonprofit institutions serving business and households in the NIPAs and GDP by industry
All expense items	Intermediate inputs for tax-exempt institutions, and output of labor unions in the benchmark I-O accounts