

November 19, 2018

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

RE: *Federal Register* notice of October 6, 2018, for Internal Revenue Service,  
Form 1120-REIT, U.S. Business Income Tax Return (OMB Number: 1545-0123,  
formerly 1545-1004)

Dear Ms. Brimmer:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Internal Revenue Service on Form 1120-REIT and related schedules collected as a “single collection of information” under OMB control number 1545-0123. The data collected on this form are crucial to key components of BEA’s economic statistics.

BEA uses data from this form, combined with data from other 1120 forms, to prepare the national income and product (NIPA) accounts and gross domestic product by industry. The attached table describes how data from this form are used by BEA.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the form’s 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](mailto: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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## Internal Revenue Service, Form 1120-REIT U.S. Income Tax Return for Real Estate Investment Trusts

<b>Items Used</b>	<b>Estimates Prepared for</b>
Total receipts, total deductions, and tax	Corporate profits before tax, profits tax liability, and dividends in corporate profits component of national income in the NIPAs
Interest paid, interest received, cash assets	Monetary interest paid, monetary interest received, and imputed interest received by industry in the net interest component of national income in the NIPAs