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Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

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R. Joseph Durbala,
IRS, Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Allowance of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Transitional Guidance Under Sections 162(f) and 6050X With Respect to Certain Fines, Penalties, and Other Amounts

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction

Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning transitional guidance under sections 162(f) and 6050X with respect to certain fines, penalties, and other amounts.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 13, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Carolyn Brown, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6236, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Transitional Guidance Under Sections 162(f) and 6050X with Respect to Certain Fines, Penalties, and Other Amounts.

OMB Number: 1545—New.

Regulation Project Number: Notice 2018-23, Form 1098-F.

Abstract: The collection covers the new information reporting requirements under IRC 162(f) and new 6050X, which was added by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).

Section 13306 of “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018,” Public Law 115-97 (the “Act”), which was signed into law on December 22, 2017, amended section 162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”) and added new section 6050X to the Code. The Department of the Treasury (“Treasury Department”) and the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) intend to publish proposed regulations under sections 162(f) and 6050X.

Current Actions: The Treasury Department and the IRS intend to issue proposed regulations amending and adding sections to the Income Tax Regulations with respect to sections 162(f) and 6050X. To assist in the development of the proposed regulations, the IRS has requests comments from the public and affected governments and nongovernmental entities, on any and all issues related to the application and implementation of sections 162(f) and 6050X that the proposed regulations should address.

This submission is being made to seek new approval as required in the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Federal government, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 7 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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