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M1b. Working Group Report - 2: Assessment Appeals Relief: RTC 1604(c) and RTC 1603 & 1605

M1c. Working Group Report – 3: Section 170 Disaster Relief for COVID-19 Calamity

Comment:

I support a short 90-day extension to all Assessment Appeals deadlines, provided those extensions apply to both the government and taxpayers. With the latest news the LA County Assessment Appeals Boards will have been shut down for exactly three months. We as professional tax advisors must recognize the incredible hardship this creates for Appeals Boards and their clerks, and allow them the extra time they need to catch up. That same extension should also apply to Appeals Board Application filing deadlines because local governments' offices have been closed to in person transactions and in some cases taxpayers did not have access to their mail during this crisis. In regard to Section 170 relief, I support CATA's position. Despite the disagreements we're confronting an invisible contamination that is causing--in many cases--both physical and economic damage. I request that the Board adopt both Option 1: Issuing a Letter to Assessors encouraging acceptance of claims for mid-year declines in value; and Option 2: Supporting legislation to amend RTC 170 to further define economic/physical damage, and/or seek an Executive Order from the Governor.