

# News Release

## Comptroller Brooke Lierman Promotes IRS Direct File During Visit to Maryland's Eastern Shore

*Comptroller visited tax filing locations in Dorchester and Wicomico Counties*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 5, 2025)** — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today visited tax filing locations on the Eastern Shore to promote IRS Direct File, a new online platform allowing Marylanders to file their state and federal taxes at no cost.

Comptroller Lierman began her tour at Delmarva Community Services in Cambridge, which provides VITA income tax assistance services to low and moderate-income filers on the Delmarva Peninsula. During her visit, Comptroller Lierman expressed her appreciation for the volunteers providing VITA services and explained that Direct File would expand the number of Marylanders receiving free tax help.



**Comptroller Lierman poses in the Delmarva Community Services atrium with from left, Community Action Program Manager Michelle Nichols, DCS CEO Andy Hollis, Cambridge Mayor Lajan Cephas, and Dorchester County Councilmember Mike Detmer.**

Comptroller Lierman echoed that message during her visit to Shore Up! Inc. in Salisbury, which also serves as a VITA site and prepares 1,700 returns annually.

“There are going to be people who won’t be able to get an appointment with you, especially towards the end,” Comptroller Lierman said. “We want them to know that Direct File exists and that it’s legit. We’d love it if you could share with folks. It’s great at prompting people to get the Earned Income Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit.”



**Comptroller Lierman met with Dr. Tyrone A. H. Chase, center, executive director of Shore Up! Inc., board members and VITA site staff.**

Maryland is one of 25 states participating in IRS Direct File, and an estimated 870,000 Marylanders are eligible to use the service to file their personal income tax returns.

Direct File allows users to import information directly from their IRS account into their federal return and can receive support from the IRS during the filing process via live chat. When the federal filing is complete, information from that return transfers to the Maryland filing tool, which is built and maintained by partners at Code for America.

While in Salisbury, Comptroller Lierman visited employees working in the agency’s Salisbury Branch Office and call center. Salisbury is one of 11 branch offices in the state that provides free tax help by appointment only. The personal income tax filing deadline is April 15, 2025.

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