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Senator Whitehouse Praises Release Of Simpler Tax Form

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(Washington, DC) — Senator Sheldon Whitehouse says a simplified tax form released by the IRS will help some people take advantage of rebates offered as part of the new economic stimulus legislation. Under the law, the federal government will provide rebates starting at 300-dollars to low- and middle-income people, senior citizens living on social security benefits, and disabled veterans or their survivors. The IRS says those people will be able to fill out a special version of Form 1040A that makes clear what information they must provide to get the rebate. Whitehouse is pleased, saying no senior citizen should miss out on the much-needed assistance due to the burdens of filing a tax return. More than 138-thousand Rhode Islanders over the age of 65 received Social Security benefits in 2006, the last year for which data is available.