



September 30, 2024

The Honorable Jim Zingale
Executive Director
Florida Department of Revenue
2450 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Dear Executive Director Zingale,

On behalf of thousands of Florida taxpayers and members of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA), I would like to respectfully request your immediate consideration in providing tax relief for those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

Hurricane Helene made landfall as a major Category 4 storm on Sept. 26, 2024, with serious impacts across the state of Florida. We would specifically ask you to consider taking actions to provide relief to those impacted by the storm, such as providing applicable extensions on filing and paying taxes during and after the emergency period, including filing and paying Corporate Income Taxes. Taxpayers and tax professionals are working diligently to comply specifically with state filing deadlines, but many have experienced significant losses and disruption to their businesses. As you know this is the third significant storm to hit this part of the state in less than two years, and the impacts reach far beyond just those counties directly hit. Please note, similar requests and actions have been granted in previous storms.

We greatly appreciate the FICPA and DOR's longstanding working relationship to coordinate these matters on behalf of our members and taxpayers across the state. The FICPA stands ready to assist with coordination of communications to our members. With that in mind, I would ask for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Thank you for your continued partnership and consideration of this matter. Please contact me directly at 850.521.5900 or through email at shelly@ficpa.org or contact FICPA's Chief External Affairs Officer Jason Harrell at JasonH@ficpa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shelly J. Wein'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President-CEO

cc: Ed Duarte, FICPA (Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants) Chair