**Last Chance to Participate in NH Department of Revenue Administration’s One-Time Tax Amnesty Program**

***Fourteen days remain to pay outstanding taxes without penalties and with half the accrued interest***

**Concord, NH – New Hampshire taxpayers are approaching their last chance to pay outstanding taxes without penalty and with 50 percent of accrued interest. An initiative launched in December to raise millions of dollars in critical revenue for the New Hampshire General Fund, the New Hampshire** [**Department of Revenue Administration**](http://cd3.campaigndispatch.com/link.php?M=1840819&N=4818&L=15297&F=H) **(DRA) Tax Amnesty Program is open to any individual or business, but only two weeks remain to participate, as the deadline is February 15, 2016.**

**According to John Beardmore, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration, 11,485 tax notices are in collection status totaling $23.9 million in outstanding taxes. The average outstanding tax notice amounts to $2,081. Business taxes account for the largest portion with 4,266 notices totaling $14.1 million in overdue taxes. That is followed by Meals and Rooms taxes with 5,812 notices totaling more than $6 million outstanding.**

**“We established a similar amnesty program in 2001 that resulted in nearly $15 million in revenue to the state,” said Beardmore. “About 80% of New Hampshire’s general taxes are used to fund critical programs and services including education and health services, so we are hoping to see a significant portion of those outstanding taxes appear.”**

**To take advantage of the DRA Tax Amnesty Program, taxpayers must file any required outstanding tax returns and pay all unpaid taxes and 50% of applicable interest by February 15, 2016. An online interest calculator is available on the** [**DRA website**](http://cd3.campaigndispatch.com/link.php?M=1840819&N=4818&L=15295&F=H) **at** [**http://revenue.nh.gov/amnesty/tax-calculator.htm**](http://cd3.campaigndispatch.com/link.php?M=1840819&N=4818&L=15295&F=H)**. Amnesty is available to any taxpayer who has a delinquent tax return or has not paid a tax which was due on or before February 15, 2016. This applies to anyone with an outstanding tax notice, including those in the appeal process.**

**“We urge taxpayers to take advantage of this program now, as this will be the last chance to pay outstanding taxes before all penalties become mandatory,” Commissioner Beardmore added. “This is a great opportunity to do what’s right for New Hampshire and free yourself from outstanding taxes.”**

**DRA administers a variety of taxes, including Business Enterprise Tax, Business Profits Tax, Interest & Dividends Tax, Meals and Rooms Tax, Communications Services Tax, Electricity Consumption Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax, Tobacco Tax, Smokeless Tobacco Tax, Utility Property Tax, Railroad Tax, Private Car Tax, Nursing Facility Quality Assessment and Medicaid Enhancement Tax. DRA collected $1.9 billion in revenue during Fiscal Year 2014 to support the NH General Fund.**

**For more information, please visit** [**http://revenue.nh.gov/amnesty**](http://cd3.campaigndispatch.com/link.php?M=1840819&N=4818&L=15296&F=H)**, or call Central Tax Services at** **603-230-5920****.**

**About the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration
The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) is responsible for fairly and efficiently administering the tax laws of the State of New Hampshire. DRA collects approximately 80% of New Hampshire’s general taxes. During Fiscal Year 2014, DRA collected $1.9 billion in revenue for the State of New Hampshire. DRA also provides assistance to municipalities in budgeting, financing and real estate appraisal. To learn more about DRA, please visit:** [**http://revenue.nh.gov**](http://cd3.campaigndispatch.com/link.php?M=1840819&N=4818&L=15297&F=H)**.**