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General, but timely, thought provoking and motivating information for the clients, friends and families of Nagel CPAs, LLC.

Greetings.

Current developments.

The American Rescue Plan Act (Biden's COVID Relief or ARPA) passed earlier this month. You can find a summary of the key points at the first click box below.

Once again, unexpected, retroactive legislative changes have interrupted the seasonal tax filing routine. Since ARPA exempted up to \$10,200 of Unemployment Compensation benefits regulatory guidance had to be created and published, forms revised, and software recoded. That is just one example. At the second click box below, you will find this month's article published in The Rio Rancho Observer that speaks to the effects of workload compression and its impact on everyone, particularly CPAs involved in helping clients plan.

By now you know that the April 15 filing deadline for individuals has been deferred to May 17. Unfortunately, what you may not have known is the April 15 deadline for first quarter estimated payments has not been deferred. Learn more about extensions at the third click box below.

Contact us soon for assistance in determining how much to pay on April 15 for 2021 to avoid penalties.

Future developments.

Many of you have heard me warn that we will be called upon to repay the government for the direct and indirect costs of COVID relief. The debate on how that might materialize began to manifest itself this past week.

Much has already been written about President Biden's push to pass an "Infrastructure Bill." Most of us perceived this legislation would affect funding for the improvements of roads and bridges and related tangible public assets needing improvement. As it stands now, this will be his mechanism for creating funding for infrastructure as well as COVID relief. We have not learned much recently on the finer points of what will be proposed. Much attention has been given to increasing corporate tax rates, estate tax rates and lowered exemption limits, and capital gains tax, to name a few.

<u>The newest approach to raising revenue relates to IRS funding reform.</u> Some lawmakers argue we could collect billions more annually if we simply funded sufficient resources for the IRS to adequately enforce existing laws. Frankly, I have been surprised this has not been discussed until now. To learn more, see a recent article from the Washington Post at the fourth click box below.

Brace yourselves. There are many changes coming.

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Click here to read more about the financial recovery measures passed by President Biden.

Summary of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Nagel on Finances: Try Form 4868 for tax extension; you might like it

"We could use a little help here!"

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Tax Extension FAQs for Clients

"My CPA says, 'extend.' What does that mean to me?"

"How do you raise tax revenue without raising taxes?"

Rampell's Opinion: For every extra dollar invested in the IRS, the government could be getting \$6 back



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