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At Bailey, Carr CPAs, we care about providing you with great service, which includes keeping your personal and financial information secure. In light of the recent news on fraudulent tax schemes, we would like to take this opportunity to communicate some of the steps we take to keep your information safe. As data security risks continue to grow, protecting your information is a top priority.

We work with one of the largest tax software vendors in the world and they have partnered with the IRS to meet requirements that strengthen security of the tax software that we, as tax professionals, use. Some of these requirements include multi-factor authentication and timeout periods.

Locally, we work with a top IT company to ensure that we are always operating with the latest security updates and powerful antivirus software.

All electronically filed tax returns are encrypted with 128-bit encryption. The data is monitored with a multi-layer data security system in a world-class data center facility.

It is just as important that you take steps to protect your data:

- Always use security software with firewall and anti-virus protection. Make sure that it is set for automatic updates.
- Encrypt sensitive files, such as tax records stored on your computer.
- Use strong passwords.
- Learn to recognize and avoid phishing emails, threatening calls or texts from thieves posing as representatives of banks, credit card companies, and the IRS.
- Never click on links or download attachments from unknown or suspicious emails.
- Password protect emails with sensitive information.

The IRS will not call you with threats of jail or lawsuits. The IRS will not send you an unsolicited email suggesting you have a refund or that you need to update your account. The IRS will not request any sensitive information online. These are all scams, and they are persistent.

If, at any time, you receive a suspicious letter, phone call or unsolicited tax refund, please contact our office so we can help determine its validity and pursue action with the IRS.