

47th IRS Commissioner

United States Senate has confirmed Douglas Shulman as the 47th Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service.

Doug plans to report for duty in the next few days and start his tenure as our new Commissioner. Doug comes to the IRS with a wide range of experience in business, public policy and securities regulation. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Earlier in his career, he served as Vice President of Darby Overseas Investments. In addition to his extensive private sector experience, Doug also served as Senior Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff of the bi-partisan National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service in the 1990s.

Richard Spires and I have met with Doug many times over the past several months. He has a strong commitment to the principles of tax administration that we've all worked so hard on. He wants to continue our strong track record of improving taxpayer service, expanding enforcement efforts and modernizing our technology.

Doug has shared with us -- and with Congress -- his admiration for the IRS and our dedicated and talented workforce. We know Doug looks forward to meeting you in person and learning first-hand about the work you do.

I would also like to express my personal thanks to everyone who has helped our organization during the past eight months since we last had a Commissioner. We have seen an extraordinary amount of activity on issues both big and small for the agency. Richard and I have been constantly touched and impressed by the strength and dedication of our employees to do the right thing and get the job done for America's taxpayers.

Thank you for all of your help during this period. And please join Richard and me in congratulating Doug as he assumes this very important responsibility as the new IRS Commissioner.

--*Linda Stiff*, Acting Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement