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Beware of Gasoline Rebate Check Scam

Santa Fe – Secretary of New Mexico’s Taxation and Revenue Department Jan Goodwin issued a warning to New Mexico taxpayers today about a scam to obtain confidential information from taxpayers that may be used to collect someone else’s rebate check.

“Our hotline has received calls from taxpayers who were asked for their Social Security number by an individual claiming to be an employee of the Taxation and Revenue Department who said that the information was needed to process their rebate check. I want to make it perfectly clear that Taxation and Revenue is not calling taxpayers and asking for personal information to process rebate checks,” Goodwin said.

Goodwin said anyone who receives a call asking for personal information, in order to receive a rebate check, should not give out any identifying information. Goodwin added that most New Mexicans would not have to do anything to receive the rebate.

“Anyone who filed a 2004 tax return will automatically receive a check,” she said, “Anyone who did not file a 2004 return can claim the rebate by filing a 2005 tax return.”

The Department expects to mail out rebate checks in early November.