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Assemblywoman Mayersohn reminds seniors and low income residents to file a tax return in order to receive “economic stimulus” check

Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn (D-Flushing), is reminding Queens residents that they must file a 2007 federal income tax return in order to qualify for the economic stimulus payment, even if they are not normally required to file one. The stimulus payment will be issued to more than 130 million households starting in May – but only to filers.

“For those who annually file a tax return, it is not a problem,” Mayersohn said. “But it is an issue for some seniors receiving Social Security benefits and others who don’t usually file tax returns. If you do not file a tax return this year, you will not receive a check.”

Certain Social Security recipients, railroad retirees, those receiving benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and taxpayers with income below a certain level are ordinarily exempt from filing a tax return. However, those with at least \$3,000 of qualifying income who file may be eligible for a \$300 payment (\$600 on a joint return).

“The stimulus payment is only going to those who file a tax return. Unfortunately, it is not automatic, so I want to make sure all eligible individuals get back the money that has been set aside for them,” Mayersohn said.

If you have any questions regarding the stimulus payment, call Assemblywoman Mayersohn’s district office at 718-969-1508 or visit <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=177937,00.html> for more information.