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## **Assembly Member Kellner Urges Low- Income Taxpayers to be Aware of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**

**Friday, January 30th has been designated Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day by the U.S. Treasury Department.** The EITC is a refundable credit for working people who do not earn large incomes that helps many families struggling to make ends meet. Unfortunately, millions of Americans are not aware of this credit and fail to claim it on their taxes. The EITC is available for federal income taxes, but New York State and the City of New York also offer similar credits for their local returns.

“Especially in the midst of a recession, the extra dollars eligible taxpayers can get through the EITC can make their lives a little easier,” Assembly Member Micah Z. Kellner said, “but they must file tax returns, even if they are not required to file in order to claim and receive the credit as a refund.”

Assembly Member Kellner said some individuals and families may qualify for the credit for the first time because of unemployment or other changes in their financial, marital or parental status during this past tumultuous year; so it is very important that public education around the EITC be high this tax year.

Taxpayers may qualify if they have earnings of or below \$38,646 (\$41,646 if married filing jointly) for families with two or more children; \$33,995 (\$36,995 if married filing jointly) for families with one child; and \$12,880 (\$15,880 if married filing jointly) if there are no children.

Free help is available to determine eligibility, to file your taxes, and claim the credit. There are IRS-certified volunteer tax assistance locations throughout New York City. Assembly Member Kellner has prepared a list of some of the free tax preparation sites in and around his district (see attached). New York City residents can also call 311 to get the nearest address of a free tax preparation site where they live.

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