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RE: Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program

Dear Sir:

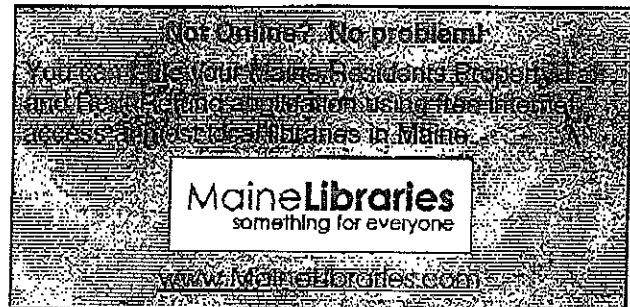
The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund "Circuit Breaker" Program for property tax assessed and rent paid during 2008 will begin accepting applications on August 1, 2009. The **General** portion of the program provides refunds of up to **\$1,600** to persons of any age whose household income for 2008 was not more than **\$61,400** for single-member households and not more than **\$81,850** for those who lived with a spouse or dependent(s). To qualify for a refund, the 2008 property tax must be more than 4% of household income or the rent paid must be more than 20% of household income.

Senior program refunds are available to applicants who were at least 62 in 2008 (55 or over if disabled). In addition, for persons living alone, the household income for 2008 cannot be more than **\$13,900**; for a single person living with a dependent, or a married person who lived with a spouse, the 2008 household income cannot be more than **\$17,200**.

Applicants who qualify for both the General and Senior refunds **will receive the larger of the two**.

Applications must be filed between August 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010.

Applications may be filed by computer using I-file at www.maine.gov/revenue/netfile/TNRIfile.htm. I-file requires access to a computer with an internet connection. Free internet access is available at most local libraries in Maine. Applications may also be filed by mail.



To cut administrative costs of the program, MRS is no longer providing copies of the application booklet to public service agencies. Instead, enclosed are information sheets explaining how to file for benefits under the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program. We request that you please place these sheets at the library where interested people can pick them up. We appreciate your assistance in helping ensure that all eligible Maine residents are made aware of the program. **Additionally in late July, Maine Revenue Services is mailing 152,000 application booklets directly to Maine households who applied for program benefits last year or requested that an application booklet be mailed to them by use of the check-off on Maine income tax returns filed this year.**

Applicants who have questions may call (207) 626-8475, or write to: Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, Maine Revenue Services, PO Box 9116, Augusta, Maine 04332-9116.

If you need additional Circuit Breaker information sheets, please complete and return the enclosed Form 2333TNR-ME or call the automated forms line at 624-7894. This line is available 24 hours a day, everyday. Booklets may also be downloaded from www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/tnr/tnr.htm.

Thank you for your assistance.