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**The Government  
May Be Holding  
*Your Money!***

EDWARDSVILLE, IL, March 11, 2010 - The Federation of American Consumers and Travelers (FACT) has reminded its members that April 15 is the last day to claim a refund for the 2006 tax year.

Vicki Rolens, managing director of FACT, says the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reportedly holds more than \$1.3 billion in refunds for taxpayers who failed to claim them in 2006.

In order to claim a refund for that year, a taxpayer must file a 2006 return by April 15, 2010.

After that ...

***The statute of limitations runs out and the US government gets to keep the money.***

For those who previously filed a 2006 return, the three-year statute of limitations starts as of the date of the filing. Otherwise, the clock began ticking (for 2006 returns) on April 15, 2007.

Anyone who believes that he or she may qualify for a refund can file using a [2006 form 1040](#) or a [2006 form 1040-EZ](#), depending on his or her circumstances.

“If in doubt,” suggests Rolens, “check with your tax consultant. As I understand it, there is no penalty for filing a late return if you qualify for a refund. FACT is not, however, in a position to do any tax consulting, and the guidance of a professional in these matters is always a good idea.”

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