

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
**(Form 8612)**

**1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

Section 4981 of the Internal Revenue Code requires a 4 percent excise tax on undistributed income of real estate investment trusts. The tax is imposed on a calendar year. The filing of an annual excise tax return is necessary to correctly report and pay the tax on a calendar year basis.

**2. USE OF DATA**

Form 8612 provides the IRS with the information necessary to verify that the tax has been correctly figured.

**3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN**

We have no plans to offer electronic filing because of low filing volume compared to cost of electronic enabling.

**4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION**

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

**5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES**

Not applicable.

**6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES**

Not applicable.

**7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)**

Not applicable.

**8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS**

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of the American Bar Association, the National Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and other professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding Form 8612.

In response to the **Federal Register Notice** dated, **April 26, 2013 (78 FR 24814)**, we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 8612.

**9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS**

Not applicable.

**10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES**

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

**11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

Not applicable.

**12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION**

<u>Form</u>	<u>No.of</u>	<u>Time per Responses</u>	<u>Response</u>
		<u>Total hours</u>	
Form 8612		20	
		9.80	
		196	

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown above are not available at this time.

**13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS**

As suggested by OMB, our **Federal Register Notice** dated **April 26, 2013 (78 FR 24814)**, requested public comments on estimates of cost burden that are not captured in the estimates of burden hours, i.e., estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. However, we did

not receive any responses from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of these cost burdens are not available at this time.

**14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

After consultation with various functions within the Service, we have determined that the cost of developing, printing, processing, distributing, and overhead for this form \$2,195.

**15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN**

There are no changes being made to the form at this time. We are making this submission for renewal purposes.

**16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION**

Not applicable.

**17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE**

See attachment.

**18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB FORM 83-I**

Not applicable.

**Note:** The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

