**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

**Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits**

**TD 8458**

**OMB Control Number 1545-1276**

1. **CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

Final regulations under section 860G of the Internal Revenue Code relate to income that is associated with a residual interest in a Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit (REMIC) and that is allocated through certain entities to foreign persons who have invested in those entities. The regulations accelerate the time when income is recognized for withholding tax purposes to conform to the timing of income recognition for general income tax purposes.

Section 1.860E-2(a)(5) requires the REMIC to furnish, on request of the party responsible for the tax and to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), information sufficient to compute the present value of the anticipated excess inclusions.

Sections 1.860E-2(a)(7) and 1.860E-2(b)(2) provide that the tax will not be imposed if the record holder furnishes to the pass-thru or transferor an affidavit stating that the record holder is not a disqualified party.

1. **USE OF DATA**

The agency will use the data to confirm the present value of the anticipated excess inclusions

and that the record holder was not a disqualified party for tax to not have been imposed.

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

IRS Publications, Regulations, Notices and Letters are to be electronically enabled on an as practicable basis in accordance with the IRS Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998. There are no plans to provide electronic filing because electronic filing is not appropriate for the collection of information in this submission due to the requirement to attach the document of record.

1. **EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION**

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available or use or adaption from another source.

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

There are no small entities affected by this collection as this form is for individual filers per IRC 1.860E.

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

The information required is needed to verify compliance with the Internal Revenue Code section 860G. A less frequent collection of taxes and tax information could adversely affect the government’s effectiveness and would reduce the oversight of the public in ensuring compliance with Internal Revenue Code and hinder the IRS from meeting its mission.

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

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with Guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

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

In response to the Federal Register notice dated June 11, 2019 (84 FR 27190), we received no comments during the comment period regarding these regulations.

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

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

1. **ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES**

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

1. **JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

No personally identifiable information (PII) is collected.

1. **ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION**

Section 1.860E-2(a)(5) requires the REMIC to furnish, on request of the party responsible for the tax, information sufficient to compute the present value of the anticipated excess inclusions.

It is estimated that 100 respondents will spend 1.5 hours each to prepare and furnish the information. The reporting burden for this requirement is 150 hours.

Sections 1.860E-2(a)(7) and 1.860E-2(b)(2) provide that the tax will not be imposed if the record holder furnishes to the pass-thru or transferor an affidavit stating that the record holder is not a disqualified party. It is estimated that 1,500 respondents will spend .25 hours each to prepare and furnish the information. The third-party disclosure burden for this requirement is 375 hours.

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| Regulation | Description | # Respondents | # Responses Per Respondent-  Approximate | Total Annual Responses | Hours Per Response | Total Burden |
| 1.860E-2(a)(5) | information sufficient to compute the present value of the anticipated excess inclusions | 100 | 1 | 100 | 1.5 hours | 150 |
| 1.860E-2(a)(7) & 1.860E-2(b)(2) | affidavit stating that the record holder is not a disqualified party | 1,500 | 1 | 1,500 | .25 | 375 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,600 |  | 1,600 | Average .32 hour | 525 |

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

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

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

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

1. **REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN**

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. The agency is making

this submission to renew the OMB approval.

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|  | **Requested** | **Program Change Due to New Statute** | **Program Change Due to Agency Discretion** | **Change Due to Adjustment in Agency Estimate** | **Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA** | **Previously Approved** |
| Annual Number of Responses | 1,600 |  |  |  |  | 1,600 |
| Annual Time Burden (Hr) | 525 |  |  |  |  | 525 |

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

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis, and publication.

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

IRS believes that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulations sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

1. **EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

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.