**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Form 730, Monthly Tax Return for Wagers**

**OMB Control Number 1545-0235**

1. **CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

Internal Revenue Code section 4401(a)(1) imposes a .25 percent (.0025) tax on the amount of any wager authorized under state law. Section 4401(a)(2) imposes a 2 percent (.02) excise tax on the amount of any wager not taxed at the .25 percent rate. Regulations section 44.6011(a)-1(a) states that Form 730 is to be used on a monthly basis to report the wagers and pay the tax. Respondents are businesses or other for-profits in the business of accepting wagers, that conduct a wagering pool or lottery, or are required to be registered and you received wagers for or on behalf of another person but did not report that person’s name and address.

1. **USE OF DATA**

The information is used by the IRS to verify that the respondent is complying with the law by correctly reporting the wagers and paying the tax.

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

The IRS has no plans at this time to offer electronic filing due to the low number of filers.

1. **EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION**

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

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

The IRS proactively works with both internal and external stakeholders to minimize the burden on small businesses, while maintaining tax compliance. The Agency also seeks input regarding the burden estimates from the public via notices and tax product instructions. The Agency will continue to as applicable find ways to reduce the burden on small businesses or other small entities.

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

The information required is needed to verify compliance with Section 4401 of the Internal Revenue Code of the Treasury Regulations. 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).

**8. 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 November 25, 2020 (85 FR 75405), 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 USC 6103.

1. **JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the “Business Master File, BMF” and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for these systems under Treas/IRS 24.046 BMF and Treas/IRS 34.047

Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service PIAs can be found at

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA>

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

1. **ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION**

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| 26 CFR | Description | # Respondents | # Responses Per Respondent-  Approximate | Total Annual Responses | Hours Per Response | Total Burden |
| 44.6011(a)-1(a) | Form 730 - Monthly Tax Return for Wagers | 4,257 | 12 | 51,084 | 8.19 | 418,378 |
| Totals |  | 4,257 |  | 51,084 |  | 418,378 |

The following regulations impose no additional burden. Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-0235 to these regulations:

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| 44.4401-1 | 44.6071-1(a) | 44.6011(a)-1 | 44.6419-1 | 48.4403-1 |
| 44.6001-1 | 44.6091-1 | 44.6151-1 | 44.6419-2 |  |

We have reviewed the regulations and have determined that the reporting requirements contained in them are entirely reflected on the form. The justification appearing in item 1 of the supporting statement applies both to the regulations and to the form.

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.

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

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| **Product** | **Aggregate Cost per Product (factor applied)** |  | **Printing and Distribution** |  | **Government Cost Estimate per Product** |
| Form 730 | 12,758 |  | 0 |  | 12,758 |
| Form Instructions |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Total** | **12,758** |  |  |  | **12,758** |
| Table costs are based on 2020 actuals obtained from IRS Chief Financial Office and Media and Publications | | | | | |

1. **REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN**

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

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**

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the form 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.