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Utah State Tax Commission Warns of Fraud Email Schemes Seeking Taxpayer Personal Info.

Salt Lake City, Utah — As the new year and tax filing season begins, the Utah State Tax Commission has recently identified a surge of fraudulent emails appearing to be sent from Tax Commission addresses, but these emails are not actually sent by the Tax Commission. The emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the Tax Commission so that the taxpayer will reveal personal information. These schemes can ask taxpayers about a wide range of topics, including; payments, refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, and ordering transcripts.

These emails may also contain fraudulent links to other websites. When people click on these links, they are taken to sites designed to imitate an official-looking Tax Commission website, such as tap.tax.utah.gov. The site then asks for Social Security numbers, login information, or other personal information. The sites may carry malware, which can infect people's computers and allow criminals to access your files or track your keystrokes to gain more information.

“If you receive an unsolicited email that appears to be from the Utah Tax Commission, do not click on links or provide personal information. While the Tax Commission may send an email in response to a request initiated by a taxpayer, such as a password reset, the Tax Commission generally does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information,” said Executive Director Scott Smith.

If a taxpayer is ever in doubt regarding the legitimacy of an email they have received from the Tax Commission, they should call Customer Service at 801-297-2200.

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