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## **Tax Relief Available for Business Owners Affected by Hurricane Sandy**

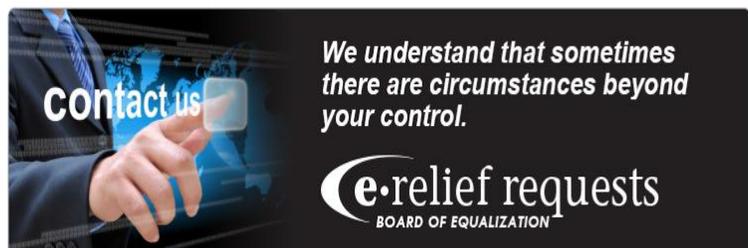
**Sacramento** – Business owners and feepayers that were impacted by Hurricane Sandy may easily request relief online for an extension to file their returns, relief of penalties and interest, or to replace copies of records lost to storm damage announced the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

“As recovery and clean up begins, we know that people and businesses along much of the East Coast need help,” said Chairman Jerome E. Horton of the California State Board of Equalization. “Californians are here to help their fellow Americans by offering the relief they are allowed in a speedy, efficient and cost-effective manner. All of us at the BOE extend our deepest sympathies to those affected by this disaster.”

The California State Board of Equalization administers tax and fee programs for accounts nationwide and maintains a New York office that administers accounts for businesses on the East Coast.

### **Requesting Relief**

eRelief Requests is the BOE’s online service to enable taxpayers to quickly and conveniently submit requests for extension of time in which to file a tax/fee return and requests for relief from interest and penalties for many of BOE’s programs. To make an eRelief Request, please visit [www.boe.ca.gov/electsrv/erelief/](http://www.boe.ca.gov/electsrv/erelief/).



Taxpayers or feepayers located in an East Coast state directly affected by Hurricane Sandy, and who, as a result, cannot meet the filing and payment deadlines may be eligible. The BOE has also extended the deadline for filings that were delayed by disruptions affecting the U. S. Postal Service and private mail and freight companies. Those without Internet access may call the BOE Taxpayer Information Section at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

For more information, see BOE Special Notice: [Tax Relief for Business Owners Affected by Hurricane Sandy](#)

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization’s Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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