



# What FTA Can Do For You

Services for Tax Administrators



# Explain to me again what you do?

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# IMPROVING TAX ADMINISTRATION SINCE 1934



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# **FTA EXISTS TO HELP YOU**

- **TALK TO ONE ANOTHER**  
E- Lists
- **REMEMBER THE PAST**  
TaxAdmin.org
- **LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER**  
Conferences, symposia, webinars



# FTA EXISTS TO HELP YOU

- TRADE DATA WITH IRS  
...AND WITH ONE ANOTHER
- EXCHANGE DATA IN A COMMON  
WAY  
E-STANDARDS, FED STATE E-FILE
- MOTOR FUEL, TOBACCO, REVENUE  
ESTIMATION

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- BY-THE-NUMBERS

Ron Alt

- STATE TAX HIGHLIGHTS

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OR EXCUSE OF THE WEEK

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**Our Motto: Let No Good Idea Go Unstolen**

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Isaac Botlansky, Director of Policy Research at Compass Point Research & Trading, LLC, in an email to the Washington Post: "Stop me if you've heard this one before: lawmakers are returning from their recess with a lengthy to-do list and not much time to act."

#### WHAT'S ON THAT TO-DO LIST?

The federal budget expires Sept. 30. All that is agreed to so far is a \$1.3 trillion spending cap for discretionary funds, roughly half for defense and half for services. The Senate Appropriations Committee hasn't even begun markups (voting for the 12 spending bills). While the House has passed 10 of the 12 bills, those went beyond the spending cap. Passing a budget alone is a task so monumental that proponents of major tax legislation have all but given up hope for finding time to pursue their cause. Lobbyists for the expiring extensions are even more despondent. Also, the laundry list of non-tax issues that are intertwined with partisan politics grows by the day. These include ratifying the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, gun control, reducing drug prices, regulating cryptocurrency, and the future

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**IT'S OKAY TO HAVE SOME FUN (I HOPE)**

*JUDGE PARTS BLUE NILE, H2OMG  
MASSACHUSETTS*

**SAGGING STRIPPER  
ARGUMENT DOESN'T  
HOLD UP**

**STAPLES  
FASTENS  
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*VIRGINS ONLY WANT  
TO GO HALFWAY*

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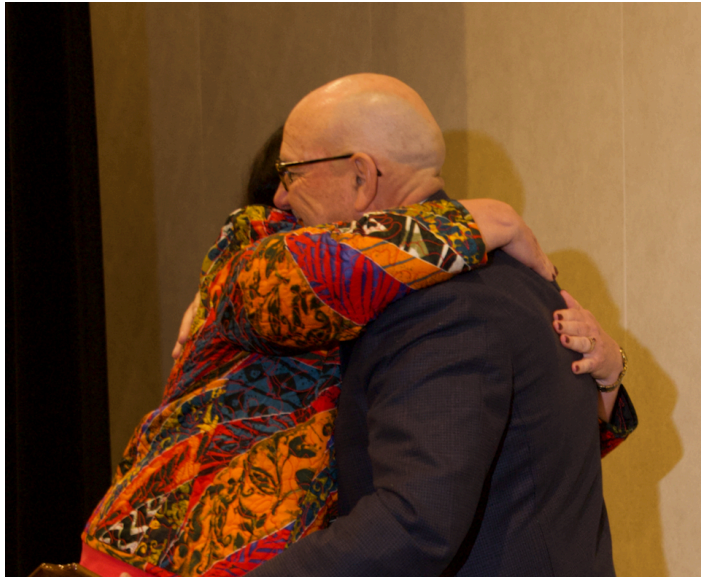
## YOUR TAKEAWAYS

**DO YOU WORK FOR A TAX AGENCY?** FTA  
*WORKS FOR YOU*

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*INFRASTRUCTURE FOR YOU*

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