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To: CyberTax members

Cc: SC, NLT

From: Bob Willis, NTC Chair and the National Technology Committee

Subject: CyberTax 2009-28: TaxWise 2008 Post Season Release CD

The TaxWise 2008 Post Season Release CD version 23.15 is currently being mailed to all volunteers who received the initial TaxWise 2008 Release 23.00 CD. The current AVG antivirus software (with Virus DB level 270.13.6/2221) is reporting that this CD contains a virus. Specifically the file "tww08odbc.exe" is reported to contain "Trojan horse BackDoor.Agent.AAMN." Other antivirus software does not report a virus in this file.

This specific file was added to the TaxWise CD as a workaround to mitigate the requirement to rerun the TWTech Setup program when a computer needs to access TaxWise on different drive letters.

It is our belief that the file does not contain a virus; but as a precaution we currently highly recommend that you not use this CD until we can verify that it is virus free. We have contacted AVG and they feel it may be a virus. If you have already run this CD on your computer, even if it does contain a virus, unless the specific infected file was run, your computer should not be infected.

The IRS, and CCH (the TaxWise developer), have been notified of this problem and we are awaiting a response from them. If it is verified that the file does not contain a virus, AVG can revise their virus definition files so that after the revised virus definition files are installed their antivirus program will not falsely report this potential threat. We will issue another CyberTax when this potential virus problem is resolved to advise you either that the CD is safe to use or that you should destroy the CD.

Please pass this message on to anyone in your state that needs to know.

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