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Honorable Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the Committees on Ways and Means:

Pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws¹, the Department of Revenue (DOR) hereby submits its mid-month tax revenue report for the month of April 2024, the tenth month of fiscal year 2024. The attached table shows April 2024 month-to-date tax revenue collections through April 15, 2024, along with changes from the equivalent period in April 2023.

Revenue collections are uneven and usually weighted toward month-end. Therefore, mid-month figures should not be used to assess trends or project future revenues.

¹ <http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleII/Chapter14/Section6>

Daily income tax collections typically fluctuate significantly on and around the income tax filing deadline, which was April 17 this year. This report reflects revenue collections through April 15 and, because of the significant fluctuations in daily collections, comparisons to the same period in April 2023 are not meaningful. In addition, because the income tax filing deadline for Massachusetts residents was April 17, and the receipt and processing of returns continues through May, the reported revenue figures do not represent the full impact of the 2023 tax season.

Context April Revenues

Historically, April has been the single largest month for collections, ranking first of the 12 months in eight of the last 10 years. There are two main causes for April's relative strength. First, the individual tax filing season reaches its peak; payments made with returns are concentrated in April, while refunds are spread across February, March, and April. Second, the first income estimated payment installment for the current tax year is due in April.

Highlights

Total tax collections for the month-to-date period were \$1.713 billion, \$23 million or 1.4% more than the collections during the same period in April 2023. April results show increases in personal income tax, sales and use tax, and corporate and business tax, partially offset by a decrease in "all other" taxes.

- **Income** tax totaled \$1.115 billion, up \$37 million or 3.4% versus the same period in April 2023.
- **Sales & use** tax totaled \$158 million, up \$5 million or 3.4% versus the same period in April 2023.
- **Corporate & business** tax totaled \$401 million, up \$26 million or 6.8% versus the same period in April 2023.
- **All other** taxes totaled \$39 million, down \$44 million or 53.1% versus the same period in April 2023.

Details

Total income tax of \$1.115 billion for mid-month April is comprised of the following:

- **Withholding** of \$667 million, down \$110 million versus the same period in April 2023;
- **Estimated payments** of \$163 million, up \$19 million versus the same period in April 2023;
- **Returns/bills** of \$549 million, up \$151 million versus the same period in April 2023; and
- **Refunds** of \$265 million, up \$24 million (unfavorable) versus the same period in April 2023.

Sales & use tax of \$158 million is up \$5 million versus the same period in April 2023. Typically, only a small proportion of expected regular sales and meals tax remittances are

received by the mid-month date. The month-to-date sales and use tax of \$158 million is comprised of the following:

- **Regular sales** tax of \$75 million, down \$10 million versus the same period in April 2023;
- **Meals** tax of \$31 million, up \$12 million versus the same period in April 2023; and
- **Motor vehicles** sales tax of \$52 million, up \$3 million versus the same period in April 2023.

Corporate & business tax of \$401 million is up \$26 million versus the same period in April 2023. The month-to-date increase is primarily due to increases in estimated and return payments.

All other taxes of \$39 million, down \$44 million versus the same period in April 2023, includes a number of tax categories, such as motor fuels, cigarette, estate tax, room occupancy, and deeds.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact either me (snyderge@dor.state.ma.us) or Kazim P. Ozyurt, Director of the Office of Tax Analysis (ozyurtk@dor.state.ma.us).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: 1

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Matthew Gorzkowicz, Secretary of Administration and Finance
Senator Karen E. Spilka, Senate President
Representative Ronald Mariano, House Speaker
Senator Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader
Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr., House Minority Leader
Senator Susan L. Moran, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue
Representative Mark J. Cusack, House Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue

Mid-Month Tax Collection Report for April 2024 (in \$ Millions)
Tax Collections as of April 15, 2024, Compared to Same Collection Period in FY2023

| | April (Through April 15th) (\$Millions) | | | FY24 YTD (Through April 15th) (\$Millions) | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| | 04/2024 MTD Actual Collections | 04/2024 MTD v. 04/2023 MTD \$ Fav/(Unfav) | 04/2024 MTD v. 04/2023 MTD % Fav/(Unfav) | 04/2024 YTD Actual Collections | 04/2024 YTD v. 04/2023 YTD \$ Fav/(Unfav) | 04/2024 YTD v. 04/2023 YTD % Fav/(Unfav) |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Income Withholding | 667 | (110) | -14.1% | 14,182 | 861 | +6.5% |
| Income Est. Payments | 163 | 19 | +12.9% | 2,681 | (155) | -5.5% |
| Income Returns/Bills | 549 | 151 | +38.1% | 1,922 | (15) | -0.8% |
| Income Refunds Net (outflow) | (265) | (24) | -9.8% | (2,166) | (159) | -7.9% |
| Subtotal Income | 1,115 | 37 | +3.4% | 16,619 | 532 | +3.3% |
| Sales & Use | | | | | | |
| Sales - Regular | 75 | (10) | -12.1% | 4,959 | (120) | -2.4% |
| Sales - Meals | 31 | 12 | +67.8% | 1,181 | 53 | +4.7% |
| Sales - Motor Vehicles | 52 | 3 | +6.6% | 932 | 16 | +1.8% |
| Subtotal Sales & Use | 158 | 5 | +3.4% | 7,071 | (52) | -0.7% |
| Corporate & Business - Total | 401 | 26 | +6.8% | 3,655 | (121) | -3.2% |
| All Other | 39 | (44) | -53.1% | 1,899 | (340) | -15.2% |
| Total Tax Collections | 1,713 | 23 | +1.4% | 29,245 | 19 | +0.1% |

It would not be advisable to use this data to predict trends.

At the time of the mid-month estimate, the available tax collection data is too early to provide a reliable estimate of full-month results.