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The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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The Honorable Patrick M. O'Connor, Ranking Member
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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 July 2024, the first month of fiscal year 2025. The attached table shows July 2024 month-to-date tax revenue collections through July 15, 2024, along with a comparison to the equivalent period in July 2023.

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

Revenue collections are uneven and usually weighted toward the month-end. The brief period covered in the mid-month report does not provide sufficient data for meaningful comparison to prior years. Therefore, mid-month figures should not be used to assess trends or project future revenues.

Context for July Revenues

In general, July is among the smaller months for revenue collection because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.7% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during July.

Highlights

Total tax collections for the month-to-date period were \$996 million, \$87 million or 8.0% less than the collections during the same period in July 2023. Mid-month July results show decreases in withholding, non-withheld income tax, and “all other” tax, partially offset by increases in corporate & business tax and sales tax.

- **Income** tax totaled \$687 million, down \$95 million or 12.2% versus the same period in July 2023.
- **Sales & use** tax totaled \$141 million, up \$3 million or 2.0% versus the same period in July 2023.
- **Corporate & business** tax totaled \$111 million, up \$17 million or 18.5% versus the same period in July 2023.
- **All other** taxes totaled \$57 million, down \$11 million or 16.6% versus the same period in July 2023.

Details

Total income tax of \$687 million for mid-month July is comprised of the following:

- **Withholding** of \$635 million, down \$77 million versus the same period in July 2023;
- **Estimated payments** of \$22 million, down \$1 million versus the same period in July 2023;
- **Returns/bills** of \$32 million, down \$22 million versus the same period in July; and
- **Refunds** of \$2 million, down \$4 million (favorable) versus the same period in July 2023.

Sales & use tax of \$141 million is up \$3 million versus the same period in July 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 \$141 million is comprised of the following:

- **Regular sales** tax of \$78 million, down \$9 million versus the same period in July 2023;
- **Meals** tax of \$29 million, up \$11 million versus the same period in July 2023; and

- **Motor vehicles** sales tax of \$33 million, up \$1 million versus the same period in July 2023.

Corporate & business tax of \$111 million is up \$17 million versus the same period in July 2023. The month-to-date increase is primarily due to an increase in estimated payments and a favorable decrease in refunds.

All other taxes of \$57 million, down \$11 million versus the same period in July 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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Commissioner

Attachment: 1

cc: Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General
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 July 2024 (in \$ Millions)
Tax Collections as of July 15, 2024, Compared to Same Collection Period in FY2024

	July (Through July 15th)			FY25 YTD (Through July 15th)		
	07/2024 MTD Actual Collections	07/2024 MTD v. 07/2023 MTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	07/2024 MTD v. 07/2023 MTD % Fav/(Unfav)	07/2024 YTD Actual Collections	07/2024 YTD v. 07/2023 YTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	07/2024 YTD v. 07/2023 YTD % Fav/(Unfav)
Income						
Income Withholding	635	(77)	-10.9%	635	(77)	-10.9%
Income Est. Payments	22	(1)	-2.9%	22	(1)	-2.9%
Income Returns/Bills	32	(22)	-40.4%	32	(22)	-40.4%
Income Refunds Net (outflow)	(2)	4	+66.0%	(2)	4	+66.0%
Subtotal Income	687	(95)	-12.2%	687	(95)	-12.2%
Sales & Use						
Sales - Regular	78	(9)	-10.5%	78	(9)	-10.5%
Sales - Meals	29	11	+59.3%	29	11	+59.3%
Sales - Motor Vehicles	33	1	+3.7%	33	1	+3.7%
Subtotal Sales & Use	141	3	+2.0%	141	3	+2.0%
Corporate & Business - Total	111	17	+18.5%	111	17	+18.5%
All Other	57	(11)	-16.6%	57	(11)	-16.6%
Total Tax Collections	996	(87)	-8.0%	996	(87)	-8.0%

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.