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Governor Acts to Extend NJSAVER Filing Deadline

Gov. Christie Whitman today directed State Treasurer James DiEleuterio, Jr. to extend the deadline for filing applications for NJSAVER property tax rebates until August 15. The original deadline of June 15 had already been extended to July 15.

"We want to give property tax payers every opportunity to apply for tax relief under the NJ SAVER program," said Gov. Whitman. "The average check this year will be \$120. The check amounts will grow to an average of \$600 in five years. This is money that belongs back in the pockets of taxpayers."

According to State Treasurer DiEleuterio, more than 1.6 million people have already filed NJ SAVER application forms. He estimates that there are about another 150,000 taxpayers who are eligible to receive checks who have not yet filed. "We are hoping that the extension of the deadline will enable this last group of taxpayers to file for their checks."

DiEleuterio said that property tax payers who sent in complete and accurate application forms by the original June 15 deadline will receive their checks in early September. Checks to taxpayers who filed after June 15 will follow afterward.

The Treasurer also said that his department is working with taxpayers who sent in incomplete applications. Individuals who receive a notice asking for information should return it as soon as possible to ensure that their checks can be mailed in a timely manner.

