

Washington, DC -- On Saturday, March 10th, U.S Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) will host two informational sessions in Herkimer County with information on how to claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

“As we get into the thick of tax season, it is important to make sure that everyone knows what tax benefits they may claim to keep more of their hard-earned money,” Arcuri said. “My office is available to help constituents with questions regarding the Earned Income Tax Credit and I urge everyone who is eligible to take advantage of this well-deserved tax relief.”

The EITC is available to workers with earned income of less than \$38,348. The average EITC tax benefit is \$1,900. In New York there are approximately 1,432,511 recipients who have received \$2,654,198,822.00 in benefits. In the 24th district, roughly 45,135 returns were filed totaling \$78,208,562.

It is estimated that 20 to 25 percent of EITC-eligible workers, or 5 to 7 million people, fail to claim the tax benefit each year. A recent Census study found that 4.6 million people - including 2.4 million children - were lifted out of poverty thanks to the EITC.

Arcuri and staff will be available in Herkimer County this Saturday, March 10th with information regarding eligibility requirements and claiming the EITC:

- Ilion Public Library, 78 West Street, Ilion, NY from 11:30am to 1:00pm
- Little Falls Library, 10 Waverly Pl., Little Falls, NY from 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Other Resources to Help Eligible Workers Collect the EITC:

- Arcuri’s Utica Office: 1-800-235-2525 (toll free in NYS)
- Arcuri’s Cortland Office: 607-756-2470
- Arcuri’s Auburn Office: 315-252-2777/2778
- IRS website: [www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc)

- The Tax Payer Assistance Center: 10 Broad St., Utica, NY 13501. (315) 793-1952; Open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday (closed for lunch from 1:00pm to 2:00pm)

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