

Good morning.

Over the years I've talked quite a bit about taxes, but today I get to talk about how efficient we are here in Minnesota when it comes to filing our taxes.

One of my goals since I took office has been to make government smaller, simpler and easier to understand. That's the idea behind my "Service, Not Systems" initiative in the Big Plan.

Being able to file your taxes electronically means everyone wins—state agencies can deliver more efficient and cost-effective services, and that lets taxpayers get the best value for their tax dollars.

This morning we're here to recognize just how successful E-File Minnesota really is.

The fact that one million people have used it makes Minnesota a leader in electronic filing, for both business and individual taxpayers.

And this a trend you see everywhere—you can have your paycheck deposited directly, you can pay your bills online.

Here in state government we're keeping up with today's technology, and our department of revenue is leading the way.

If we can get all of state government to become more user-friendly, we'll really cut through the red tape and deliver better service all around.

Now I'll bring on Revenue Commissioner Matt Smith to talk a little about more about e-filing and to introduce our one millionth filers.