

News Release

PHOTO RELEASE: Comptroller Lierman Leads Direct File Roundtable during Visit to Western Maryland

Comptroller also re-opened of Cumberland's downtown business district

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (November 14, 2024) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman spent Thursday in Frederick and Allegany Counties connecting with business, non-profit and community leaders to discuss the new [IRS Direct File program](#) at the Frederick Chamber of Commerce.



Comptroller Brooke Lierman spoke with business, non-profit and community stakeholders about Direct File Thursday morning at the Frederick Chamber of Commerce.

Maryland is among [24 states that will offer Direct File](#), a free online filing system that will allow more than 30 million low- and middle-income Americans to file their state and federal taxes for free. [In Maryland](#), an estimated 870,000 Marylanders will be eligible to use Direct File in 2025, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



While in Frederick, Comptroller Lierman checked out Maryland Double Deckers, a one-of-a-kind tour bus that offers tours around Frederick's downtown.

Comptroller Lierman then traveled to Cumberland, where she joined state and local officials for the reopening of Baltimore Street in the central business district. Baltimore Street underwent extensive restoration for nearly two years, beginning with the groundbreaking, which happened in March 2023, shortly after Comptroller Lierman took office. In that time, nearly 20 businesses have relocated to the downtown.



Comptroller Lierman spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday morning in Cumberland and presented a citation to commemorate the reopening of Baltimore Street.

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