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## **\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\***: U.S. Tax Preparers & Tax Payers End the Paper Chase, File 2014 Tax Returns Digitally

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Intuit eSignature Powered by DocuSign Alleviates Frustrations Inherent in Paper-Based Tax Filings for Better Client Experience, Expedited Tax Refunds

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- DocuSign and Intuit have partnered this tax season to help United States tax preparers save time and money while delighting clients with a fully digital and secure tax filing experience.
- Intuit's integration with DocuSign offers legally enforceable electronic signatures in the completion of Internal Revenue Service Forms 8878 and 8879.
- Intuit customers taking advance of Intuit eSignature powered by DocuSign have experienced an average of \$13 savings per document, and reduced filing turnaround times to as little as 7 hours to get their tax refunds faster.

SAN FRANCISCO—April 8, 2015—In the United States, more than 90 percent of the 110 million tax returns filed annually are filed electronically. Yet Intuit shares that 60 percent of accountants report wasted hours collecting signatures on Form 8879 which authorizes tax preparers to file their client's tax returns electronically.

The Internal Revenue Service says about three in four Americans receive refunds each year, and the average refund amount is around \$2,900. DocuSign and Intuit want to put that cash back into tax payers' hands faster.

DocuSign is directly embedded into Intuit's professional tax products including ProSeries, Lacerte, Intuit Tax Online,

and TurboTax Personal Pro. As the U.S. tax filing season has just seven days left, DocuSign and Intuit report strong adoption with their integrated solutions—making it easier, faster, more convenient and secure for accountants to prepare, execute and manage tax forms and filings on behalf of their clients.

Intuit customers taking advantage of Intuit eSignature powered by DocuSign have experienced:

- An average of \$13 savings per tax document
- Reduced tax filing turnaround times to as little as 7 hours
- A better tax season with fewer of the frustrations associated with the limited 100 day window to file taxes

“I can’t imagine a professional tax preparer not wanting to take advantage of what Intuit and DocuSign have created,” said Jennifer Jones, owner of Jenderuss Forensic Accounting Services. “My ROI is 100 percent – with Intuit and DocuSign everything is digital, safe and secure, and my clients love the speed and ease of signing tax forms from the palm of their hands.”

Intuit’s integration with DocuSign offers secure, legally enforceable electronic signatures for the completion of Internal Revenue Service Forms 8878 and 8879. When ready to file a return, the tax professional selects the DocuSign eSignature option within the Intuit product to send their clients a link to encrypted documents requiring their review and signature. Clients can access DocuSign and sign documents from any supported mobile or desktop device. For more information on Intuit eSignature powered by DocuSign, watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCX2R5j0bdc&feature=youtu.be> or visit <http://accountants.intuit.com/tax/lacerte/add-ons/esignature.jsp>.

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