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Dear Mushira Habib and GTFF Leadership,

Thank you for your detailed and heartfelt message from 12 February 2021 regarding access to Sprintax federal tax filing software for UO international students.

For this year, our team in International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) thought long and hard about how to help international students with federal tax filing. While no solution is perfect, Sprintax can help international students who are non-residents for tax filing purposes. We were uncertain about possible demand for Sprintax, so we decided to roll out a pilot program with 100 licenses already purchased.

Both your message and other feedback from the international student community signals demand above the 100 license level. As you note, the more licenses we buy, the lower the unit cost.

I'm delighted to let you know we've been able to negotiate a very good volume discount from Sprintax, well below \$6 per license, which enables us to respond to the strong demand and make Sprintax available as part of our suite of service to all of the approximately 1200 UO international students who may need it.

As noted, federal rules distinguish between residents and non-residents for tax filing purposes (contingent on type of visa and duration of time in the US, among other factors; full details at [this link](#)). Only international students who are non-residents for tax purposes can file with Sprintax.

That said, it is a step in expanding services for the entire international student population. I appreciate your candor and thoughtfulness in advocating for such solutions, and value our mutual, ongoing commitment to open, fruitful and respectful dialogue about the needs of our international student population.

Sincerely,

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