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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

May 14, 2013

Mr. Steven T. Miller
Acting Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Acting Commissioner Miller:

On Friday, May 10, 2013, at an American Bar Association (ABA) conference, Lois Lerner, the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Director of Exempt Organizations, revealed that IRS employees specifically targeted conservative 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) organizations for enhanced investigations and invasive document requests. Ms. Lerner revealed this bombshell at the ABA conference prior to informing Congress, despite multiple Congressional requests for information about these practices.

Given the intense Congressional interest in this issue and a highly critical Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) investigation scheduled to be released days later, this timing is curious. The IRS chose not to fully answer long-standing Congressional questions on the issue, even though they had been posed months before this particular question was asked at the conference.

To better understand Ms. Lerner's statement and how the IRS has handled inquiries about the targeting of certain groups, please provide the following information:

1. All records relating to communications between the IRS and the White House, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), or any 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) organization regarding the May 2013 Bar Conference and the draft TIGTA report.
2. All records relating to communications between the IRS and the White House, the OMB, or any 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) organization regarding the May 2013 Bar Conference and Congressional oversight requests related to politically targeted IRS investigations.
3. All records relating to communications to and from Lois Lerner regarding the TIGTA investigation into politically targeted IRS investigations.
4. The "sensitive case report" that Ms. Lerner received in or around April 2010, which listed ongoing IRS investigations of Tea Party-related organizations.

5. All records relating to then-Commissioner Shulman's March 22, 2012, Congressional testimony.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention in this matter. We would appreciate a response by May 28, 2013. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Lucas or Chris Conlin at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary