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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) dated June 6, 2021, urging the investigation and prosecution of the disclosure of confidential taxpayer information as reported in the media. We are sending identical responses to the other Senators who joined in your letter. We appreciate knowing of your concerns about this matter.

As you may be aware, the Secretary of the Treasury testified recently that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is looking into the matter as is the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). She further stated that the matter had been referred to the Treasury Inspector General, as well as the Department of Justice.

The Department is committed to taking investigative steps as appropriately predicated and authorized, carefully reviewing referrals we receive, and, as appropriate, considering relevant and admissible evidence in light of the *Principles of Federal Prosecution*. See Justice Manual 9-27.000. While we understand how important this issue is to you, longstanding Department policy will preclude us from providing your office with any information related to this matter outside the public record.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Gaeta".

Joe Gaeta  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

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cc: The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
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