



COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

March 30, 2009

The Honorable Charles Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

In a hearing last year, you pointed out that our nation has a significant number of extraordinary men and women returning from service in the armed forces, in particular from Iraq and Afghanistan.

You also observed that the IRS offers a number of rewarding career opportunities across the country, and you asked me to set a goal of hiring 1,000 veterans last year. I assured you at the time that I supported your goal and would do everything I could to achieve it.

I am pleased to report that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, the IRS hired 1,203 veterans. Also, in the first five months of FY 2009, we have hired 700 more.

With the FY 2009 omnibus legislation, we will conduct additional hiring around the country. You have my commitment that the IRS will continue to go the extra mile to try to match the fine men and women returning from service with opportunities at the IRS where they can continue to serve.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Floyd Williams at (202) 622-3720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Shulman", is written over a horizontal line.

Douglas H. Shulman